

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Tyrae Woodson-Samuels

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10:00 AM

Committee Room

Joint w/I&H, PS&V, LIT, P&E

CALL TO ORDER

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With a quorum present, Chair Woodson-Samuel called the meeting to order at 10:12 AM.

Others in Attendance: Ethan Samuel, Jill Axelrod, Sebastian Loreti, James Silverberg, Greg Casciato, Santiago Caceres GUESTS: Guests: Peter Tartaglia, Robert Lopane, Blanca Lopez, Stephen Courage, Craig Lader, Susan Spear, Douglas Stiller, Karin Hallow, Mario Arena, Loren Zeitler ; BOL: Terry Clements, Colin Smith, Nancy Barr, David Imamura

Present: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2026-248](#) **BOND ACT-RCC17-County Center Facility Improvements**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE MILLION (\$5,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RCC17 - County Center Facility Improvements.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING, AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT

Guests: Parks Dept.: First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia and Director of Park Planning Robert Lopane

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

2. [2026-242](#) **ACT-Regional Partnership Agreement-Dutchess & Putnam Counties FY2023**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Regional Partnership Agreement with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under FY2023 Hazardous Materials Grant Program.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests: Dept of Emergency Services.: Commissioner Susan Spear and Chief of Special Operations Douglas Stiller

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

3. [2026-243](#) **ACT-Regional Partnership Agreement-Dutchess & Putnam Counties FY2024**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a Regional Partnership with Dutchess County and Putnam County in order to receive funding from the New York State Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services under the FY2024 Hazardous Materials Grant Program.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY & VETERANS

Guests: Dept of Emergency Services.: Commissioner Susan Spear, Chief of Special Operations Douglas Stiller

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

4. [2026-241](#) **ACT-Mortgage Tax Receipts-10-1-25 through 3-31-26**

AN ACT to authorize the Commissioner of Finance to pay the Mortgage Tax Receipts, apportioned according to and as mandated by Section 216 (3) of the New York State Tax Law, to the cities, towns and villages listed in the attached report.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guests: Finance Dept: Commissioner Karin Hablow, Deputy Commissioner Mario Arena

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

5. [2026-250](#) **CBA-BPL39-Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program**

AN ACT amending the 2026 County Capital Budget Appropriations for Capital Project BPL39 - Complete Streets Fund.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Associate Transportation Planner Stephen Courage, Director of Transportation Planning Craig Lader

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

6. [2026-251](#) **BOND ACT-BPL39 (Design) - Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR MILLION (\$4,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL39 - Complete Streets Fund.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Associate Transportation Planner Stephen Courage, Director of Transportation Planning Craig Lader

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

7. [2026-252](#) **IMA (Design) - Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program-11 Municipalities**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into intermunicipal agreements with eleven municipalities for the County to undertake the design of the municipalities' complete streets projects and take back an easement in the municipally owned roads and real

properties on which the projects will be located for a term which shall commence on execution and terminate when the bonds issued for the design of the projects have been paid in full.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Associate Transportation Planner Stephen Courage, Director of Transportation Planning Craig Lader

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

8. [2026-253](#) **BOND ACT-BPL39 (Construction) - Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED NINETY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$1,395,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL39 - Complete Streets Fund.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Associate Transportation Planner Stephen Courage, Director of Transportation Planning Craig Lader

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

9. [2026-254](#) **IMA-(Construction) - Complete Streets Municipal Assistance Program-Mount Kisco**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Mount Kisco for the Town to construct and install its complete streets project entitled "Mount Kisco Streetscape Sidewalk Improvements Phase 3B" on its municipally owned roads and real properties with the County reimbursing up to 50% of the costs incurred by the Town of Mount Kisco for construction and construction management related to the project for a term commencing on execution and terminating when the bonds issued for the construction of the project has been paid in full.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND INFRASTRUCTURE & HOUSING

Guests: Planning Dept.: Commissioner Blanca Lopez, Associate Transportation Planner Stephen Courage, Director of Transportation Planning Craig Lader

On motion of Legislator Nambiar, 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 Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

10. [2026-256](#) **ACT - Opioid Settlement against Associated Pharmacies, Inc.**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to participate in the national opioid settlement against Associated Pharmacies, Inc. (and American Associated Pharmacies); J M Smith Corporation; Louisiana Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; Morris and Dickson Co.; North Carolina Mutual Wholesale Drug Company, Inc.; and United Natural Foods, Inc. (including its subsidiaries SuperValu and Advantage Logistics).

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LITIGATION

Guests: Law Dept.: Associate County Attorney Loren Zeitler

Ms. Zeitler said this legislation authorizes the County to participate in an opioid settlement against six regional distributors. She added that this would be a one-time settlement payment to the County. She said that pursuant to a formula dependent on how many municipalities join, the payment will be roughly \$100,000 if the County agrees to participate.

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

Aye: Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Nambiar, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Williams Johnson and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Holstein and Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee was adjourned at 11:27AM.