

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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**Monday, November 13, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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The Hon. Legislator Symra Brandon will be participating remotely from the 28 Wells Avenue 5th Floor, Yonkers, NY 10701.

*With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:37 PM.*

*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Justin Adin, Karin Hablow, Larry Soule, Christina Rampata, Cesar Vargas, Mario Arena; BOL: Ben Boykin, Catherine Borgia, Margaret Cunzio, James Silverberg, Flora White, Jill Axelrod, Warren Watson*

**Present:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Committee Chair Imamura, Legislator Barr, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Gashi, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Committee Vice-Chair Woodson-Samuels

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2023-137](#) PH-Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Services Members

Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW amending the Laws of Westchester County with respect to a Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Services Members."  
[Public Hearing set for December 11, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO 2023-454.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

Joint with Legislation.

Guests:

Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin-LAW

Budget Director Larry Soule

*Mr. Adin explained that this Local Law would repeal the current Chapter 475 of the Laws of Westchester County and enact a new Chapter 475. He said that subject to the limitations provided for in the enabling legislation, the new law will authorize a 10% exemption from County real property taxes for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance service members who: 1) have two or more years of service, 2) reside in the city, town or village served by the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service; and 3) the property is the member's primary residence and the portions of such a primary residence that are used exclusively for residential purposes.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

2. [2023-454](#) **LOCAL LAW-Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Services Members**

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*Please refer to item #1.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried.

Budget Department- 3rd Quarter Report including District & Airport

Guests:

Director Larry Soule

*Budget Director Larry Soule and his team from the Budget Department appeared before the Committee to present the 3rd Quarter Report. The video can be viewed at:*

*[https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7](https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7)*

*The presentation and the 2024 Westchester County Budget can be found at the Westchester Board of Legislators website under the Budget Dashboard:*

*<https://www.westchesterlegislators.com/fy2024-budget-dashboard>*

Budget Department Presentation on the 2024 Operating Budget

Guests:

Director Larry Soule

*Budget Director Larry Soule and his team from the Budget Department appeared before the Committee to review their 2024 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:*

*[https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7](https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7)*

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Finance Department Presentation on the 2024 Operating Budget

Guests:

Commissioner Karin Hablow

*Commissioner Karin Hablow and her team from the Finance Department appeared before the Committee to review their 2024 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:*

*[https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7](https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7)*

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Debt Service, Fringe Benefits, Miscellaneous Budget, 6N & 6J

*Commissioner Karin Hablow and Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to review Debt Service, Fringe Benefits, Miscellaneous Budget, 6N & 6J. The video can be viewed at:*

*[https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view\\_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7](https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/6578?view_id=1&redirect=true&h=d8fc8524ccb55c636b6bb63aca2ebac7)*

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## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Imamura, the Committee adjourned at 4:24 PM.