

Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, April 7, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint w/ HS

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main Street, Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Nancy Barr, Erika Pierce, and Jewel Williams Johnson; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Dayana Gomez, and Ethan Samuel; Marcello Figueroa; Lisa Hochman (Remote); Law Dept.: John Nonna, Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Justin Adin, and Alida Marcos

Present: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

On motion of Legislator Imamura, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

Monday, March 31, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna, Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Assistant Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin, and Assistant County Attorney Alida Marcos

1. [RES-2025-45](#) **PH-Amending LL-Safe Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities**

Mr. Nonna said that the District Court upheld most of the clinic access law, but took issue with Section 425.21(b), which defined "interfere with" as "to stop or to restrict a person's freedom of movement; or to stop, obstruct, or prevent, through deceptive means or otherwise." The Court found that the term "or otherwise" was vague and overbroad. Mr. Nonna explained that the proposed amendment would change the definition to "to stop, to obstruct, or to restrict a person's freedom of movement."

Mr. Nonna said that the District Court also objected to the fact that Section 425.31 (h) was not connected to physical acts or threats," so the amendment will add "physically interfere" to clarify this section. Second, this Local Law clarifies the language of section 425.31(h) to make plain that to "knowingly interfere with the operation of a reproductive health care facility" encompasses activities that physical interfere with such facility operations-specifically, physical interference with medical procedures or treatments; physical interference with the delivery of goods or services to the facility; and physical interference with persons inside the facility.

This amended law also adds a new prohibition under Section 425.31(i) against "knowingly use deceptive means to physically gain entry to a reproductive health care facility with the intent to interfere with the operations of the facility." This is meant to specifically target circumstances which occurred previously where individuals made false appointments at the facility in order to gain entry and suspend the facility's operations for hours.

On motion of Legislator Imamura, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Ulaj,
Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

2. [LL-2025-125](#) **LOCAL LAW-Amending Chapter 425-Safe Access to Reproductive Health Care Facilities**

See discussion of Item #1 above.

On motion of Legislator Imamura, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Ulaj,
Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the Committee adjourned at 1:14 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Ulaj,
Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

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