

Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, September 15, 2025

1:00 PM

Committee Room

Joint w/B&A, PWT, PS

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

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

Joint with Budget & Appropriations, Public Works & Transportation, and Public Safety committees.

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1: 42 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson, Erika Pierce, Nancy Barr, Shanae Williams, and Judah Holstein; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Dayana Gomez, and Shatika Parker; Dept. of Public Safety: Lt. Joe Peters (Remote); DPW: Michael Swee; Law Dept.: Jason Whitehead

Present: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, September 3, 2025

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney Jason Whitehead; Dept. of Public Safety: Capt. James Greer; Dept. of Public Works & Transportation: Michael Swee, Director of Surface Transportation

1. [RES-2025-94](#) **PH-Civil Penalty for Theft of Services-Bee-Line Bus System**

Mr. Whitehead said the legislation had been revised to set the penalty at a maximum of \$ 50 per violation, removing escalating fines, and to provide that the annual reporting required from the Department of Public Safety will track the number and location of tickets issued.

Lt. Joe Peters from the Department of Public Safety explained that having an officer issue a ticket to someone on the bus in front of other passengers will act as more of a deterrent than going through the extensive process of a misdemeanor arrest for an individual.

Legislator Nolan said something needs to be done to discourage repeat offenders. Mr. Whitehead said that would be up to the municipalities. Public safety officers retain discretion to issue tickets based on circumstances.

Legislator Pierce highlighted the importance of having uniformed officers issue tickets to ensure effective deterrence and community trust.

Legislator Boykin said the wording of Sec. 643.31(1) was confusing as to who would issue tickets. After discussion, the committee members agreed that the language of the sections should state that "Violators of this Chapter may be issued appearance tickets by police officers of either the Westchester County Department of Public Safety or municipal police departments within the County." With a motion by Legislator Imamura seconded by Legislator Nolan, the legislation was amended to reflect this change.

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

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [2025-299](#) **LOCAL LAW-Civil Penalty for Theft of Services-Bee-Line Bus System**

See Item #1 above.

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

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the Committee adjourned at 2:26 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

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