



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Kitley Covill

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Monday, June 28, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Law & Major Contracts committee

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

With a quorum present, Chair Covill called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

Others in attendance: BOL: Sunday Vanderberg, Melanie Montalto, Lisa Hochman, and Committee Coordinator Jill Axelrod LAW: John Nonna and Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz BUDGET: Larry Soule

Present: Committee Chair Covill, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Shimsky, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams

Remote: Committee Vice-Chair Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

June 16, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

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

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: County Attorney John Nonna, Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, and Budget Director Larry Soule

1. [RES-2021-124](#) **Authorizing Mandatory Referendum Publication - Ethics Law Amendment**

Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer of the Board of Legislators, advised that the public must be given notice that this will be on the ballot at the general election on November 2nd. The notice will run every Sunday from September 26th through October 31st in the newspaper and online. Legislator Covill noted that we must provide notice because although there will still be seven members of the Board of Ethics, two will now be appointed by the Board of Legislators, and the County Charter mandates that a transfer of power from the County Executive to the Board of Legislators must be approved by County residents by a majority vote.

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the above item was signed by committee.

2. [2021-306](#) **PH - Independent Office of Assigned Counsel**

Mr. Soule discussed the budgetary implications of the legislation. He said the goal is to make

this budget neutral. Legislator Barr asked if our personnel costs will be higher than Legal Aid because they are not unionized. Mr. Soule said our salaries will be higher than what they are paying for equivalent positions due to fringe benefits. Legislator Covill asked what this looks like vis-à-vis our current contract with Legal Aid. Mr. Soule and Mr. Nonna suggested going into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with Legal Aid.

With a motion by Legislator Covill seconded by Legislator Smith, the committee went into executive session at 1:41 p.m. With a motion by Legislator Covill seconded by Legislator Smith, the committee came out of executive session at 1:56 p.m.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was tabled

3. [2021-307](#) **LEGISLATORS JOHNSON AND WOODSON-SAMUELS - LL - Independent Office of Assigned Counsel**

See discussion of Item #2 above.

This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was tabled

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:06 p.m.