



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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Monday, July 11, 2022

1:00 PM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Legislation and Public Works & Transportation

*This meeting will be held pursuant to Chapter 1 of the New York State Laws of 2022 and Executive Order 11, as extended, which authorize 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 Barr called the meeting to order at 1:40 PM.*

**Present:** Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Parker and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Remote:** Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2022-316](#) **PH-Airport Parking Garage Lease Termination**

A RESOLUTION to hold a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with the County of Westchester Industrial Development Agency and Westchester Airport Associates L.P. ("WAA") to terminate, effective retroactively to December 31, 2021, a lease agreement dated October 19, 1993, for property located at the Westchester County Airport in connection with WAA's construction and operation of a parking garage thereon". [Public Hearing set for \_\_\_\_\_, 2022 at \_\_\_\_\_.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2022-317.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON LEGISLATION, BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with LEG and PW&T.

Guests:

Director of Operations Joan McDonald-CEO

Associate County Attorney David Vutera-LAW

*Ms. McDonald explained that the legislation retroactively terminates the existing lease and allows the County to enter into a new lease, because the current lease does not provide for termination by mutual consent. Mr. Vutera said the lease they are currently negotiating is similar to the original.*

*Legislator Smith asked if the current tenants will be able to meet their obligations, and Ms. McDonald said that they will, as travel has already increased since the pandemic. Several legislators voiced concerns about this lease being different and having larger implications than what they originally thought. Ms. McDonald reiterated that she didn't believe there was any negative fiscal impact to the county.*

*Legislator Smith noted that the Board of Legislators' fiscal team had raised several questions they felt needed to be answered before voting on the item, and asked if it would be a major issue if they delayed the vote on the item until they receive the information they needed. Ms. McDonald said that it was not. Legislator Boykin said there is potentially a lot of money tied to this lease, and it's crucial that the legislators understand what is being given up and what we're receiving in return.*

*It was agreed that the questions should be sent to the County Executive's staff and the Budget Department before any vote on the item was taken. Further discussion ensued on specifics of the lease, which Ms. McDonald said are actively being negotiated. She said that if the lessee is amenable, she would share some of those details. Legislator Smith said the item would be tabled pending responses to the questions raised by staff.*

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was continued

## 2. [2022-317](#) **LOCAL LAW-Airport Parking Garage Lease Termination**

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*Please refer to item #1.*

This LOCAL LAW - Proposed Local Law was continued

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

## ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Nolan, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky, the Committee adjourned at 2:22 PM.