

Law & Major Contracts

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Damon Maher

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Monday, March 27, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY 10510.

Committee Chairman Damon Maher will be participating remotely from Joe Coffee, 10 Lecount Place, New Rochelle, NY 10801.

With a quorum present, Chair Maher called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson, Ben Boykin, Tyrae Woodson Samuels, and David Tubiolo; Legislator Erika Pierce (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Beth LoBello; Law Dept.: Tami Altschiller and Carla Chaves

Present: Committee Chair Maher, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Parker

Absent: Legislator Smith

Remote: Legislator Barr and Legislator Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, March 20, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Parker

Absent: Legislator Smith

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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ACT - Enter into Agreement re: FCC Licenses

Guests: DoIT: Marguerite Bierne, Chief Information Officer and Adam Epstein, Program Coordinator, Radio Systems; Law Dept: Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney and Carla Chaves, Senior Assistant County Attorney

Ms. Altschiller and Ms. Chaves discussed the item. Chair Maher asked why the agreement was for five years, as that is longer than the usual retainer of counsel agreement. Ms. Altschiller said that the reason for that here is that it takes a very long time to submit applications to the FCC and it also takes a long time to purchase these frequencies based on past experience.

Chair Gashi asked about the provision that allows the attorney to pay administrative fees on behalf of the County and collect a 10% service charge. Ms. Chaves said these are application fees and other fees that are not part of legal work, and it is customary in the industry to have an additional fee paid for that. She also noted that any additional expenses are subject to approval by the County Attorney in advance.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, seconded by Legislator Parker, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Parker

Absent: Legislator Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the Committee adjourned at 10:25 a.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Parker

Absent: Legislator Smith