

# Human Services

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Nancy Barr

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**Tuesday, April 15, 2025**

**4:15 PM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint w/ Public Safety**

### CALL TO ORDER

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*Others In Attendance:*

*Legislator Cunzio (remote), Legislator Clements, Legislator Boykin*

**Present:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Pierce

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion related to the Blue Envelope Program

Guests:

**Department of Public Safety:**  
Commissioner Terrance Raynor

**Advocates:**  
Lucille Rossi  
DaQueen Monroe  
George Bailey  
Francesca Hagadus

**New York State Sheriffs Association:**  
James Bowers

*The meeting discussed the successful and widely adopted Blue Envelope Program for improving communication during traffic stops involving individuals with Autism and other communication challenges. The program provides participants with a blue envelope to store important documents and instructions for a calm and effective interaction with law enforcement officers. The program has been successfully adopted in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and several New York State counties, and has wide support within the community.*

*Self-identification of disabilities can be done in various ways, such as wearing bracelets or using stickers on cars. The more information police officers have about a person's disability, the better they can support and diffuse potential conflicts. During the meeting, consideration was given to alternative methods like standardized decals on vehicles, but concerns were raised about stigmatization. Collaboration with state agencies, law enforcement, and disability advocacy groups is crucial for successful rollout and education efforts.*

*The advocacy guests emphasized that the disability community are willing to provide information and support anytime to talk more about the different challenges and programs that can combat some of the challenges that were discussed, to make communities more integrated and safe.*

*For the full discussion you can view the video here:*

*[https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7572?view\\_id=1&redirect=true](https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7572?view_id=1&redirect=true)*

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 5:06 PM by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Pierce