

Public Works & Transportation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Monday, March 17, 2025

10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A

CALL TO ORDER

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Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Susan Spear (remote) and Neil Caputo (remote); BOL: Legislator Colin Smith, Legislator Judah Holstein, James Silverberg and Dayana Gómez-Holguín

Present: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2025-63](#) **CBA-BES24-Replacement of Smoke House Building**

AN ACT amending the 2025 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BES24 - Replacement of Smoke House Building.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Susan Spear

Chief Neil Caputo, Director of the Fire Services Division

Commissioner Susan Spear and Chief Neil Caputo from the Department of Emergency Services appeared before the Committee to discuss this proposed capital budget amendment, which will amend the County's 2025 capital budget to increase the County share for this project by \$1,900,000. This increase is needed due to higher than anticipated construction cost estimates associated with this project. The Bond Act, in the total aggregate amount of \$8,210,000, includes \$2,810,000 in previously authorized bonds of the County and \$5,400,000 in additional funding, would finance the completion of construction associated with the replacement of the current 50-year-old building located at the Department of Emergency

Service Training Center in Valhalla. The prop building is used by local fire departments and other first responders to train in a variety of fire response conditions, including live fire. The current building no longer met National Fire Protection Agency standards and failed inspection. With the current building out of service, the County uses the Rockland/Orange Counties training facility as well as a live fire training building in Harrison. The replacement building has been ordered. Final design work regarding site preparation will be scheduled. It is anticipated to take one month to complete and will be performed by outside consultants. It is estimated that construction will take one year to complete and will begin after award and execution of the construction contracts.

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

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and
Legislator Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Pierce

2. [ACT-2025-64](#) **BOND ACT-BES24-Replacement of Smoke House Building**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT MILLION, TWO HUNDRED TEN THOUSAND (\$8,210,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BES24 - Replacement of Smoke House Building.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Emergency Services
Commissioner Susan Spear
Chief Neil Caputo, Director of the Fire Services Division

Please see previous item for discussion (#2025-77).

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

Aye: Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and
Legislator Woodson-Samuels

WO Prejudice: Legislator Pierce

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2025-73](#) **HON. MARGARET A. CUNZIO - Saw Mill Sanitary Sewer District Removal-634 Chappaqua Rd., Briarcliff Manor**

Forwarding correspondence from the Town of Mt. Pleasant requesting removal from the County Saw Mill Sewer District - 634 Chappaqua Road, Briarcliff Manor.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

This item was read into the record followed by a vote.

On motion of Legislator Williams, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [2025-71](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Petition for Extension of the Peekskill Hollow Sewer District**

Forwarding a Petition from the Town of Somers for the extension of the Peekskill Hollow Sewer District to include the boundaries of the Parkveiw Extension area of Somers Sewer District No. 1.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

This item will be voted on at a later time.

This COMMUNICATION - Correspondence was continued

3. [2025-85](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Solid Waste Commission 2024 Annual Report**

Forwarded by the Clerk of the Board, the 2024 Annual Report of the Westchester County Solid Waste Commission.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

This item was read into the record followed by a vote.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. [2025-89](#) **CLERK OF THE BOARD - Recertification of Agricultural District No. 1**

Forwarding correspondence from the Town of North Castle regarding the Recertification of Westchester County Agricultural District Number One.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

This item was read into the record followed by a vote.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Pierce, Legislator Barr, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 10:34am.