

# Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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**Monday, April 28, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint with B&A, P&E, and IT&C**

## CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislator Judah Holstein, Legislators (Remote): Colin Smith and Catherine Parker; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, and Ethan Samuel; Santiago Caceres; Law Dept.: John Paul Iannace; PRC: Peter Tartaglia (Remote); Planning Dept.: Michael Swee and Craig Lader; DEF (Remote): Vincent Kopicki and Steve Elie-Pierre*

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## MINUTES APPROVAL

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2025-52](#) **PH-Amendment to Lease Agreement-Westchester Children's Museum**

A Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a lease agreement with the Westchester Children's Museum for the operation of a children's museum on approximately 21,390 square feet of County property in order to extend the term an additional twenty (20) years and to amend and clarify certain other provisions of the lease agreement." [Public Hearing set for May 19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2025-147.

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

Joint with B&A and PE.

Guests: Parks, Recreation and Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Senior Assistant County Attorney John Paul Iannace

*This item was discussed in conjunction with the following item #2025-147 and includes a public hearing along with a local law for a lease agreement amendment with the Westchester Children's Museum at Playland Park. The original lease was for 10 years and signed in 2015, whereas the new lease will be extended by an additional 20 years, expiring on December 13, 2045. This extension is in compliance with New York State's alienation law that allowed the County to lease the property for up to 30 years. Within the new terms, an agreed monthly payment of \$1,500 must be paid to the County to cover propane, electricity and other utility services, as there is no sub-metering on the premises. This amount will be revisited every 5 years to ensure that it aligns with current costs and adjust as necessary. The museum is also to invest a minimum of \$10 Million in capital improvements while the County is to fund exterior repairs up to \$1 Million. The Children's Museum has followed the lease terms accordingly, including maintaining consistency in programming, which aligns with the Parks Department's mission.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

2. [LL Intro 2025-147](#)      **LOCAL LAW-Amendment of Lease Agreement-Westchester Children's Museum**

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to amend a lease agreement with the Westchester Children's Museum for the operation of a children's museum on approximately 21,390 square feet of County property in order to extend the term an additional twenty (20) years and to amend and clarify certain other provisions of the lease agreement.

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

Joint with B&A and PE.

Guests: Parks, Recreation and Conservation

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Senior Assistant County Attorney John Paul Iannace

*Please see previous item for discussion (#2025-146).*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

3. [RES-2025-53](#)      **PH-Sewer District Mod-Add-Cortlandt**

A Public Hearing on "AN ACT to modify the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District by the addition of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Cortlandt." [Public Hearing set for May 19, 2025 at 7:30 p.m.]. Act 2025-149.

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre

*This item was discussed in conjunction with the following item #2025-149 and includes a public hearing along with an act to add the parcel on 44 Regina Avenue in the Town of Cortlandt to the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District. This addition represents a 0.04 increase and will not cause significant change to the tax rate of the district. The Department of Environmental Facilities views this proposal as feasible as it will be constructed and maintained by the Town. Since the parcel is not currently on the County's sewer district, they will incur a surcharge of \$14,910 over the course of 10 years to cover their contribution to the system.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

4. [ACT-2025-84](#) **ACT-Sewer District Mod-Add-Cortlandt**

AN ACT to modify the Peekskill Sanitary Sewer District by the addition of one (1) parcel of property located in the Town of Cortlandt.

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

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

Director of Maintenance Steve Elie-Pierre

*Please see previous item for discussion (#2025-148).*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

5. [ACT-2025-78](#) **CBA-T0046-Farebox Equipment**

A Capital Budget Amendment to amend the County's current-year Capital Budget to increase the County share for Capital Project T0046 - Farebox Equipment by TWELVE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$12,750,000) DOLLARS TO SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$16,250,000) DOLLARS.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY**

Joint with B&A and ITC.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

*This item was discussed in conjunction with the following items #2025-154 and #2025-155, and includes a capital budget amendment, an amended bond act and a new bond act, in regards to the purchase and installation of farebox equipment. The previously approved bond*

*act for project T0046 will now be amended for an additional \$12.75 Million, bringing the total for this project to \$16.25 Million. The new farebox equipment is a contactless reader fare collection system that accepts cash on County buses. In 2007, the Bee-Line Bus system adopted the Metropolitan Transportation Authority's (MTA) MetroCard farebox system aligning the County's fares and allowing the participation for different programs and promotions offered by them. In 2017 the MTA procured a new fare payment system called One Metro New York (OMNY) which will provide more versatility in how riders can pay for bus access. New York City will be stopping MetroCard sales and replenishments by the end of 2025 as they finalize their transition into the new system. In order to ensure optimal access for Westchester County bus riders, the farebox system requested in these items will allow cash to be accepted in addition to the OMNY system that will be in effect in mid-2026. The Legislators expressed the importance and benefit of proper marketing to County residents so they can be prepared in anticipation.*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

6. [ACT-2025-79](#) **BOND ACT(Amended)-T0046-Farebox Equipment**

A BOND ACT (Amended) amending Bond Act No. 220-2021 to remove a THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000) DOLLAR authorization allocable to T0046 (Farebox Equipment) and decrease the estimated maximum amount of bonds authorized to TEN MILLION, FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$10,426,000) DOLLARS.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY***

Joint with B&A and ITC.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

*Please see previous item for discussion (#2025-153).*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

7. [ACT-2025-80](#) **BOND ACT-T0046-Farebox Equipment**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of bonds in the amount of SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$16,250,000) DOLLARS to finance the cost of acquisition of a contactless reader fare collection system, as well as a separate box that will accept cash fares, including the installation of the necessary hardware and software on the buses and in the bus garages and associated work. This SIXTEEN MILLION, TWO HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$16,250,000) DOLLAR proposed Bond Act represents a TWELVE MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$12,750,000) DOLLAR increase to the amount previously authorized for T0046 - Farebox Equipment and includes the THREE MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$3,500,000) previously authorized for T0046 - Farebox Equipment by Bond Act 220-2021.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY & CYBERSECURITY***

Joint with B&A and ITC.

Guest: Department of Public Works & Transportation

Director of Surface Transportation Michael Swee

*Please see previous item for discussion (#2025-153).*

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried unanimously.

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

### **1. [2025-151](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD - Resolution to Extend the Somers Consolidated Water District No. 1**

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Town of Somers for the extension of the Somers Consolidated Water District No. 1. (Please see items 2025-71 and 2025-156 for back-up).

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

*This item was read into the record and followed by a vote.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### **2. [2025-156](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD - Resolution to Extend the Somers Sewer District No. 1**

A RESOLUTION adopted by the Town of Somers to extend the Somers Sewer District No. 1. (Please see items 2025-71 and 2025-151 for back-up).

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

*This item was read into the record and followed by a vote.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

### **3. [2025-159](#) CLERK OF THE BOARD - Town of Somers Resolution - Parkview**

Forwarded by the Town of Somers, a Resolution for proposed zoning map and text amendments to allow for a proposed project - Parkview (please see items 2025-71, 2025-151 and 2025-156 for additional back-up).

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

*This item was read into the record and followed by a vote.*

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was received, filed, and approved. The motion carried unanimously.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the

Committee adjourned at 11:18 a.m.