

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Wednesday, February 21, 2024

10:00 AM

Committee Room

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### CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: David Kvinge, Hugh Greechan, Gayle Katzman, Hernane De Almeida, Rob Abbamont, Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Rob Lopane, David DeLuca, Nick Hyson, Lindsay Jackson, Diane Vanadia ; BOL: Catherine Parker, Dayana Gomez, Lisa Hochman, Warren Watson, Santiago Caceras, James Silverberg*

**Present:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2024-30](#) **BOND ACT-Rescinding Bond Act No. 95-2022**

A BOND ACT to rescind Bond Act 95-2022 (A Bond Act originally issued to finance a component of Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation in the Village of Briarcliff Manor - the Village has since withdrew its request for funding).

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

*This project was originally proposed through a flood mitigation program where the Village of Briarcliff wanted to do a broad study on the Pocantico River. After withdrawing their application, they submitted a new one to actually address flooding and anticipate submitting a Bond Act within the next few months to the Board of Legislators.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

2. [ACT-2024-31](#) **ACT-Acquiring a Permanent Easement from the State of New York**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to accept an easement from the State of New York in order to facilitate the County's construction and on-going maintenance of a living shoreline and reef in, under and along the Long Island Sound in the vicinity of Playland Park.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT**

Joint with P&E.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Assistant Commissioner David Kvinge

*The living shoreline project will begin in Spring 2024 and will address erosion issues at a portion of the beachfront in Playland, near the wildlife sanctuary. They will be building a living shoreline, including in-shore and on-shore interventions such as a dune system, reef balls and additional wave breaks that will reduce the velocity of the waves and capture sediment. The ecosystem in this area will improve within a year of having started. The remaining step to fulfill is accepting an easement as New York waters are controlled by the Department of State. As part of the construction, they will be creating a viewing area and a photography post to document the change throughout the coming years. There is a \$500 administration fee going to New York State and there will be educational components in the area, including signage explaining the projects and a kiosk. There is a requirement to monitor the project for five years to ensure that there is a contribution for a healthy ecosystem. They are working with Soil & Water and are exploring different monitoring protocols. The Department of Environmental Conservation is not requiring a specific consultant but are requiring a specific protocol methodology.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

3. [ACT-2024-23](#) **BOND ACT-B035E-Equipment Acquisition Program, RGP13-Gen'I Infrac.-Equipment Acquisition**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,500,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project B035E - Equipment Acquisition Program (2021-2025) and Capital Project RGP13 - General Infrastructure - Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025).

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Works & Transportation  
First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman

Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia  
Program Coordinator Rob Lopane

*This bond act is to fund two projects: Capital Project B035E-Equipment Acquisition Program (associated with the Department of Public Works and Transportation) and Capital Project RGP13-General Infrastructure-Equipment Acquisition (associated with the Department of Parks, Recreation and Conservation). The equipment requested for both projects allows for these departments to continue fulfilling their roles and providing maintenance throughout different facilities in the County. There are no financially reasonable alternatives for energy efficient vehicles which is why they are leaning towards diesel fueled vehicles, though they are not turning away from the idea for the future.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

4. [RES-2024-13](#) **ENV RES-RGI04-Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant impact on the environment from Capital Project RGI04 - Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION***

Joint with P&E and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor  
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia  
Program Coordinator Rob Lopane

First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman - Public Works and Transportation Department

Principal & Director of Business Development David DeLuca, PE, DBIA - Hardesty and Hanover, LLC

*The current historical 100-year old bridge needs to be completely reconstructed as it has worn out components. The funding amendment of \$5.175 million was previously authorized for the design portion, while the remainder of the \$58 million will go towards construction, construction management and a temporary moveable bridge. The moveable bridge will allow two ways of traffic along with having a walking or biking area on the sides as well, while the old bridge can stay open while they replace the machinery, without any traffic. One of the final steps remaining for this project is to accept the easement from New York State which encompasses the project area. After its reparations, the draw bridge will have a span of about*

50 years.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

5. [ACT-2024-28](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-RGI04-Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing the issuance of FIFTY-TWO MILLION, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$52,825,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project RG104 - Glen Island Bridge Rehabilitation III.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT, AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with P&E and PWT.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

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First Deputy Commissioner Gayle Katzman - Public Works and Transportation Department

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*Please refer to item #4.*

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

6. [ACT-2024-29](#) **ACT-Acquiring Temporary Easement from the City of New Rochelle-RGI04**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to accept all necessary property rights from the City of New Rochelle in connection with the County's rehabilitation of the Glen Island Bridge.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PARKS & ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with P&E and PWT.  
Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
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*Please refer to item #4.*

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Holstein and Legislator Smith

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:36 AM.