

Environment, Energy & Climate



BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Thursday, September 29, 2022

11:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Please note: This meeting was held in person at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York 10601 in the McPoland Conference Room # 824 and also remotely via WebEx. Legislators may participate in person or via video conferencing through WebEx. Members of the public were invited to attend the meeting in person at any of its locations or view it online at the Westchester Legislators website: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx>.

With a quorum present, Chair Pierce called the meeting to order at 11:12 a.m.

Others in attendance: BOL: Committee Coordinator Jill Axelrod; CE's Office: Peter McCartt; Budget Dept.: Larry Soutle (Remote); Guests (Remote): Patrick McClellan and Nina Orville

Present: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, September 20, 2022 at 2:30 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2022-185](#) **RES-Clean Water, Clean Air, Green Jobs Environmental Bond Act of 2022**

Guests: Budget: Larry Soule, Director; Office of the County Executive: Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability; New York League of Conservation Voters: Patrick McClellan, Policy Director; Sustainable Westchester: Nina Orville, Executive Director

The committee continued their discussion of the resolution from yesterday's meeting. Mr. McClellan said the New York League of Conservation Voters are huge supporters of the Environmental Bond Act. He discussed the projects to be funded and how they will benefit New York residents.

Ms. Orville noted that Westchester County has more disadvantaged communities as defined by New York State than any other part of the state other than New York City. The Bond Act requires a minimum of 35% and a target of 40% of funds to be directed to disadvantaged communities. This will address historical inequities, and ensure that money will flow to communities that haven't benefited from these types of investments in the past in the way they should. She also discussed the economic benefits of the work to be done locally.

Mr. Soule said he is working with DEF and DPW to review our capital projects to see what may be eligible for this funding.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Parker, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 11:56 a.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Williams Johnson

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo