



Human Services, Human Rights & Equity

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Catherine Parker

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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

4:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Public Safety

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With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Tyrae Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 4:06 PM.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Clements, Legislator Smith, Beth LoBello, James Silverberg REMOTE: Legislator Alvarado, Melanie Montalto Guests: Department of Social Services: Deputy Commissioner John Befus and Michelle Bethencourt-Garcia, ADA Frederic Green, Chief of Prosecutions Division

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Committee Chair Parker and Legislator Maher

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson and Legislator Pierce

MINUTES APPROVAL

April 25, 2022 at 2:30 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. [ACT-2022-70](#) ACT-MOU-Anti-Trafficking Task Force

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services and District Attorney's Office, to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Town of Pound Ridge and other partners, for the purpose of memorializing the roles and responsibilities of the co-chairs of the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC SAFETY AND HUMAN SERVICES, HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUITY

Guests: Department of Social Services, Deputy Commissioner John Befus and Michelle Bethencourt-Garcia, Manager II Child Welfare; ADA Fredric Green, Chief of Prosecutions Division

Deputy Commissioner Befus came before the Committee to discuss item # 2022-281 ACT-MOU-Anti-Trafficking Task Force. This is an Act that would authorize the County of Westchester, acting by and through its Department of Social Services and District Attorney's Office to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of New York, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Homeland Security Investigations, the New York State Department of Labor, the Internal Organization for Adolescents, My Sisters' Place and the town of Pound Ridge, through its police department, for the purpose of memorializing the roles and responsibilities of the co-chairs of the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force.

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was adjourned at 5:12 PM. The motion carried unanimously.