

Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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1:00 PM

Committee Room

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.

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:07 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Erika Pierce and Shanae Williams; Committee Coordinator: Jill Axelrod, Marcello Figueroa, and Sunday Vanderberg

Present: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Gashi

Remote: Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

RES-2025-66 Establishing the Herman S. Geist Fellowship Program

BOL Chairman Gashi said that naming the Board of Legislators' paid summer internship program the "Herman S. Geist Summer Fellowship Program" is a way to honor Mr. Geist's remarkable record of public service. He noted that Mr. Geist, who recently celebrated his 100th birthday, was the first Chairman of the Board of Legislators. Legislator Tubiolo noted that Mr. Geist served in the military in World War II. Legislator Boykin said that Mr. Geist is an icon not only in Westchester, but also in NYSAC, where he serves as parliamentarian.

Legislator Cunzio suggested that the program should not have an upper age limit since some college students are older than 22. The committee agreed to amend the resolution to provide that participants in the fellowship program be "at least 16 years of age," rather than between 16 and 22 years old. Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk of the Board of Legislators, said that the age limit was based on the trend of prior interns, and there was no legal reason to have it.

Chair Gashi said the resolution should also be amended to provide that the program shall begin “no later than” July of each year rather than “in July”.

With a motion by Legislator Nolan seconded by Legislator Imamura, the amendments were unanimously approved.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, 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, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Gashi

Away: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Imamura, the Committee adjourned at 1:28 p.m. by the following vote:

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

Away: Legislator Woodson-Samuels