



Housing

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

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Monday, June 6, 2022

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation committee

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize 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. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>.

With a quorum present, Chair Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 1:15PM.

Others in Attendance: LAW: Justin Adin (remote); PLANNING: Dave Kvinge (remote); BOL: Legislator Colin Smith, Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Legislator MaryJane Shimsky (remote), Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Erika Pierce (remote), Legislator Vedat Gashi, Legislator Benjamin Boykin, Melanie Montalto (remote), Anand Singh and Dayana Gomez

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

Remote: Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Parker

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

LL - Flood History Disclosure Law

A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new Chapter 581 requiring landlords to provide tenants with a flood history disclosure.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND HOUSING

Guest: Department of Law - Justin Adin, Deputy County Attorney; Planning Department - Dave Kvinge, Assistant Commissioner

Mr. Adin spoke about the change to the legislation, noting that it will now be on the Planning Department's website and they will be responsible for creating the form and having copies on hand. Mr Kvinge spoke about how Planning would be involved before proposing an amendment to subsection 1a of Sec. 581.21 of the legislation which would include acknowledgement regarding whether the property was located in a special flood hazard area

as defined by FEMA. Legislator Barr asked if there was a mechanism to register forms to show that they've been received by tenants, to which Legislator Parker highlighted it being part of the lease package, and Mr. Kvinge confirmed they don't have a way of tracking this but hoped they would in the future. Legislator Boykin asked if government entities would be included or exempted from the legislation and Mr. Adin confirmed that they would be. Legislator Cunzio asked how this would apply with properties owned by the county but leased to another party, and Mr. Adin said that if the lease is already in effect the property would not be covered but any new leases or renewals would trigger the law. Legislator Smith said that filling out this form would not affect the vast majority of properties in the county, but would help address those that have a history of flooding. Legislator Parker asked if 30 days was enough time for the Planning Department to create the form and notify the public and Mr. Kvinge confirmed it was, however the effective date was set for August 15, 2022.

On motion of Legislator Parker, seconded by Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

Away: Legislator Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Maher, seconded by Committee Chair Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 2:03pm.