

Labor & Human Rights BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Emiljana Ulaj

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11:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Meeting jointly with the Health Sub-Committee, Labor and Human Rights Committee and the Committee on Information Technology and Cyber Security.

With a quorum present, Chair Ulaj called the meeting to order at 11:14 AM

Present: Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Nolan and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Presentation addressing the digital divide in Westchester

Guests:

The STEM Alliance:

Brenda Brush, Managing Director for Strategic Initiatives

Joanna Jimenez, Chief Client Experience Officer

Margaret Käufer, President

Pauline Mosley, Professor of Information Technology at Pace University

Ms. Käufer presented on the initiatives provided by The STEM Alliance to address the digital divide in the County of Westchester. One of the limitations that people experience is the inability to access or afford devices. Additionally, they are ill informed on how to use them in general. After providing an overview on their data collected within the past year, Ms. Käufer explained that they conduct follow up with those who were helped in order to get an idea of the amount of improvement. Access to digital devices also allow for Asset Limited, Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households to obtain devices, connectivity and/or proper education on how to use these systems. In many cases, trainings on using the software programs available, such as Google Suite, can open an array of possibilities for many individuals.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Ulaj, the Committee adjourned at 12: 25 PM by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Nolan and Legislator Tubiolo