

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

800 Michaelian Office Bldg.
148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
www.westchesterlegislators.com

Wednesday, April 30, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with HSC

CALL TO ORDER

Please note: Meetings of the Board of Legislators and its committees are held at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, New York, 10601, and remotely via the WebEx video conferencing system. Legislators may participate in person or via Webex. Members of the public may attend meetings in person at any of its locations, or view it online on the Westchester County Legislature's website: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/>. This website also provides links to materials for all matters to be discussed at a given meeting.

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

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:08 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Larry Soule, Joseph Glazer, Dr. Robert Andrews, Dr. William Higgins (remote), Amie Parikh, Paula Reyes, Rosina Moscoso, Angela Jacobs, Bernadette Kingham-Bez and Judith Watson; BOL: Legislator Judah Holstein, Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Shanae Williams, Legislator David Tubiolo (remote), Lisa Hochman (remote), James Silverberg and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

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

Absent: Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

Remote: Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on the implications of recent federal health care policy changes and funding cuts

Guests:

Department of Community Mental Health
Westchester Medical Center
Northwell Health-Northern Westchester Hospital
NewYork-Presbyterian Hudson Valley Hospital Center
Hudson Valley Care Coalition
United Community Center of Westchester, Inc.
Saint Joseph's Hospital (& Saint Vincent's Hospital)
Westchester Community Health Center
Westchester Medical Center Health Network

The meeting centered on the serious effects of federal funding cuts on local health care services and community well-being. County leaders noted that with \$700,000,000.00 in federal aid at stake, reductions—especially to Medicaid—could destabilize budgets and harm access to care for vulnerable populations. Health organizations stressed the ripple effects these cuts could have on uninsured and undocumented patients, as well as the rising demand on Federally Qualified Health Centers. Participants emphasized collaboration and adaptability to protect essential services amid workforce shortages and ongoing mental health challenges. The discussion also highlighted how lessons from COVID-19 underscore the need for resilient and equitable healthcare systems.

II. OTHER BUSINESS**III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Chair Williams Johnson adjourned the meeting at 11:31 AM.