

Environment & Health

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Ruth Walter

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Monday, September 20, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Legislation and Public Works & Transportation.

With a quorum present, Chair Walter called the meeting to order at 1:15 PM.

The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed.

*Others in Attendance: Y. Valencia, A. Restiano, J. Silverberg, Legislators Gashi, Smith
Remote: Legislators Woodson-Samuels, Dahmon Maher, Margaret Cunzio, Jeffrey Goldman,
Peter McCartt, AnnMarie Berg, Tami Altchiller, Martin Connolly, Hugh Greechen*

Present: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Boykin and Committee Vice-Chair Covill

Absent: Legislator Borgia

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2021-153](#) PH-Vehicle Procurement

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 836 of the Laws of Westchester County to provide that purchases by the County of Westchester of motor vehicles shall be for plug-in-hybrid, electric or alternative fuel vehicles unless otherwise exempted." [Public Hearing set for October 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO 2021-352.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Guests:

Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz; Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability; Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz discussed the second draft of the legislation, which now includes a provision for a permissive referendum. She explained that the law provides that the purchase of motor vehicles shall be for plug-in hybrid, electric, or alternative fuel vehicles, unless otherwise exempted. It is subject to a permissive referendum because it changes a provision of law relating to public bidding contracts and purchases.

Legislator Covill asked how the exemption works. Ms Dolgin-Kmetz said that there are two types of exemptions: automatic and for good cause. The exemption for vehicles used for all law enforcement purposes was taken out of the automatic exemption, and "vehicles used for all law enforcement purposes or other emergency purposes" was added to the exemption for good cause, which would be granted by Commissioner of Public Works & Transportation.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Borgia

WO Prejudice:

2. [LL-2021-11](#) **LOCAL LAW-Vehicle Procurement**

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 836 of the Laws of Westchester County to provide that purchases by the County of Westchester of motor vehicles shall be for plug-in-hybrid, electric or alternative fuel vehicles unless otherwise exempted.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Guests:

Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz; Peter McCartt, Director of Energy Conservation and Sustainability; Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations.

See item 1 for discussion.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Borgia

WO Prejudice:

3. [RES-2021-155](#) **PH - Modify Disposal of Surplus Property**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending the procedures for the sale or lease of surplus property as set forth in Section 836.31 of the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new subsection 7 to provide the Purchasing Agent the power to scrap diesel-powered buses and a new subsection 8 to provide the Purchasing Agent with the power to dispose of surplus, obsolete or unused supplies, materials, or equipment in such manner as may be required under any grant program designed to reduce carbon emissions." [Public

Hearing set for October 4, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO 2021-505.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATION AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Item was placed directly into committee.

Joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation, and Legislation.

Guests:

LAW: Assistant Chief Deputy Tami Altschiller and Senior Assitant County Attorney Jeff Goldman

FINANCE: Commissioner Ann Marie Berg and Martin Connolly, Bureau of Purchase and Supplies

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION: Hugh Greechan, Commissioner and Michael Swee, Principal Planner.

Mr. Goldman and Ms. Altschiller discussed the law. Commissioner Greechan said this will ensure that diesel vehicles are off the road. Commissioner Berg said the change is required so we can qualify for the grant from the State, and protects the County and the money it would receive. Mr. Connolly said this is a home run financially and environmentally.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Borgia

WO Prejudice:

4. [LL-2021-13](#) **LL - Modify Disposal of Surplus Property**

A LOCAL LAW amending the procedures for the sale or lease of surplus property as set forth in Section 836.31 of the Laws of Westchester County by adding a new subsection 7 to provide the Purchasing Agent the power to scrap diesel-powered buses and a new subsection 8 to provide the Purchasing Agent with the power to dispose of surplus, obsolete or unused supplies, materials or equipment in such manner as may be required under any grant program designed to reduce carbon emissions.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATION, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT & HEALTH

Item was placed directly into committee.

Joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation, and Legislation.

Guests:

LAW: Assistant Chief Deputy Tami Altschiller and Senior Assitant County Attorney
Jeff Goldman

FINANCE: Commissioner Ann Marie Berg and Martin Connolly, Bureau of Purchase and Supplies

PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION: Hugh Greechan, Commissioner and Michael Swee, Principal Planner.

See item 3 for discussion.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Covill, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Walter, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Covill, Legislator Parker and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Borgia

WO Prejudice:

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the Committee adjourned at 2:11 PM.