

Appointments Meeting Agenda



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Committee Chair: Anant Nambiar

Monday, May 18, 2026

3:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Jennifer Puja will be participating remotely from 595 W. Hartsdale Ave, White Plains, NY 10607.

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Monday, April 20, 2026 at 3:00 pm.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2026-246](#) **HON. VEDAT GASHI - ACT - WCHCC - Boykin**

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4. [2026-247](#) **HON. VEDAT GASHI - RESO - Rent Guidelines Board - Beqi**

A RESOLUTION recommending the appointment of Nick Beqi as the Westchester County Board of Legislators Public Member of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board for a term to commence upon approval by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Renewal and expire on December 31, 2030.

5. [2026-255](#) **HON. VEDAT GASHI - ACT - WC Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board - Algieri**

AN ACT recommending the appointment of Shannon Algieri as the Westchester County Board of Legislators member of the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for a term to commence on May 18, 2026 and expire on May 18, 2030.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee recommends passage of “AN ACT appointing the Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. as a voting director to the governing board of the Westchester County Health Care Corporation.”

Your Committee is advised that in January 1997, the State of New York amended the New York State Public Authorities Law (hereinafter “Public Authorities Law”) by adding a new Article 10-C, Title 1, thereby creating the Westchester County Health Care Corporation (hereinafter “WCHCC”). Article 10-C, Section §3303(1)(b), of the Public Authorities Law provides that WCHCC shall be governed by fifteen voting directors, of which eight directors shall be appointed by the governor and seven directors shall be appointed by the legislature of the County of Westchester, subject to the approval by the County Executive. See Public Authorities Law §3303(1)(b).

Your Committee is in receipt of a letter from Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman, Legislator Vedat Gashi recommending the appointment of Benjamin Boykin II. to the WCHCC Board of Directors. Benjamin Boykin II’s service as a voting director will commence on May 18, 2026 and end on May 18, 2031.

Benjamin Boykin II. has outstanding qualifications which make his appointment to the WCHCC Board of Directors most desirable. In addition to the time and expertise he has already committed Westchester County, Benjamin Boykin II He served as a Westchester County Legislator for District 5 (White Plains, Scarsdale, West Harrison) from 2014 until his retirement in early 2026, after being re-elected to his sixth term in 2023, and chaired the Board of Legislators from 2018-2022, leading through the COVID-

19 pandemic by passing progressive legislation, stabilizing finances, cutting property taxes, and investing in infrastructure and affordable housing. Previously, he sat on the White Plains Common Council for 14 years (2000-2013, elected president three times) and the White Plains School Board for seven years. In 2024, the Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. was elected president of the New York State Association of Counties (NYSAC), leading the organization during its 2025 centennial year.

Accordingly, your Committee encourages and urges the appointment of Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. as a voting director of the WCHCC's Board of Directors. Notably, this is a legislative appointment, which is subject to approval by the County Executive. See Public Health Authorities Law §3303(1)(b).

Finally, as previously indicated, the Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. is hereby appointed to a term of five (5) years as a voting Director in accordance with Public Authorities Law 3303(3)(b), the term to commence on May 18, 2026 to May 18, 2031.

Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends the adoption of the attached Act appointing Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. to the Board of Directors of the WCHCC, subject to approval by the County Executive, for a term to expire on May 18, 2031.

Dated: May 18, 2026
White Plains, New York

COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

ACT NO. – 2026

AN ACT appointing Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. as a voting director to the governing board of the Westchester County Health Care Corporation.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Article 10-C, Title 1, Section 3303, of the New York State Public Authorities Law, Hon. Benjamin Boykin II. is hereby appointed, subject to the approval of the County Executive, to serve on the governing board of the Westchester County Health Care Corporation for a term to expire on May 18, 2031.

§2. This Act shall take effect May 18, 2026.

Vedat Gashi

Chairman of the Board
Legislator, 4th District



TO: Hon. Anant Nambiar
Chair, Appointments

FROM: Hon. Vedat Gashi
Chairman of the Board

DATE: May 12, 2026

RE: WCHCC Appointments (El-Rayess, Boykin, Bluestein) and Beqi

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vedat Gashi".

As Chairman of the Board of Legislators, I am placing the below items directly into the Committee on Appointments.

Thank you.

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Your Committee is in receipt of a letter from Westchester County Board of Legislators Chairman Vedat Gashi recommending the appointment of Clifford Bleustein, MD, MBA, to the WCHCC Board of Directors. This ACT will appoint Dr. Bleustein for a five-year term to commence on May 18, 2026 and will expire on May 18, 2031.

Dr. Clifford Bleustein outstanding qualifications make his appointment to the WCHCC Board of Directors highly desirable. He has a distinguished background in medical research and management, with a career spanning more than 20 years and multiple leadership roles. He currently serves as the Global President & Chief Executive Officer, Director of Apos Medical Assets. In this role, he oversees the company’s strategic direction, operations, business development and is responsible

globally for all clinical trials, regulatory submissions (e.g. FDA) and clinical outcomes and analysis.

Accordingly, your Committee encourages and urges the appointment of Dr. Clifford Bleustein as a voting director of the WCHCC's Board of Directors. Notably, this is a legislative appointment, which is subject to approval by the County Executive. See Public Health Authorities Law §3303(1)(b).

Finally, as previously indicated, Dr. Clifford Bleustein is hereby appointed to a term of five (5) years as a voting Director in accordance with Public Authorities Law 3303(3)(b), the term to commence on May 18, 2026 and to expire on May 18, 2031. Your Committee, after careful consideration, recommends the adoption of the attached Act appointing Clifford Bleustein, MD, MBA, to the Board of Directors of the WCHCC, subject to approval by the County Executive, for a term to expire on May 18, 2031.

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§2. Section 2. This Act shall take effect immediately.

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Tamer El-Rayess MBA, outstanding qualifications make his appointment to the WCHCC Board of Directors highly desirable. He has a distinguished background in finance, with a career spanning more than 20 years and multiple leadership roles. He currently serves as Chairman of the Board of Grand.Bank, Continental Finance and Vice Chairman of HEC Energy Company. In those roles he oversees efforts to serve the 60% of Americans who are financially marginalized helping consumers rebuild credit, savings and buy their first home as a pathway to generational wealth.

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, the Emergency Tenant Protection act of 1974, Chapter 576, Laws of 1974 is in effect; and

WHEREAS, under the Act, the Westchester County Board of Legislators recommends for appointment to the Rent Guidelines Board persons to be representatives of tenants, owners of property, and the public sector, and the State Division of Housing and Community Renewal ("DHCR") is the appointing authority; and

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists for the Public Member position on the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Legislators Committee on Appointments has done due diligence and recommends to the Board a candidate who meets the requirements of the ETPA of 1974; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that this Honorable Board of Legislators does hereby recommend for appointment by the New York State Division of Housing and Community Nick Beqi, of Yonkers, New York, as Public Member of the Westchester County Rent Guidelines Board for a term to commence upon approval by DHCR and expire on December 31, 2030.

Dated: May 18, 2026

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WHEREAS, Board Chairman Vedat Gashi, on the 13th day of May, 2026, having recommended the appointment of Shannon Algieri, of Pocantico Hills, New York, as a member of the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board for a term to expire May 18, 2030, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, as amended, and subject to the confirmation of this Board; and

WHEREAS, the Committee on Appointments, having on the 18th day of May, 2026, approved the appointment of Shannon Algieri as a member of the Westchester County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board, NOW
THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that said appointment be and is hereby approved.

Dated: May 18, 2026

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COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS