

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, September 30, 2024

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint with LMC, LEG, and PWT

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St. Suite 1, Peekskill, NY 10566.

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:41 PM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: John Nonna, Jane Hogan-Felix, Francesca Mountain, Taryn Langrin, Rob Taglia, April Gasparri, Brian Hegt, Joan McDonald; BOL: Margaret Cunzio, Jose Alvarado, David Imamura, Catherine Parker, Dayana Gomez, Lisa Hochman, Karen Vele, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Marcello Figueroa, Warren Watson

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2024-184](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement of Reed and Nazario**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Robert Reed and Nicole Nazario v The County of Westchester, Westchester County Department of Corrections, Commissioner Joseph K. Spano and John Does 1-10, in the amount of THREE MILLION (\$3,000,000) DOLLARS for Robert Reed and TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS for Nicole Nazario for a total settlement of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Deputy County Attorney Jane Hogan-Felix

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the

Committee voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss legal strategy and settlement negotiations at 1:49 p.m. With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 2:43 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Williams

2. [ACT-2024-191](#) **ACT - Lawsuit Settlement of Palmieri v. County of Westchester**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle the lawsuit of Lisa Palmieri v. County of Westchester in the amount of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$325,000) DOLLARS, inclusive of attorney's fees.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Senior Assistant County Attorney Taryn Langrin Chapman

On motion of Legislator Smith, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Williams

3. [RES-2024-172](#) **PH - Amend Ground Lease Agreement with White Plains Aviation Partners**

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a ground lease agreement with White Plains Aviation Partners, LLC D/B/A Million Air White Plains for space at Westchester County Airport." [Public Hearing set for October 21, 2024 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2024-475.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LEG and PWT.
Guests: Law Department
County Attorney John Nonna
Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin
Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod

Department of Public Works & Transportation
Director of Aviation April Gasparri, Director of Aviation
Assistant to the Commissioner Brian Hegt

With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee voted unanimously to go into executive session to discuss legal advice at 3:22 p.m. With a motion by Legislator Smith and seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee voted unanimously to come out of executive session at 4:10 p.m.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was continued

4. [2024-474](#) **ENV. RESO. - Amend Ground Lease Agreement with White Plains Aviation Partners**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the proposed lease amendment.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LEG and PWT.
Guests: Law Department
County Attorney John Nonna
Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin
Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod

Department of Public Works & Transportation
Director of Aviation April Gasparri, Director of Aviation
Assistant to the Commissioner Brian Hegt
Please refer to item # 3.

This RESOLUTION - Environmental Resolution was continued

5. [2024-475](#) **LL - Amend Ground Lease Agreement with White Plains Aviation Partners**

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a ground lease agreement with White Plains Aviation Partners, LLC D/B/A Million Air White Plains for space at Westchester County Airport.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

Joint with LEG and PWT.
Guests: Law Department
County Attorney John Nonna
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Department of Public Works & Transportation
Director of Aviation April Gasparri, Director of Aviation
Assistant to the Commissioner Brian Hegt
Please refer to item #3.

This LOCAL LAW was continued

6. [2024-476](#) **ACT - Settlement with White Plains Aviation Partners**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to settle counterclaims in the federal action entitled White Plains Aviation Partners, LLC, d/b/a/ Million Air White Plains v. County of Westchester.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS

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Please refer to item #3.

This ACT was continued

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 4:18 PM. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Williams