



Public Safety

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Wednesday, August 25, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting joint with the Committees on Budget & Appropriations and Seniors, Youth & Intergenerational Services

Please Note: *The public may attend at any of these addresses. The meeting will also be available online at:* <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

Chair Colin Smith will be joining the meeting remotely from the following address: Blvd. Kukulcan Km 14.5, Lote 40-A, Room #1412, Zona Hotelera, 77500 Cancun, Q.R., Mexico.

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 11:11 AM.

Present: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Shimsky and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio and Legislator Johnson

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, July 26, 2021 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

Monday, July 12, 2021 at 3:00 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[2021-390](#)

IMA-Project BRIGHT-Northern Westchester BOCES

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal Agreement with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES (the "BOCES") pursuant to which BOCES will coordinate a portion of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, SENIORS, YOUTH & INTERGENERATIONAL SERVICES AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with B&A and SYIS.

Guests: Patricia Tomassi, STOP DWI-Department of Public Safety

Patricia Tomassi from the Department of Public Safety appeared before the committee to discuss the IMA-Project BRIGHT - Northern Westchester BOCES. This is an inter-municipal (IMA) with Putnam Northern Westchester BOCES. BOCES will coordinate a portion of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training Program (aka Project BRIGHT). The IMA will be for a 15 month term commencing on July 1, 2021 and continuing through September 30, 2022. Project BRIGHT is funded through a grant from the US Department of Justice (DOJ). It is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence. This is accomplished through the use of multidisciplinary school threat assessment training and mental health first aid trainings. BOCES will help to coordinate the threat of assessment training by, hiring and overseeing the supervision of coaches and trainers; setting up threat assessment training at 20 public, private, parochial and charter schools throughout the County; providing technical assistance and reporting services and; working with the project coordinator and evaluator to ensure that the trainings are coordinated. The County will pay BOCES a total not-to-exceed amount of \$250,000.00 payable in 5 installments.

Legislators Woodson-Samuels - WOP.

On motion of Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Shimsky

Absent: Legislator Covill, Committee Vice-Chair Cunzio and Legislator Johnson

WO Prejudice: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the Committee adjourned at 11:45 AM.