

Board of Legislators

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Monday, April 21, 2025

7:00 PM

Legislative Chamber

Regular Meeting

CALENDAR 8 (CONSENT)

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CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable Vedat Gashi in the Chair.

The Chair opened the meeting at 7:08 PM with the salute to our flag and a prayer. The roll call resulted as follows:

Present: Majority Leader Tyrae Woodson-Samuels
Minority Leader Margaret Cunzio
Colin Smith
Benjamin Boykin
Nancy Barr
Catherine Parker
Jewel Williams Johnson
Emiljana Ulaj
Judah Holstein
Majority Whip Terry Clements
David Imamura
David Tubiolo
Minority Whip James Nolan
Shanae Williams
Vice Chair Jose Alvarado
Chairman Vedat Gashi

Absent: Erika Pierce

MINUTES APPROVAL

April 7, 2025 at 7pm.

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Minority Leader Cunzio, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Imamura, Tubiolo, Minority Whip Nolan, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Absent: Pierce

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was 1 speaker.

PUBLIC HEARING

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

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 425 of the Laws of Westchester County." [Public Hearing set for April 21, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-125.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

There were 3 speakers.

No other person wishing to be heard, Mr. Woodson-Samuels declared the public hearing closed and resumed the regular order of business.

This matter was public hearing held

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

I. COMMUNICATIONS

A. COUNTY EXECUTIVE

1. [2025-146](#) **PH-Amendment to Lease Agreement-Westchester Children's Museum**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a lease agreement with the Westchester Children's Museum for the operation of a children's museum on approximately 21,390 square feet of County property in order to extend the term an additional twenty (20) years and to amend and clarify certain other provisions of the lease agreement." [Public Hearing set for _____, 2025 at _____.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-147.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [2025-147](#) **LOCAL LAW-Amendment of Lease Agreement-Westchester Children's Museum**

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a lease agreement with the Westchester Children's Museum for the operation of a children's museum on approximately 21,390 square feet of County property in order to extend the term an additional twenty (20) years and to amend and clarify certain other provisions of the lease agreement.

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

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [2025-148](#) **PH-Sewer District Mod-Add-Cortlandt**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "AN ACT to modify the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District by the addition of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Cortlandt." [Public Hearing set for _____, 2025 at _____ .m.]. Act 2025-149.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

4. [2025-149](#) **ACT-Sewer District Mod-Add-Cortlandt**

AN ACT to modify the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District by the addition of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Cortlandt.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

5. [2025-152](#) **ACT-HUD Application for Grant Funds**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to submit an application to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development for grant funds from the Community Development Block Grant Program, HOME Investment Partnerships Program and the Emergency Solutions Grant Program, submit the Fiscal Year 2025 Action Plan and to accept said grant funds.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

6. [2025-153](#) **CBA-T0046-Farebox Equipment**

A Capital Budget Amendment to amend the County's current-year Capital Budget to increase the County share for Capital Project T0046 - Farebox Equipment by TWELVE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$12,750,000) DOLLARS TO SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$16,250,000) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

7. [2025-154](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-T0046-Farebox Equipment**

A BOND ACT (Amended) amending Bond Act No. 220-2021 to remove a THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000) DOLLAR authorization allocable to T0046 (Farebox Equipment) and decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to TEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$10,426,000) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

8. [2025-155](#) **BOND ACT-T0046-Farebox Equipment**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$16,250,000) DOLLARS to finance the cost of acquisition of a contactless reader fare collection system, as well as a separate box that will accept cash fares, including the installation of the necessary hardware and software on the buses and in the bus garages and associated work. This SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$16,250,000) DOLLAR proposed Bond Act represents a TWELVE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$12,750,000) DOLLAR increase to the amount previously authorized for T0046 - Farebox Equipment and includes the THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000) previously authorized for T0046 - Farebox Equipment by Bond Act 220-2021.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

Sl. 9. [2025-160](#) **ACT-Budget Amendment-Arbitration between County of Westchester and Standard Amusements LLC**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to amend its current year operating budget for up to THIRTY-SIX MILLION (\$36,000,000) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LAW &

MAJOR CONTRACTS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

SI. 10. 2025-161 BOND ACT-Arbitration between County of Westchester and Standard Amusements LLC

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THIRTY SIX MILLION (\$36,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance the cost of payment of compromised or settled claims against the County in the matter of arbitration between the County of Westchester and Standard Amusement LLC.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

B. COUNTY ATTORNEY

1. 2025-150 ACT - Assignment and Amendment of Outside Counsel Agreement

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to consent to the assignment and amendment of an agreement with Mondaire Jones, Esq. for the provision of legal counsel and advice to the Westchester County Charter Revision Commission, to the law firm of Friedman, Kaplan, Seiler, Adelman & Robbins LLP, effective April 2, 2025.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committees listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

C. LEGISLATORS

SI. 1. 2025-157 HON. EMILJANA ULAJ - Croton-on-Hudson's Legislative Priorities 2025

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Croton-on-Hudson and their 2025 Legislative, Program and Project Priorities.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committee listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

D. OTHERS

1. [2025-151](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Resolution to Extend the Somers Consolidated Water District No. 1**

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Town of Somers for the extension of the Somers Consolidated Water District No. 1. (Please see items 2025-71 and 2025-156 for back-up).

