



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, April 17, 2023

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Public Works & Transportation and Housing committees.

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff, NY 10510

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:10 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Erika Pierce, Tyrae Woodson-Samuels, and Jewel Williams Johnson; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg; Marcello Figueroa; and Lisa Hochman; Law Dept.: John Nonna, Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, and Loren Zeitler; Taxi & Limousine Commission: Leandra Eustache; DSS: John Befus (Remote); Planning Dept.: Blanca Lopez (Remote); CE's Office: Copernicus Crane

Present: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher and Legislator Nolan

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

Remote: Legislator Johnson and Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Barr, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan and Borgia

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2023-54](#) PH - For-Hire Vehicle Law Amendment

Joint with Public Works & Transportation committee.

Guests: Law Dept.: Loren Zeitler, Senior Assistant County Attorney and Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Taxi & Limousine Commission: Leandra Eustache, Chairperson

Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz said that the law provides that drivers, owners and base station owners of vehicles receive notice of violations before a vehicle is booted. The problem is that the base station may have many drivers, and drivers of vehicles associated with the base station have been booted or towed when they have not personally violated the law, but the base station has. They are eliminating notification to the base station because it is unfair to the drivers. She noted that the County is currently in litigation with regard to this section of the law, and suggested they discuss the pending litigation in executive session.

With a motion by Legislator Maher seconded by Legislator Nolan, the committee went into executive session at 1:25 p.m. to discuss pending litigation. With a motion by Legislator Nolan seconded by Legislator Maher, the committee came out of executive session at 1:41 p.m.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan and Borgia

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

2. [2023-149](#) **LL - For-Hire Vehicle Law Amendment**

Joint with Public Works & Transportation committee.

Guests: Law Dept.: Loren Zeitler, Senior Assistant County Attorney and Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Chief Deputy County Attorney; Taxi & Limousine Commission: Leandra Eustache, Chairperson

See discussion of Item #1 above.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan and Borgia

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

3. [RES-2023-53](#) **PH-Office of Housing Counsel**

Joint with Housing committee.

Guests: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna and Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, DSS: Commissioner John Befus; Planning Dept: Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez; Budget Dept.: Budget Director Larry Soule

Mr. Nonna and Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz discussed the changes to the legislation. First Deputy Commissioner Befus discussed how this will help prevent homelessness. Mr. Soule discussed potential savings to the County. The legislators discussed the fact that tenants are currently at a disadvantage in court because landlords usually have attorneys present and tenants rarely do.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan and Borgia

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

4. [2022-262](#) **LOCAL LAW-Office of Housing Counsel**

Joint with Housing committee.

Guests: Law Dept.: County Attorney John Nonna and Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, DSS: Commissioner John Befus; Planning Dept: Deputy Commissioner Blanca Lopez; Budget Dept.: Budget Director Larry Soule
See discussion of Item #3 above.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher and Legislator Nolan

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

Remote: Legislator Johnson and Borgia

WO Prejudice: Legislator Cunzio

5. Discussion of 2023 Joint Federal Package

Guest: CE's Office: Copernicus Crane, Assistant Director of Intergovernmental Relations

[RES-2023-55](#) **RES-2023 Westchester County Federal Joint Legislative Package**

Mr. Crane discussed the items to be included in the Joint Federal Package.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher and Legislator Nolan

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Nolan, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, the Committee adjourned at 2:48 p.m.

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan and Borgia

Absent: Legislator Boykin and Legislator Imamura

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