

TO: BOARD OF LEGISLATORS
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER

Your Committee recommends passage of “An Act approving Kitley Covill as a member of the Westchester County Board of Ethics.”

Your Committee is informed that pursuant to section 883.401 of the Laws of Westchester County, the Board of Ethics shall consist of seven members, five of whom shall be appointed by the County Executive, and two of whom shall be appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators. The members appointed by the County Executive shall be subject to confirmation by the Board of Legislators, while the members appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators shall be subject to approval by Act of the Board of Legislators.

Your Committee is further informed that Vedat Gashi, Chair of the Board of Legislators has appointed Hon. Kitley Covill to serve as a member of the Board of Ethics for a term to expire on December 31, 2025. As this Honorable Board is aware, Ms. Covill has a long history of public service, including serving as Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney in the Westchester County Law Department, serving as Inspector General of Yonkers, and serving as a member of this Board, as Legislator for District 2.

During her tenure as Legislator, Ms. Covill was appointed by the County Executive, George Latimer, to serve as the employee member of the Board of Ethics. During her tenure on the Board of Ethics, she helped draft and shepherd through the new, comprehensive Code of Ethics for the County. She was also elected to the position of Chair of the Board of Ethics where she has overseen the implementation of the new Code of Ethics, and working with the various departments of the County has overseen the rollout of ethics training and the new digital financial disclosure system.

Your Committee recognizes that Ms. Covill is no longer an employee of the County, and therefore cannot continue occupying the mandatory employee position on the Board of Ethics. As such, and so that she can continue her outstanding work on the Board of Ethics, your Committee therefore recommends approval of the appointment of Kitley Covill as a member of the Board of Ethics appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators.

White Plains, New York
, 2024

COMMITTEE ON

ACT NO. -2024

An Act approving Kitley Covill as a member of the Westchester County Board of Ethics.

BE IT ENACTED by the County Board of the County of Westchester as follows:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 883.401 of the Laws of Westchester County, Kitley Covill, has been appointed by the Chair of the Board of Legislators as a member of the Board of Ethics for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Section 2. The appointment of Kitley Covill to the Board of Ethics is hereby approved for a term to expire on December 31, 2025.

Section 3. This Act shall take effect immediately.