



Social Services

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chairs: Christopher Johnson

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Tuesday, March 9, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

With a quorum present, Chair Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in Attendance: BOL: Dayana Gómez - Committee Coordinator

Present: Legislator Johnson, Legislator Covill, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Williams and Legislator Boykin

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. ***Tuesday, March 2, 2021 10:00am***

On motion of Legislator Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

1. **[RES-2021-58](#) RESO - Citizens Review Panel**

A proposed Resolution requesting the New York State legislature create a subcommittee of the Citizens Review Panel of the Child Protective Services system for the Hudson Valley.

Submitted by COMMITTEE ON SOCIAL SERVICES

Chair Johnson shared the changes made by the Law Department regarding the discussion during the previous Social Service Committee meeting on March 2, 2021. Those changes are as follow:

1. *WHEREAS paragraph 3 – “[in law]” was replaced with New York State (hereafter “NYS”) Social Services Law*
2. *WHEREAS paragraph 4 – removed “hereafter NYS” as it was inserted it in paragraph 3*
3. *WHEREAS paragraph 7 – inserted the words “and maltreatment” because it is part of the standard. Also, inserted the words “will conclude without a finding of child abuse or maltreatment” to make it as accurate as possible*

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Johnson, Legislator Covill, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Williams and Legislator Boykin

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Covill, the Committee adjourned at 10:14am.