



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Wednesday, September 6, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with the Committee on Public Works & Transportation

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The Hon. Legislator Symra Brandon will be participating remotely from the Yonkers Public Library - 1 Larkin Center, Yonkers, NY 10701.

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

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:27 AM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jill Axelrod and Dayana Gomez

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Brandon and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Thursday, June 29, 2023 at 2:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Brandon

Monday, July 24, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Brandon

Monday, July 31, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Brandon

Friday, August 4, 2023 at 2:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Brandon

Monday, August 7, 2023 at 9:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker and Legislator Pierce

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Smith

Away: Legislator Brandon

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-180](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF33-Fire Suppression System Replacement & Upgrade, Parking Structure, WP Complex**

A BOND ACT (Amended) in the total amount of THREE MILLION, NINE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$3,950,000) DOLLARS, which includes SIX HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$650,000) DOLLARS in previously authorized bonds of the County to finance Capital Project BPF - Fire Suppression System Replacement and Upgrade, Parking Structure, White Plains Complex.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Commissioner Greechan and Mr. Abbamont discussed the item. Legislator Pierce asked if the fire suppression system was required as part of the current code or if we are going above and beyond by installing it. Mr. Abbamont said he will check.

Legislator Pierce said that since we are going to be adding electric vehicle charging stations to the garage in the next project, how will that impact or change the fire suppression planning (i.e., the amount of water) in those areas as opposed to a standard parking garage. Mr. Abbamont said he was not sure but would find out for her.

Legislator Pierce asked about drainage issues due to increasingly frequent and severe storms, and what standard we use from an engineering standpoint to calculate how much water the drains will be able to handle. Mr. Abbamont said they use a 500-year flood standard. Legislator Pierce asked for confirmation that was the benchmark that was used and who supplied that standard.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2023-181](#) **BOND ACT-BPF33-Fire Suppression System Replacement & Upgrade, Parking Structure, WP Complex**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$300,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPF33 - Fire Suppression System Replacement and Upgrade, Parking Structure, White Plains Complex.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Please refer to item #1.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

3. [ACT-2023-183](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF40-Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehab.**

A BOND ACT (Amended) in the total amount of THIRTY-SEVEN MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$37,850,000) DOLLARS, which includes ONE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,700,000) DOLLARS in previously authorized bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPF40 - Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

4. [ACT-2023-184](#) **BOND ACT-BPF40-Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehab.**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$2,750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPF40 - Michaelian Office Building Parking Garage Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

5. [ACT-2023-182](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF34-Parking Facility Rehab., WP Complex**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional NINE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$900,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County, making the total amount ONE MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$1,400,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project BPF34 - Parking Facility Rehabilitation, White Plains Complex (2015-2019).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item. Legislator Pierce asked where the charging spots would be. Mr. Abbamont said that the spots with charging stations will be assigned to legislators and staff. Legislator Pierce noted that assigning these spots to staff regardless of whether they have an electric vehicle will tie up the spots all day, which is not a good use of the resource. The spots should be used either by general fleet cars that need to keep recharging or anyone who parks in the lot. She suggested that they should change the assigned spots to

non-electric vehicle spots, so people can go in and out of the charging spots as needed, and assign spots for staff to previously floating spots. Commissioner Greechan said that makes sense.

Legislator Maher asked if there were any plans for putting solar panels above the parking lot. Mr. Abbamont said nothing is planned currently. He said they are looking at solar canopies at other facilities.

Legislator Pierce suggested solar panels for the roof of the garage. Mr. Abbamont said they look at the amount of shade and other factors. Legislator Pierce suggested they include in the notes that they have reviewed something like adding solar but found it to be inappropriate. Mr. Abbamont said he will check into that.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

6. [ACT-2023-163](#) **CBA-BPF36-Parking Facility Rehab., District Office Buildings**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BPF36 Parking Facility Rehabilitation, District Office Buildings (2015-2019).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

7. [ACT-2023-164](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-BPF36-Parking Facility Rehab., District Office**

Buildings

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of an additional TWO MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,400,000) DOLLARS, making the total authorized amount TWO MILLION, SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,600,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPF36 - Parking Facility Rehabilitation, District Office Buildings (2015-2019).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Mr. Abbamont discussed the item.

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

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Maher

8. **[ACT-2023-165](#) BOND ACT-B0110-County Asset Management Plan**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$200,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B0110 - County Asset Management Plan.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Commissioner Greechan and Mr. Abbamont discussed the updates to the County's system for asset management. Legislator Pierce asked whether this software allows us to see in real time where the greenhouse gas creators are, and the real time impact of swapping certain items out, and if not, can we look at adding that. She said this will help us map out our future goals as a county and how we want to see improvements of our infrastructure. Commissioner Greechan said he will look into that.

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

- Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith
- Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo
- Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

9. [ACT-2023-166](#) **CBA-T0063-New Bus Radio-Data System**

AN ACT amending the 2023 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project T0063 New Bus Radio/Data System.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Two representatives from DPW - Michael Swee, Director of Surface Transportation and Craig Lader, Principal Transportation Planner, and Aji Palappillil, Deputy CIO from the Department of Information Technology, discussed the item.

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

- Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith
- Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo
- Absent:** Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels
- Away:** Legislator Brandon

10. [ACT-2023-167](#) **BOND ACT-T0063-New Bus Radio-Data System**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIXTEEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$16,700,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project T0063 - New Bus Radio/Data System.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Director of Operations (Capital Planning Program) Robert Abbamont

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

Please refer to item #9.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by

committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Brandon

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2023-357](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD - Reinstate Parcel into Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District

Correspondence from the Town of Cortlandt regarding the request to reinstate a parcel into the Westchester County Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District - 44 Regina Avenue, Cortlandt Manor, NY.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & HEALTH

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Brandon

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Chair Imamura, seconded by Legislator Maher, the Committee adjourned at 12:22 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Barr and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Brandon