



Planning, Economic Development & Energy

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Catherine Parker

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Monday, October 18, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with the Committees on Environment & Health and Intergovernmental Services

The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

With a quorum present, Chair Parker called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Others in Attendance: BOL- Melanie Montalto, Yolanda Valencia, Anand Singh

Present: Legislator Maher, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

Absent: Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Smith and Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr and Legislator Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

October 5, 2021 at 1:00 p.m. minutes

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Walter, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[RES-2021-180](#) RES-Declaration Climate Emergency Resolution

A RESOLUTION forwarded by County Executive George Latimer urging federal, state and local government to adopt and implement Declaration of Climate Emergency.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH, INTERGOVERNMENTAL SERVICES AND PLANNING, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & ENERGY

Guest: Peter McCartt, Director of Sustainability and Conservation

Legislator Walter opened by speaking about the changes that were decided on pertaining to the resolution and why they were important. Chair Parker concurred and stated that it was important that the language referencing the damages and loss of life due to Ida along with the addition of the additional elected officials and municipalities who the resolution would be sent to. Legislator Walter briefly spoke about the steps taken and accomplishments the County over the past few years on this climate emergency. Peter McCartt recommended a change to

paragraph eight to have it include language that would make this pertain to any private entity or company that gets tax incentives from the County. Legislator Boykin clarified that it should include the language of "any County-owned garages and parking lots, and private companies receiving financial assistance directly from Westchester County" and noted that "as enacted by" should be added to paragraph seven to show that these steps have already been taken. He further praised the legislation as being very comprehensive and thanked the various parties involved. Legislator Walter echoed his comments and reiterated that this is an important issue now and in the future especially for younger people.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Parker, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Walter, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Boykin

Absent: Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Smith and Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 1:22 PM.