



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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Wednesday, June 8, 2022

4:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Human Services, Human Rights & Equity

This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize any public body to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public-in-person access to meetings and authorize such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit:

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With a quorum present, Legislator Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM.

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

Present: Committee Chair Clements, Committee Vice-Chair Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia

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

MINUTES APPROVAL

Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 1:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Smith, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[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

Joint with HSHR&E.

Guests:

Department of Social Services

First Deputy Commissioner John Befus

Michelle Bethencourt-Garcia, Manager II Child Welfare

District Attorney's Office

ADA Fredric Green, Chief of Special Prosecutions Division

Deputy Commissioner John Befus and Michelle Bethencourt-Garcia, Manager II Child Welfare from the Department of Social Services and ADA Fredric Green, Chief of Prosecutions Division from the District Attorney's Office appeared 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 Committee Vice-Chair Smith, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Clements, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Smith and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Borgia

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Alvarado, the Committee adjourned at 5:12 PM.