

# Public Safety

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Terry Clements

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**Tuesday, January 21, 2025**

**4:15 PM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint w/ Veteran's, Seniors and Youth**

### CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Cunzio will be participating remotely from 770 Commerce Street Thornwood, NY 10594

With a quorum present, Chair Clements called the meeting to order at 4:25 PM

Others in Attendance:

BOL: Legislator James Nolan, Legislator Catherine Parker (remote), Legislator David Tubiolo, Lisa Hochman (remote), Althema Goodson

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2025-26](#) IMA-Project STRIV-Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES

Guests:

Patricia Tomassi, Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP DWI  
*Patricia Tomassi from the Office of Drug Abuse Prevention & STOP-DWI provided an overview of the program and expressed gratitude to the Legislators who supported securing grants. She noted that this Intermunicipal Agreement (IMA) is an amendment to last year's agreement. The program partners with Student Assistance Services and BOCES to deliver a range of prevention initiatives. Since October 2024, they have trained 2,900 individuals. She emphasized the importance of these partnerships in reaching communities and ensuring the safety of students and schools.*

*Legislator Clements inquired about which schools receive training and how they are chosen. Ms. Tomassi explained that schools are selected based on need rather than geographic location, and they must be willing to participate in the program. She listed participating schools, which include Peekskill, Chappaqua, Edgemont/Scarsdale, and Briarcliff. Some training sessions are also conducted virtually.*

*Legislator Boykin asked about the duration of the training. Ms. Tomassi responded that the length varies, with some sessions lasting two days and others only a few hours. Additionally, certain training components are delivered virtually, particularly those focused on social media education.*

*Legislator Cunzio inquired about the nonprofit organizations the program collaborates with to maximize resources. Ms. Tomassi confirmed that working with nonprofits is a key component of the grant, and the program operates in 30 communities, engaging numerous stakeholders. Legislator Cunzio also requested a list of stakeholders to better understand their district-level involvement, to which Ms. Tomassi agreed.*

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**