



# Legislation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, July 11, 2022

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with the Committees on Appointments, Budget & Appropriations, and Public Works & Transportation

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<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

*With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:23 PM.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL - Legislator Terry Clements, Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Erika Pierce, Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson, Melanie Montalto, Greg Casciato, Jill Axelrod, Dayana Gomez, James Silverberg, Anand Singh, Karen Vele, Coco DeMarr (intern), Felix Giordano (intern), Sasha Persaud (intern), Noah Rotfeld (intern)*

**Present:** Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Maher

**Absent:** Committee Vice-Chair Gashi

**Remote:** Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Shimsky

### MINUTES APPROVAL

June 6, 2022 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Johnson, seconded by Committee Chair Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

June 13, 2022 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Johnson, seconded by Committee Chair Smith, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### [RES-2022-136](#) PH-Increasing Number of Successive Terms-Women's Adv. Bd.

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending Section 177.41 of the Laws of Westchester County increasing the number of successive terms that can be served on the Women's Advisory Board." [Public Hearing set for August 1, 2022 at 10:30 a.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO:

2022-309.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

Guests: Office of the County Executive - Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff; Department of Law - Justin Adin, Deputy County Attorney

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Johnson, the above item was signed by committee to the Board of Legislators committee, due back on 7/11/2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher and Legislator Shimsky

**Absent:** Committee Vice-Chair Gashi

**[LL-2022-309](#) LOCAL LAW-Increasing Number of Successive Terms-Women's Adv. Bd.**

A LOCAL LAW amending Section 177.41 of the Laws of Westchester County increasing the number of successive terms that can be served on the Women's Advisory Board.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND APPOINTMENTS**

Guests: Office of the County Executive - Andrew Ferris, Chief of Staff; Department of Law - Justin Adin, Deputy County Attorney

*For discussion on the item, please refer to 2022-308.*

**[RES-2022-153](#) PH-Airport Parking Garage Lease Termination**

A RESOLUTION to hold a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the County of Westchester Industrial Development Agency and Westchester Airport Associates L.P. ("WAA") to terminate, effective retroactively to December 31, 2021, a lease agreement dated October 19, 1993, for property located at the Westchester County Airport in connection with WAA's construction and operation of a parking garage thereon". [Public Hearing set for September 12, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2022-317.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Guests: Office of the County Executive - Joan McDonald, Director of Operations; Department of Law - David Vutera, Associate County Attorney

*Director McDonald briefly explained the item and the need for the legislation, which retroactively terminates the existing lease and allows them to enter into a new lease as the current lease does not provide for termination by mutual consent. Mr. Vutera said the lease that they are currently negotiating is similar to the original and requires two-thirds Board of Legislators vote.*

*Chair Smith asked if the current tenants will be able to meet their obligations, and Ms. McDonald said that they do, as travel has already improved since the pandemic. Several*

*legislators voiced concerns about this being different and could have bigger implications than what they originally thought. Ms. McDonald reiterated that she didn't believe there was any negative fiscal impact to the county.*

*Chair Smith noted that the Board of Legislator's fiscal team had a number of questions they felt needed to be answered before a vote could take place on the item and asked if it would be a major issue if they delayed the vote on the item until they could get the information they needed. Ms. McDonald said that it was not. Legislator Boykin said that there is potentially a lot of money tied to this lease and said that it's crucial they understand what is being given up and what we're receiving in return.*

*It was agreed that the questions should be sent to the County Executive's staff and the Budget Department before any vote on the item was taken. Further discussion ensued on specifics of the lease, which Ms. McDonald said are actively being negotiated but said that if the lessee is amenable she would share some of those details. Chair Smith said that due to the questions being raised by staff they would be tabling this item for now.*

[2022-317](#)

### **LOCAL LAW-Airport Parking Garage Lease Termination**

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**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Guests: Office of the County Executive - Joan McDonald, Director of Operations; Department of Law - David Vutera, Associate County Attorney

*For discussion on the item, please refer to 2022-317.*

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Johnson, seconded by Legislator Maher, the Committee adjourned at 2:30 PM.