

Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, July 21, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint with PS

CALL TO ORDER

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

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:22 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Terry Clements, Jewel Williams Johnson, and Erika Pierce; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg; Marcello Figueroa; Lisa Hochman (Remote); Law Dept.: John Nonna and J.P. Iannace; Dept. of Public Safety: Chef James Luciano (Remote)

Present: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, June 2, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, June 16, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2025-77](#) PH-IMAs-Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan-Municipal Corporations

Guests: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna and Senior Assistant County Attorney J.P. Iannace; Dept. of Public Safety: Chief James M. Luciano
Chief Luciano said this is an IMA among all the departments in Westchester County and some in Putnam County to provide mutual aid to one another, and is renewed every five years. Mr. Iannace said that participating municipalities get reimbursed for all of their expenses, but in this version and the previous version of the IMA, the County does not get reimbursed for its expenses. Some legislators questioned whether this should be changed. Chief Luciano said that in his experience, none of the agencies that provided aid actually submitted a bill to the requesting agency.

Legislator Cunzio asked for a real-life scenario where this would be used. Chief Luciano said it could be used to help with large, unruly crowds at mass gatherings such as protests or demonstrations, which may go beyond the limits of a local police department.

Mr. Iannace said that the fifth paragraph provides that the municipality receiving aid agrees to defend and indemnify the municipality providing the aid, unless it occurs from the intentional wrongs or reckless conduct of the assisting municipality.

Mr. Nonna said the fourth paragraph provides that a request for mutual aid can be requested or granted by the Chief Executive Officer, department head or other authorized police officer of the requesting or assisting municipality. Mr. Nonna said they broadened who can make and grant a request based on a case involving the County many years ago.

Legislator Barr asked what would happen if Westchester County received a request for aid from Putnam County to help with federal law enforcement regarding immigration. Mr. Nonna said that we could say no. Chief Luciano said we would only go if there were riotous conditions or law enforcement was being assaulted, or something of that magnitude. Legislator Barr asked how we would know that, and Chief Luciano said that for a mutual aid request, the County is given all the pertinent information, and if it is vague, we would ask for specifics. If the request violates department policy or County law, we would not go. He added that it is rare for Westchester to go outside its borders. Legislator Barr asked if we need to specify that in the IMA, and Mr. Nonna said he did not think that was necessary.

Legislator Barr noted that several municipalities were not on the list of Unified Response Teams Participating Departments on page 12 of the Mutual Aid Plan. Chief Luciano said they have been trying to update this through the police chiefs, and he will provide the legislators with a list of the additional municipalities that should be added.

Legislator Williams Johnson asked why Putnam County was included in the Plan. Chief Luciano said he was unsure why, but would find out and get back to the legislators with that information.

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [2025-282](#) **LOCAL LAW-IMAs-Mutual Aid and Rapid Response Plan-Municipal Corporations**

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See Item #1 above.

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [RES-2025-78](#) **PROPOSED RES - Harriet Tubman Underground Railroad Byway**

Several legislators spoke in support of the resolution, noting that the Underground Railroad is an important part of our history, and the Scenic Byway will help with public education and community development.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Imamura, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the Committee adjourned at 2:14 p.m.