




George Latimer
County Executive

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County African American Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Joyce Cole, 9 Linden Avenue, Ossining, New York as a member of the Westchester County African American Advisory Board, for the term August 8, 2024 to December 31, 2024.

Given under my hand
and seal this 8th day
of August, 2024.



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August 8, 2024

Ms. Joyce Cole
9 Linden Avenue
Ossining, NY 10562

Dear Ms. Cole,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County African-American Advisory Board effective today, Thursday, August 8, 2024. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office within 30 days, either by appearing at the County Clerk's office or mailing the signed and notarized form to our office.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed. Please contact Paula Friedman at (914) 995-2940 for the date, place, and time of the board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,



George Latimer
Westchester County Executive

GL/ts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators
Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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JOYCE COLE

HISTORIAN | SPEAKER | GENEALOGIST

PROFILE

Accomplished historian, researcher, curator, writer, and artistic developer. Champion of the arts, history, and diversity through public events, seminars, speaking engagements and programing. Trusted community member to lead awareness for historical preservation, civil rights and conservation efforts. Proudly serving our local community by participating as a board member and trustee for numerous organizations.

CONTACT

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Joycercole76@gmail.com

9 Linden Avenue, Ossining, NY
10562

<https://www.villageofossining.org/village-historian>

EDUCATION

Easter Washington University
Master of Arts in History -2025

Boston University
Certification in Genealogical Research

Mercy College
BS in Organizational Management – Magna Cum Laude

WORK EXPERIENCE

Village of Ossining – Ossining Village Historian
7/2020 - Present

Public historian appointed by Mayor. Responsible for interpreting the past, researching and writing for variety of publications and advocate for historic preservation. In addition, teach courses, serve as a resource to teachers, content consultant, as well as provide speaking engagements and lectures to community groups.

*Westchester County – Records Access Officer | Exec.
Secretary to Commissioner of
Emergency Services*

5/00 - Present

Perform all executive secretarial tasks for Commissioner and Deputies. Serve as the webmaster by maintaining and updating the departmental website for 2 departments. Transcribe and proofread confidential correspondence, research, prepare reports, schedule appts. EEO Compliance Officer. Records Access Officer. Department archivist.

*Westchester County – Assistant Secretary to the
County Executive*

10/98 – 5/00

Provide primary support services for the top 3 assistants to the County Executive. Arrange scheduling, meeting preparation, tracking of correspondence and in-depth research for specific projects of the administration.

BOARDS/MEMBERSHIPS

2018 – present Little Bertie County Genealogy Society of Ossining – Founded in 2018

Founding Member and Lead Genealogical Researcher

The mission of the Little Bertie County Genealogy Society of Ossining is to promote the active pursuit of family research in the community so that members will gain a better understanding of their community, heritage, and themselves. The society provides an avenue to commune with neighbors, share stories, learn from one another and to explore and strengthen family and community roots together.

2019 – present Ossining Public Library Ancestry Club – Facilitated by the Little Bertie County Genealogical Society (Lead Researcher and Presenter)

2020 – present Ossining Historical Society (Member)

2020 - present Association of Public Historians of New York State

2020 – present Juneteenth Council (Founding Member)

2021 – present Bethany Arts Community (Board Member)

2021 – present Ossining Historic Cemetery Conservation (Board Member)

2021 – present Historic Jug Tavern (Board Member)

2022 – present Westchester County Historical Society (Trustee)

2023 – present Journeys 2 Change – Civil Rights organization (Board Member)

2024 Historic Hudson Valley African American Advisory Board (Board Member)

2020 – 2023 Ossining Historical Preservation Commissioner (Board Member)

AWARDS/CITATIONS

- 2024 Certificate of Recognition from NYS Governor Kathleen Hochul
- 2024 Distinguished Woman Award from NYS Legislative Women's Caucus
- 2024 US House of Representatives Proclamation – Significant contributions in the Hudson Valley
- 2024 Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition – Unearthing history of the Rising Sun Golf & Country Club
- 2023 Ossining Sankofa Homecoming Certificate of Recognition – outstanding service and commitment to community
- 2023 NYS Assembly Citation – for work as Village Historian and Genealogist
- 2023 NYS Senate Proclamation – for Groundbreaking Research
- 2023 Certificate of Congressional Recognition – Genealogy and Research
- 2022 Volunteer of the Year – Ossining Public Library
- 2021 NYS Senate Citation - History & Heritage Award
- 2021 Certificate of Recognition – Preserving History & Heritage
- 2021 Volunteer of the Year – Ossining Public Library

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

International Audiences

Nestlé

AITi Tidemann Global Investment Company (London office)

Domestic Audiences

Historic Hope Plantation

Historic Hudson Valley

Ossining Public Library

New Rochelle Public Library

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS CONTINUED...

Westchester County Historical Society

Finkelstein Memorial Library (Rockland)
Mercy College
Croton Free Library
Greenburgh Public Library
American Association of University Women/Westchester (AAUW)
NYS Office of Parks, Recreation & Historic Preservation
Sing Sing Prison Museum
Ossining History Storytime (YouTube)
Ossining RiverWorks
Ossining Village Board
Jug Tavern
Ossining Historical Society
Mt. Olivet Church, Peekskill
Star of Bethlehem Church, Ossining
Full Gospel Tabernacle (Ossining)
Rising Above Boundaries (RAB)
Westchester County Genealogical Society
ArtsWestchester
Cornell University
Rotary Club - Ossining
Rotary Club - Briarcliff
Ossining School District (all 6 schools)
ENU builds access
Bethany Arts Community
City of Newburgh (Newburg Library)
Westchester/Rockland County Wide Juneteenth Council

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS CONTINUED...

Entrepreneur Ready

Dr. George W. Hill Legacy Center

Ossining Juneteenth Council

Marymount Convent

Dominican Sisters of Hope, Inc.

COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK)
) ss.:
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER)

I, Joyce Cole do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support
(Print or Type Name)

the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of African American Advisory Board in and for the
(Print or Type Board Name)

County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.

Date: 8/21/2024

Joyce Cole
(Signature)

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 21st day of August,
2024.

[Signature]

(Signature)

Victoria Duval

(Print or Type Name)

Notary

(Title of Official Administering Oath)

VICTORIA L. DUVAL
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01DU6075842
Qualified in Putnam County
Commission Expires June 10, 20 26

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.