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committee listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [2025-156](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Resolution to Extend the Somers Sewer District No. 1**

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Town of Somers to extend the Somers Sewer District No. 1. (Please see items 2025-71 and 2025-151 for back-up).

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committee listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [2025-159](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Town of Somers Resolution - Parkview**

Forwarded by the Town of Somers, a Resolution for proposed zoning map and text amendments to allow for a proposed project - Parkview (please see items 2025-71, 2025-151 and 2025-156 for additional back-up).

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio the above item was received, filed and referred to the committee listed above. The motion carried unanimously.

II. NOTICES & PETITIONS

III. STANDING COMMITTEES

1. [ACT-2025-74](#) **ACT - Westchester County Board of Ethics - Cohen**

AN ACT approving Hon. Jeffery A. Cohen as a member of the Westchester County Board of Ethics for a term to expire on December 31, 2026.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

Legislator Parker presented the report and the ACT and moved that the report be received, filed and approved and the ACT adopted, which motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Minority Leader Cunzio, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Tubiolo, Minority Whip Nolan, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Absent: Pierce

Recused: Imamura

2. [ACT-2025-75](#) **BOND ACT-SM095-Pumping Station Rehabilitation Prgm-Mam'k SSD**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SM095 - Pumping Station Rehabilitation Program - Mamaroneck SSD.

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

Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Barr presented the report and the ACT - Bond Act and moved that the report be received, filed and approved and the ACT - Bond Act adopted, which motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Minority Leader Cunzio, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Imamura, Tubiolo, Minority Whip Nolan, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Absent: Pierce

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

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 425 of the Laws of Westchester County.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND HUMAN SERVICES

Legislator Smith and Minority Whip Nolan presented the report and the LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law and moved that the report be received, filed and approved and the LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law adopted, which motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Imamura, Tubiolo, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Nay: Minority Leader Cunzio, and Minority Whip Nolan

Absent: Pierce

4. [ACT-2025-76](#) **IMA-Prisoner Transportation-Mount Vernon**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Mount Vernon in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail within the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2024, for a total amount not to exceed FIVE HUNDRED NINETY-SIX THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE (\$596,795) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Legislator Williams Johnson and Majority Whip Clements presented the report and the ACT -

IMAs and moved that the report be received, filed and approved and the ACT - IMAs adopted, which motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Minority Leader Cunzio, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Imamura, Tubiolo, Minority Whip Nolan, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Absent: Pierce

5. [ACT-2025-77](#) **ACT - DA Special Prosecutors**

AN ACT authorizing a funding pool for the payment of invoices for Special District Attorneys appointed pursuant to New York State County Law Section 701.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Smith presented the report and the ACT and moved that the report be received, filed and approved and the ACT adopted, which motion carried by the following vote:

Please note - a recess was called at 7:24 PM; the meeting resumed at 7:30 PM.

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Minority Leader Cunzio, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Tubiolo, Minority Whip Nolan, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Absent: Pierce

Recused: Imamura

IV. SPECIAL ORDERS

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS & CALL OF THE DISTRICTS

1. [M-RES-2025-7](#) **Memorial Resolutions 2025-7**

HON. MARGARET A. CUNZIO: William P. Finan, Antonina Puglisi, Marie (Mary-Ann) Zacaroli

LEGISLATORS GASHI, SMITH AND ALVARADO: Stewart Glass

HON. ERIKA PIERCE: Donald Ford

HON. EMILJANA ULAJ: William Ryder

RESULT: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio, adopted

ADJOURNMENT

Next Meeting: April 23, 2025 at 6:45pm.

On motion of Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Minority Leader Cunzio, the Board adjourned at 7:41 PM to meet on April 23, 2025 by the following vote:

Aye: Majority Leader Woodson-Samuels, Minority Leader Cunzio, Smith, Boykin, Barr, Parker, Williams Johnson, Ulaj, Holstein, Majority Whip Clements, Imamura, Tubiolo, Minority Whip Nolan, Williams, Vice Chair Alvarado, and Chairman Gashi

Absent: Pierce

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