



Labor & Housing BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Damon Maher

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Monday, May 10, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Legislation and Budget & Appropriations

With a quorum present, Chair Maher called the meeting to order at 1:05 PM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in Attendance: BOL: Kitley Covill, Alessandra Restiano, Jill Axelrod BOL Remote: MaryJane Shimsky, Nancy Barr, Vedat Gashi, Colin Smith, Ruth Walter LAW: Justin Adin LAW Remote: Stacy Dolgin-Kmetz HRC Remote: Tejash Sanchala, FAIR HOUSING Remote: Joshua Levin GUEST Remote: Sherry Leiwant

Present: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin and Legislator Parker

Remote: Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2021-98](#) **PH - Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law**

A Public Hearing on a "LOCAL LAW amending Local Law No. 11-2018 relating to applications for prospective purchasers of stock in Cooperative Housing Corporations." [Public Hearing set for May 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.]. Local Law Intro 2021-212.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION AND LABOR & HOUSING

Joint with LEG

Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Tejash Sanchala, Executive Director, Westchester County Human Rights Commission

Mr. Adin discussed amendments to the legislation made after the last meeting. Legislator

Covill and Chairman Boykin said they want to be added as sponsors of the legislation. Legislator Shimsky said that a constituent who had been on many co-op boards had raised issues regarding the requirement that the co-op disclose firm mandatory minimum financial qualifications or a preferred minimum income. Legislator Covill suggested adding the following language at the end of the last sentence in Section 2: "noting that these criteria may vary in the discretion of the Board weighing these factors when they make a decision on an application." Mr. Adin said he would add the language, and the committee approved the law as amended.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Parker

2. [2021-212](#) **Amendments to the Co-op Disclosure Law**

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On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Parker

3. [RES-2021-99](#) **PH - Earned Sick Leave for Domestic Workers**

A Public Hearing on a "Local Law amending Chapter 585 of the Laws of Westchester County regarding earned sick leave for domestic workers." [Public Hearing set for May 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.]. Local Law Intro 2021-289.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATION AND LABOR & HOUSING

Joint with BA & LEG

Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Sherry Leiwant Co-Founder & Co-President - A Better Balance

Mr. Adin explained that after the County passed the Earned Sick Leave Law in 2018, New York State passed Earn Sick Leave statewide. The State law preempts the County law, but does not provide protections for domestic workers, which the County law did. This law reaffirms Earned Sick Leave protections for domestic workers in the County. Ms. Leiwant thanked the legislators for passing this law and protecting domestic workers.

On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Parker

4. [2021-289](#) **Earned Sick Leave for Domestic Workers**

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On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Maher, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Parker

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Williams, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 2:22 PM.