



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, March 28, 2022

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Public Works & Transportation

*This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2022 and Governor Hochul's Executive Order 11.4, which authorizes any public body "to meet and take such action authorized by law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorize 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. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

*With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Shimsky called the meeting to order at 10:10 AM.*

**Present:** Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Committee Chair Gashi and Legislator Maher

**Remote:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Smith and Legislator Tubiolo

### MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, March 21, 2022 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

#### 1. [ACT-2022-22](#) **BOND ACT-WCC79-Roof Replacement Various Buildings**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND (\$730,000) DOLLARS to finance a component of Capital Project WCC79 - Roof Replacement Various Buildings.

***Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION***

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

*Robert Cirillo, Director of the physical plant at WCC discussed the item. He said this is for design and construction of the roof replacement for the physical education building. Vice-Chair Shimsky asked for a cost breakdown. Mr. Cirillo said he did not have cost breakdowns for any of the items because he was out last week. Vice-Chair Shimsky said the committee will discuss the items now and review the cost breakdowns once they are received. They will let*

*Mr. Cirillo know if they have any questions, and will vote them out at the next meeting.*

*Vice-Chair Shimsky asked if there was a possibility for doing solar. Mr. Cirillo said there is a solar system that manages the hot water for the pools and showers in the building. The solar panels will be temporarily removed to do the work on the roof and then put back.*

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

2. [ACT-2022-23](#) **BOND ACT-WCC83-Infrastructure Upgrade-Various Buildings**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED SEVENTEEN THOUSAND (\$317,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance a component of Capital Project WCC83 - Infrastructure Upgrade - Various Buildings.

***Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION***

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

*Mr. Cirillo said this is the work for the Knollwood Center, which houses the Continuing Education program, and Children's Center. The work is plumbing, electrical, and minor mechanical upgrades, but not the entire mechanical system for the building.*

*Vice-Chair Shimsky asked about energy efficiency. Mr. Cirillo said they are upgrading the building management system to allow them to control the temperature when the building is occupied.*

*Legislator Williams Johnson asked for a timeline for completion of the work, assuming it gets approved next month. Mr. Cirillo said once it's approved, he will have to work with DPW and get the projects on the Prequalification Board's agenda. Then they will send out RFPs to a list of consultants. He then goes back to the Professional Selection Board, a consultant is selected, and they start the design phase. The project is based on taking 12 months from the date of the executed contract with the design team. Legislator Barr asked when they anticipate the design to be done. Mr. Cirillo said design and bidding take about six months.*

*Vice-Chair Shimsky noted that the design and construction time frames for each of the projects is the same (12 months design and 18 months construction), and asked if these are all part of one capital project. Mr. Cirillo said they are five separate bids.*

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

3. [ACT-2022-24](#) **BOND ACT-WCC85-Academic Arts Building Infrastructure Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, TWO HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND (\$1,260,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance a component of Capital Project WCC85 - Academic Arts Building Infrastructure Upgrade.

***Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION***

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

Mr. Cirillo said the Academic Arts building infrastructure upgrades will include the fire alarm, electrical, and sprinkler systems, switch gears, circuit breakers, and LED lighting throughout the building. Vice-Chair Shimsky asked how much we anticipate saving with the LED lighting. Mr. Cirillo said he cannot provide accurate numbers because the buildings only have one master meter for the entire campus. The master plan provides for each building to have meters. Vice-Chair Shimsky asked when they plan to do that. Mr. Cirillo said this is one of the first three projects in the master plan, and they will request funding in the next three years or sooner. He said the LED lighting lasts longer so they don't have to be replaced as often. He also noted that they have sensors in the rooms to turn off the lights when the room is unoccupied.

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

4. [ACT-2022-25](#) **BOND ACT-WCC86-Science Building Infrastructure Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED EIGHTY FOUR THOUSAND (\$784,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC86 - Science Building Infrastructure Upgrade.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

Mr. Cirillo said that this project includes updating the veneer of the Science building, as well as upgrading the plumbing, electrical and fire sprinkler system. Vice-Chair Shimsky asked if the veneer work will have any energy saving implications. Mr. Cirillo said it is just work on the facade to keep water out of the building. Vice-Chair Shimsky asked if there are flooding or storm water issues on this part of campus. Mr. Cirillo said no because the area is pretty high up on the campus.

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

5. [ACT-2022-26](#) **BOND ACT-WCC88-Maintenance Building Infrastructure Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED FIFTY FOUR THOUSAND (\$354,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC88 - Maintenance Building Infrastructure Upgrade.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

Mr. Cirillo said this is the old maintenance building, which is a residence house which is now being used for storage, but it might be turned into programming such as the vet tech program. This will make the building ADA-compliant and upgrade the plumbing, electrical and fire alarm, and install a new boiler to bring the building up to code.

Legislator Pierce asked about energy efficiency. Mr. Cirillo said that once the engineering team is on board, they will look into energy efficient mechanical systems that can be put into the system. He said the building will be reinsulated, and the new windows will be energy

efficient.

Legislator Nolan asked if we can put gravel or plants on the roof to reduce the energy and pressure put on the air conditioning units and lighten the power load. Mr. Cirillo said the roofing material they use reflects sun away from the building.

This ACT - Bond Act was continued

6. [ACT-2022-18](#) **BOND ACT-WCC90-Technology Upgrade Off Campus**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance a component of Capital Project WCC90 - Technology Upgrade Off Campus 2017/18 - 2021/22.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

Garrett McAllister, Deputy Chief Information Officer for WCC, shared a spreadsheet with equipment listings for the IT projects. He said a lot of the project is replacement, but a notable project is providing virtual desktop environments for students to work from home. The wireless infrastructure needs to be replaced as the demand for wireless devices increases.

Legislator Barr asked how if these projects can be done quickly. Mr. McAllister said that as soon as funding is approved, they can start their orders. He said there may be delays due to the supply chain crisis.

Legislator Barr asked if giving students more access will create an issue with cybersecurity. Mr. McAllister said that the college is engaged with the right partners to ensure security. They also have multifactor identification for students to access the college's system.

Legislator Pierce asked if students who are attending classes remotely have had any issues with connectivity. Mr. McAllister said they some students have had issues because they cannot afford to pay for broadband, or it is not widely available in the County. This is a nationwide problem. Some students also lack sufficient bandwidth speed.

Legislator Williams Johnson asked whether the VPN needed to be expanded. Mr. McAllister said they have moved from VPN to virtual desktop infrastructure, which allows you to work without any technical know-how. The VPN is for faculty and administrative staff.

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

**Aye:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Committee Chair Gashi and Legislator Maher

7. [ACT-2022-19](#) **BOND ACT-WCC91-Technology Upgrade On-Campus**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$600,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC91 - Technology Upgrade On-Campus 2017/18 - 2021/22.

**Submitted by: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PW&T.

Guests: Anthony Scordino and Garrett McAlister- WCC

*Please refer to item #6.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Committee Chair Gashi and Legislator Maher

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 11:08 AM.