

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

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White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, April 27, 2026

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with I&H and PS&V

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Woodson-Samuels called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Karl Vollmer (remote), William Fallon (remote), Robert Abbamont (remote), Hernane De Almeida, April Gasparri, Francisco Tejada, Brian Hegt, Brian Miller (remote), Louis Vetrone, Jazmin Logan, Robert Zambardino, James Luciano (remote) and Christina Rampata (remote), Lawrence Soule; BOL: Legislator Terry Clements, Legislator Colin Smith, Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Gregory Casciato, Ethan Samuel, Jared Nieves, Sebastian Loreti, Ralph Esposito and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Holstein

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, March 30, 2026 at 10:00am

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

Monday, April 6, 2026 at 10:00am

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2026-91](#) **CBA-BCR66-Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement**

AN ACT amending the 2026 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BCR66 - Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests:

Department of Corrections

Assistant Warden Karl Vollmer and Director of Administrative Services William Fallon

Department of Public Works & Transportation

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

This item was discussed with item #2. The committee reviewed a Bond Act authorizing the issuance of \$3,540,000 in bonds by Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR66, which involves the replacement of one of three chillers at the County Correctional Facility. The existing chiller has reached the end of useful life and the replacement unit will be more energy-efficient and include a variable frequency drive. Design has been completed by in-house staff and construction is anticipated to take about eight months. Given peak summer cooling demands, a temporary rental chiller will be installed throughout the cooling season. Additional improvements will be phased in to address the remaining chillers and pump system.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Budget & Appropriations. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

2. [ACT-2026-92](#) **BOND ACT-BCR66-Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND (\$3,540,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BCR66 - Correctional Facility Chiller Replacement.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests:

Department of Corrections

Assistant Warden Karl Vollmer and Director of Administrative Services William Fallon

Department of Public Works & Transportation

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Please refer to item #1 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

3. [ACT-2026-90](#) **ACT-Enter into Grant Agreement-Justice Assistance Grant Program**

AN ACT to authorize the County of Westchester to (i) enter into a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to accept grant funds in the amount not-to-exceed \$75,545 under the FY24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, (ii) enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Yonkers and the City of Mount Vernon.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests:

Public Safety Department

Chief James Luciano and Sergeant John Butcher

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is a yearly federal grant and it will provide \$30,506 for crime-related initiatives. The grant is based on crime statistics over a three year period where the state receives money and pushes 40% of it down to various jurisdictions based on a statutory formula. Their funding this year they are looking to fund a workstation for drones as the 1st responder and drone detection.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

4. [RES-2026-45](#) **PH-Lease Agreement-Citigroup, Inc.-Westchester County Airport**

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a lease agreement with Citigroup, Inc. for Hanger E - Bay 2, and certain related space, at Westchester County Airport, for an initial term of fifteen (15) years and two (2) option terms, of five (5) years each, thereafter". [Public Hearing set for May 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.]. LL Intro: 2026-192.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND

INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guests: Westchester County Airport
Director of Aviation April Gasparri
Airport Manager Francisco Tejada

Law Department

Associate County Attorney Brian Miller

This item was discussed in conjunction with Item #5 and pertains to a lease agreement for a corporate aviation tenant occupying a portion of a multi-use hangar (Hangar E). The tenant, Citigroup, has occupied approximately one-third of the hangar since 2001 and is considered a long-standing and reliable partner. The current lease is set to expire in May 2026 and the proposed lease structure reflects a total term of 25 years, consisting of a 15-year base period and two additional 5-year option periods. The County will not participate in any capital cost-sharing components under this lease. In addition, updated lease terms align with Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) requirements, including the use of current fair market value assessments. The lease is projected to generate approximately \$22 million in revenue for the County over its term. The benefits of long-term leasing arrangements and potential future leasing opportunities were also discussed. Additionally, Citigroup's obligations related to brownfield cleanup were reviewed.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was recommended for denial

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

5. [LL 2 - 2026](#) **LOCAL LAW-Lease Agreement-Citigroup, Inc.-Westchester County Airport**

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a lease agreement with Citigroup, Inc. for Hangar E - Bay 2, and certain related spaces, at Westchester County Airport, for an initial term of fifteen (15) years and two (2) option terms, of five (5) years each, thereafter.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guests: Westchester County Airport
Director of Aviation April Gasparri
Airport Manager Francisco Tejada

Law Department

Associate County Attorney Brian Miller

Please refer to item #4 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

6. [RES-2026-44](#) **PH-WD305-Co. Water District No. -Eastview Pumping Station**

A Public Hearing on authorizing Capital Project WD305 - County Water District #3 - Eastview Pumping Station for the benefit of County Water District No. 3. [Public Hearing set for May 18, 2026 at 7:30 p.m.].

