



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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White Plains, NY 10601  
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Wednesday, April 12, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Public Works & Transportation and Seniors & Youth

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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

Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St, STE 1, Peekskill, NY 10566

*With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:15 AM.*

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, April 3, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-68](#) **BOND ACT-SY047-Yonkers Joint WRRF Primary & Secondary Settling Tank Rehab.**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project SY047 - Yonkers Joint WRRF Primary & Secondary Settling Tank Rehabilitation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

*Commissioner Kopicki and Capital Program Coordinator Joe Brown discussed the item.*

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Legislator Barr, the above item was signed by

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committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [ACT-2023-69](#) **BOND ACT-SLI04-Mam'k WRRF BNR Media & Aeration Equip. Replace.**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWENTY-ONE MILLION (\$21,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County, making the total BOND ACT FORTY-ONE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$41,500,000) DOLLARS, to finance Capital Project SLI04 - Mamaroneck Water Resource Recovery Facility (WRRF) biological nutrient removal (BNR) Media and Aeration Equipment Replacement.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

*Commissioner Kopicki and Mr. Brown discussed the item. Legislator Pierce asked how the total of \$41.5 million was reached. Commissioner Kopicki said that they were currently asking for \$21 million in addition to the \$20.5 million originally appropriated. She noted that Commissioner Kopicki said that they paid \$6 million for the first tank, and there are 5 tanks left, for a total of \$36 million, which doesn't match what's in the documentation. Commissioner Kopicki said he would have to double check, but this may have been based on a first estimate with a cushion built in, and because this type of work is so expensive, a \$5.5 million cushion is not unreasonable. Legislator Pierce asked him to send the cost breakdown and an explanation of the discrepancy.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**WO Prejudice:** Legislator Pierce

3. [ACT-2023-67](#) **ACT - New Rochelle National Night Out**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an inter-municipal agreement with the City of New Rochelle, acting by and through its Police Department, pursuant to which the City will provide its National Night Out program within the period from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 for a total amount not to exceed FOUR THOUSAND (\$4,000) DOLLARS.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY***

B&A Only.

Guest: New Rochelle Police Department

Detective Terrence Fudge

*Detective Terrance Fudge appeared before the Committee to discuss the New Rochelle National Night Out.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

4. [ACT-2023-70](#) **ACT-Amend Grant Agreements-NYSOFA-EISEP & Unmet Need**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to retroactively amend grant agreements with the New York State Office for the Aging under the EISEP and Unmet Need programs by extending the terms thereof through December 31, 2022.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH**

Joint with S&Y.

Guests: Department of Senior Programs & Services

Commissioner Mae Carpenter

Sandra Brown, Director of Program Development (Budget and Finance)

Agnes Nowak, Director of Program Development (Client Services)

*Sandra Brown explained that by way of background, on May 10, 2021, the board authorized the County to enter into Grant Agreements with the NYSOFA to accept grant funds made available to the County under the EISEP program in an amount not-to-exceed \$2,517, 305 and under the Unmet Need program in an amount not-to-exceed \$951,658, for terms commencing retroactive to April 1, 2021 and continuing through March 31, 2022. Funds received under the Grant Agreements were used to provide various services to seniors through contracts with non-municipal agencies.*

*Legislator Alvarado asked, what was the reason for unspent funds? Ms. Nowak responded that it was due to delays caused by COVID-19 pandemic.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Pierce

5. [ACT-2023-71](#) **ACT-Resource Allocation Plan 2023-Youth Services**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to execute and submit to the State of New York a Resource Allocation Plan which will provide State reimbursement for certain youth services programs and to enter into inter-municipal agreements with various municipalities to implement certain of those programs.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH**

Joint with S&Y.

Guests: Youth Bureau

Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden

Financial Administrator Bernie Dean

*Dr. Harris Madden explained the Plan will authorize the County to allocate funds to administer certain youth services programs to be provided by certain municipalities and not-for-profit corporations and to related administrative activities, for a program period of nine months, commencing on January 1, 2023 and terminating September 30, 2023.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Pierce

**6. [ACT-2023-72](#) ACT-Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into (i) a grant agreement with the New York State Office of Children and Family Services to accept grant funds to continue a Sexual Risk Avoidance Education Program and (ii) to enter into inter-municipal agreements with the Cities and/or Villages of Mount Vernon, New Rochelle, Ossining, Peekskill, Port Chester, White Plains and Yonkers for services to be funded with the grant funds.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND SENIORS & YOUTH**

Joint with S&Y.

Guests: Youth Bureau

Director Dr. DaMia Harris-Madden

Financial Administrator Bernie Dean

*Dr. Harris Madden discussed the services to be funded with the grant funds, in the total aggregate not-to-exceed amount of \$191, 982, comprised of an amount not to exceed \$27,426 per Municipality, for a term commencing retroactively on March 1, 2023 and continuing through August 31, 2023. She also stated, the Municipalities will each deliver services to at least 15 youth on sexual risk avoidance education, healthy relationships and lifestyle choices, and youth engagement work readiness skills development. The Programs will operate during after school hours in person.*

*Legislator Maher asked, how many years has the program been running? Dr. Harris Madden responded that the program has been running the last five years.*

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Away:** Legislator Borgia and Legislator Pierce

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2023-136](#) HON. CATHERINE BORGIA - Ossining Sewer District Amendment - 1 Alexander Lane, Croton-on-Hudson

Forwarding correspondence regarding the removal of property located at 1 Alexander Lane, Croton-on-Hudson, from the Ossining Sewer District.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT, ENERGY & CLIMATE**

On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried.

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Maher, the Committee adjourned at 11:32 AM.