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

This item was discussed with items #7 through #12. The committee reviewed a capital project request related to Water District No. 3 and the Eastview Pumping Station. In 2006, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued the Long-Term Surface Water Treatment Rule, requiring public water systems to implement enhanced disinfection processes to reduce the risk of microbial contamination. In response, Capital Project WD302 was established and completed in 2013, upgrading the Eastview Pumping Station with ultraviolet (UV) disinfection to meet water safety regulations. The existing Greenburgh booster pumping system provides supplemental water on an as-needed basis, but only at limited capacity and well below the district's full demand. The proposed project will provide both primary and redundant water supply systems, incorporating chemical and UV treatment. Some of the work includes a new Eastview pumping station and integration of the existing Gate of Heaven pumping station, and the project will enable Water District No. 3 to access UV-treated water from the New York State Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) Catskill-Delaware UV Treatment Facility in Eastview, Town of Mount Pleasant.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

7. [2026-190](#) **ENV RES-Co. Water Dist. No. 3-Eastview Pumping Station**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from Capital Project WD305 - Water District #3 - Eastview Pumping Station.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

Please refer to item #6 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

8. [2026-179](#) **ACT-Authorize County to Proceed with WD305, Subject to an Order of the State Comptroller**

AN ACT to increase and improve Westchester County Water District No. 3 facilities to carry out Capital Project WD305 in accordance with the recommendations of the District Report of Department of Environmental Facilities subject to an order of the Comptroller of the State of New York.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

Please refer to item #6 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

9. [2026-180](#) **ACT-Authorizing BOL Chairman to Submit Application to State Comptroller-WD305**

AN ACT to authorize the Chairman of the Board of Legislators or his authorized designee to execute all instruments and take all actions reasonable, necessary and appropriate to petition the Comptroller of the State of New York pursuant to Section 268 of Article 5-A of the New York State County Law for an order approving the County's issuance of bonds for an increase and improvement of facilities of County Water District No. 3.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND
INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING**

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

Please refer to item #6 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

10. [2026-181](#) **RES-State Regulations Resolution in Order to Submit Verified Application to State Comptroller**

A RESOLUTION as required by the State Regulations in order to submit a verified application to the State Comptroller for Capital Project WD305 - County Water District #3 - Eastview Pumping Station.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

Please refer to item #6 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

11. [2026-178](#) **CBA-WD305-Co. Water District No. 3-Eastview Pumping Station**

AN ACT amending the 2026 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project WD305 County Water District #3 - Eastview Pumping Station.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

Please refer to item #6 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

12. [2026-183](#) **BOND ACT-WD305-Co. Water District No. 3-Eastview Pumping Station**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FORTY MILLION (\$40,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WD305 - County Water District No. 3 - Eastview Pumping Station.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guest:

Department of Environmental Facilities

First Deputy Commissioner Louis Vetrone

Environmental Project Director Jazmin Logan

Program of Capital Programs Coordinator Robert Zambardino

Please refer to item #6 for discussion.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

13. [ACT-2026-87](#) **ACT-Transfer of Appropriations Across County Depts.**

AN ACT authorizing the transfer of appropriations across county departments in the amount of FORTY-THREE MILLION, ONE HUNDRED FOUR THOUSAND, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-SEVEN (\$43,104,337) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guest:

Budget Department

Budget Director Larry Soule

Deputy Director Christina Rampata

This item was in conjunction with items #14 and #15. The first item is an act that authorizes transfers of appropriations across various departments in the amount of \$41,934,883. The second item is a resolution authorizing transfers within the department, so this only has to have a board resolution from the committee. So the budget department will balance within the departments. The third item is an act authorizing the amendment of the 2025 County Operating Budget in the amount of \$27,744,180 and the 2025 County Special District Budget in the amount of \$1,169,454.

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

14. [RES-2026-46](#) **RES-Transfer of Appropriations Within Various Depts.**

A RESOLUTION authorizing the transfer of appropriations within various departments in the amount of TWENTY-ONE MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED THIRTY-ONE THOUSAND, SEVEN HUNDRED FOUR (\$21,831,704) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guest:

Budget Department

Budget Director Larry Soule

Deputy Director Christina Rampata

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

15. [ACT-2026-88](#) **ACT-Amendment to 2025 County Operating Budget**

AN ACT authorizing an Amendment to the 2025 County Operating Budget in the amount of TWENTY-SEVEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FORTY-FOUR THOUSAND, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY (\$27,744,180) DOLLARS.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guest:

Budget Department

Budget Director Larry Soule

Deputy Director Christina Rampata

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

16. [ACT-2026-89](#) **ACT-Authorizing County of Westchester to Grant Permanent & Temporary Easements to NYPA & Transco, LLC**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to grant permanent and temporary easements to the New York Power Authority and New York Transco LLC over certain County roads and County real property in order to facilitate the Propel NY Energy underground electric transmission project.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guest:

Law Department
Deputy County Attorney David Vutera

Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia
Director of Park Planning Robert Lopane

This item is about easements for energy transmission lines in county parks. The project aims to install underground energy lines, minimizing disruption to parkland, there is constant communication with local municipalities about potential disruptions because it is essential during the construction phases. The county will receive approximately \$950,000 from Transco for temporary and permanent easements, this money will be considered profit for 2026.

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce and Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Nambiar, the committee was adjourned at 11:30 AM

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Nambiar,
Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson