# **Appointments Meeting Agenda**



Committee Chair: James Nolan

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Monday, February 14, 2022

4:00 PM

**Committee Room** 

## CALL TO ORDER

## **MINUTES APPROVAL**

1. Monday, February 7, 2022 4:00pm

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

## 1. <u>2022-7</u> <u>APPT-Domestic Violence Council-Ryan</u>

A RESOLUTION appointing Chief David M. Ryan as the Police Chiefs Association member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council for the term November 4, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

## 2. <u>2022-11</u> APPT-Correction Advisory Board-Murphy

A RESOLUTION appointing Claudia A. Murphy as a member of the Westchester County Correction Advisory Board for the term August 30, 2021 to December 31, 2023. **COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS** 

## 3. <u>2022-8</u> <u>APPT-Domestic Violence Council-Portilla</u>

A RESOLUTION appointing Maria J. Portilla as an at-large member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council for the term September 22, 2021 to December 31, 2023. **COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS** 

## 4. <u>2022-3</u> <u>APPT-Hispanic Advisory Board-Valentin</u>

A RESOLUTION appointing Maria I. Valentin as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board for the term October 18, 2021 to December 31, 2022. **COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS** 

## 5. 2022-4 APPT-Hispanic Advisory Board-Mejia

A RESOLUTION appointing Jorge L. Mejia as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board for the term September 9, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

## 6. <u>2022-29</u> <u>REAPPT-Arab American Advisory Board-Rababah</u>

A RESOLUTION reappointing Hussein Rababah as a member of the Westchester County Arab American Advisory Board for the term September 9, 2021 to December 31, 2022. **COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS** 

## 7. <u>2022-31</u> <u>REAPPT-Hispanic Advisory Board-Serratto</u>

A RESOLUTION reappointing Sergio Serratto as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board for the term October 21, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS

- **II. OTHER BUSINESS**
- III. RECEIVE & FILE

**ADJOURNMENT** 



WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Chief David M. Ryan, Pound Ridge Police Department, 177 Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge, New York as the Police Chiefs Association member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council, for the term November 4, 2021 to December 31, 2024.

Given under my hand and seal this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2021.



November 4, 2021

Chief David M. Ryan Pound Ridge Police Department 177 Westchester Avenue Pound Ridge, NY 10576

Dear Chief Ryan,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as the Police Chiefs Association member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council, effective today, Thursday, November 4, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.601. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2024.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Domestic Violence Council meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact the Westchester County Office for Women at (914) 995-5972 for the date, place, and time of the Domestic Violence Council's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

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George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

GL/tts

cc: Honorable Board of Legislators

Robin Schlaff, Director - Office for Women Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

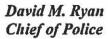
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Email: ce@westchestergov.com Telephone: (914)995-2900

## Town of Pound Ridge Police Department

Tel.: 914-764-4206 Fax: 914-764-0847







David M. Ryan, Chief of Police

**Town of Pound Ridge Police Department** 

Westchester County NY

Chief Ryan is in his 38th year in law enforcement

David Ryan has served as Chief of Police in the Town of Pound Ridge for the past 22 years. Chief Ryan has introduced numerous programs which have created working partnerships with the police and many aspects of the local community including senior citizens, local businesses, school districts, parents, students, faith based organizations and numerous sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking service providers.

- Member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council representing the Westchester Police Chief's Association.
- Chair of the Westchester County Police Chief's Association Committee on Domestic Violence.
- · Co-founder of the Westchester County Anti-Trafficking Task Force
- Chair of the Westchester County Police Chief's Association Human Trafficking Committee and liaison to the County Anti-Trafficking Task Force

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David M. Ryan Chief of Police



- Member of the Advisory Board of Hope's Door, a domestic violence / sexual assault / human trafficking service provider and victim advocacy organization
- Member of the Advisory Board for Pace Women's Justice Center
- Member of the Advisory Board for First Steps To Heal a 501(c)(3) Not-For-Profit Organization specifically designed to provide immediate assistance to no/low-income domestic violence survivors who need to escape a violent situation
- Member of the North East Westchester Domestic Abuse Alliance (NEW DAA)
- Member of the Westchester County Drug Abuse Prevention Council
- Member of the Board of Trustees for the NEW Dawn Advocacy and Resource Center in Northern Westchester County. The centers' sole purpose is to provide trauma informed services to all victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and human trafficking
- Member of the Westchester County Victim Informed Care & Trauma Recovery (VICTR)
   Taskforce
- Instructor and consultant for training law enforcement, service providers and the general public on Human Trafficking and how it exists in our communities, indicators, trauma informed response and interview techniques as well as conducting investigations related to HT criminal prosecutions.
- Member of the Board of Westchester Emergency Medical Services (WEMS), an advanced life support EMS coalition created by 9 Westchester communities to provide ALS Paramedic services to 9 towns in northern Westchester County.
- Member of the Northern Westchester High Risk Team responsible for reviewing all high risk domestic violence cases in Northeast Westchester County
- Member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team.

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

# For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK ) ) ss.: COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )
I, DAVID M. RYAN do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support (Print or Type Name)
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of OHIER'S LIASION TO CONTINUE in and for the
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.
Date: (1) 8 21 (Signature)
(Giguature)
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 8 day of Mixembro.
Caroline Myer (Signature)
Caroline Meyer
(Rrint or Type Name)  Notary Public
(Title of Official Administering Oath)

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.



WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Correction Advisory Board, due to the resignation of Rev. Michael Gerald:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Claudia A. Murphy, 79 Plymouth Drive, Scarsdale, New York as a member of the Westchester County Correction Advisory Board, for the term August 30, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Given under my hand and seal this 30<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2021.



August 30, 2021

Ms. Claudia A. Murphy 79 Plymouth Drive Scarsdale, NY 20583

Dear Ms. Murphy,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Correction Advisory Board, effective today, Monday, August 30, 2021, pursuant to Executive Order Number 7 of 2018. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Correction Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact the Westchester County Department of Correction at (914) 231-1055 for the date, place, and time of the Correction Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

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cc: Honorable Board of Legislators

Joe Spano, Commissioner - Department of Correction

Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

Office of the County Executive

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## Claudia A. Murphy, M.B.A.

dagneytaggert2021@gmail.com 79 Plymouth Drive Scarsdale, NY 10583 917.270.4720

### Profile

## Leadership Skills

- ♦ Visionary senior-level administrator
- Decidedly proficient leader who takes initiative
- Empowers teams to achieve goals and demonstrates effective integration with a leadership team
- Upholds a strong work ethic defined by integrity, loyalty, and dedication
- Values importance of strategic planning and stakeholder engagement
- O Process-oriented, systems-thinker with cogent understanding of fiscal aspects of strategic planning
- Experienced in K-12 public schools, adult education, private university, workforce, and criminal justice sectors
- O Unwavering commitment to diversity and equity in communities served
- Equally conversant in education, criminal justice, workforce and economic development arenas

#### Communication Skills

- Facilitates stakeholder collaboration in workforce, education, and criminal justice sectors
- Ocnducts advocacy work with local, county, and state representatives
- Galvanizes collaborations to build trust and foster alliances to serve specific community needs
- Onveys messages based on facts, data, and evidence in lieu of opinion
- Successful grant-writer. Awarded local, state, and federal grants, the largest award: \$4.2M
- Articulate public speaker and keynote
- ◊ Joyful lifelong learner
- O Possesses a wonderful sense of humor

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Southern Westchester BOCES

2011-Present

### SENIOR DIRECTOR, October 2017-Present

Senior Level, Multi-Divisional & District-Wide Leadership & Strategic planning for Adult, Community & Career Services convening internal division leadership and community stakeholders, with a purposeful alignment to national and state economic development trends, to create a vision for workforce preparation. Create, sustain, and expand programs that serve participants from high school through adult education and beyond, who are considered traditional or alternative students, or who have had experience with the justice system. Analyze and assess economic development trends and local workforce demands to drive decisions for new program incubation and sustainability of existing programs. Create efficiencies and build programs in response to research findings and stakeholder engagement. Participate in district and regional level assignments as deemed appropriate by the District Superintendent.

#### DIRECTOR, March 2011-October 2017

Leadership & Fiscal Responsibility for the Center of Adult & Community Services Division and its three distinct departments: Workforce Preparation & Practical Nursing Programs; Incarcerated Youth Regents Diploma Program; & Adult Literacy Programs. Provide and promote programs recognized by NYS DOL Eligible Training Provider List. Accountability oversight and compliance of adult education & literacy programs that NYSED rates as Highly Proficient on state report card. Build sustainable programs to serve some 6,000 students in 24 sites located throughout Westchester

## Claudia A. Murphy, M.B.A.

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79 Plymouth Drive Scarsdale, NY 10583
917.270.4720

County. Deliver Incarcerated Youth Program & Adult Literacy at the Westchester Department of Correction. Foster partnerships with community-based organizations, colleges, state & county agencies, union educational funds, and local businesses to create pipelines and funding opportunities for education & workforce preparation that leads to improvement or acquisition of employment.

White Plains Public Schools

2001-2011

## DIRECTOR, Rochambeau School

Strategic Planning, Supervision, and Administration of Continuing Education, Adult Basic Education and Literacy Programs and STAR Secondary Program; supervise and evaluate staff, faculty, and administrators; maintain compliance with district, state, and federal regulations; adhere to guidelines of Teachers' and CSEA union contracts in the supervision of all programs in delivering quality instruction to students.

Interim Principal STAR Program providing educational and therapeutic services to secondary classified students.

Fiscal Responsibility for the Adult & Continuing Education and STAR programs' budgets including district General Fund budgets, State Aid, and Federally funded budgets; procure all state and federal funds through grant writing; manage efficient use of funds in the operation of programs in compliance with all Federal, State, and District guidelines.

Building Administrator responsible for the school building budget, custodial, security, food services, and the coordination of calendar clearance and building use permits for the building housing Alternative Youth and Adult Education programs.

**Re-Entry Committee Member** with other agency and city constituency leaders who volunteer to meet regularly with pre-release inmates in Westchester County Department of Correction to facilitate their post-release needs and to reduce recidivism rates.

St. John's University

1986-1998

## ASSISTANT DEAN, Metropolitan College, 1995-1998

Comptroller responsibility for overseeing department budget; collaborated in development of operational and administrative processes for newest unit of university in coordinating programs' compliance with the college's strategic plan.

Recruitment & Admissions responsibilities for the recruitment of and recommendation for: admission, retention, probationary status, dismissal and promotion decisions of Adult BA & MA, and Continuing Education students in this college of the university.

Public Relations & Marketing responsibilities utilizing a multimedia approach for promotion consistent with the University's vision.

Academic Advisor: Undergraduate and Graduate degree programs.

Adjunct Instructor: Marketing/Business classes.

## **DIRECTOR**, Self-Pace Health Sciences Program, 1986-1995

Admissions responsibility for the recommendation for admission, retention, probationary status, dismissal and promotion decisions of all Self Pace Health Science majors.

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Academic Advisor: Undergraduate Health Science majors; collaboration with the College of Pharmacy & Allied Health, HEOP, and Liberty Partnership STEP grant funded programs.

Board Member of the Admissions & Promotions Committee for the Physician Assistant programs at Bayley Seton Hospital and Catholic Medical Center Hospital.

Adjunct Instructor: Non-credit English and Math classes.

## EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ◊ SUNY New Paltz, Certificate of Advanced Study Program
- St. John's University, M.B.A. Finance, Omicron Delta Epsilon Honor Society
- St. John's University, B.S. Communications Arts; Business Minor, Summa Cum Laude

## CERTIFICATIONS

- NYS School District Administrator Certification
- NYS School Business Administrator Certification

### **MEMBERSHIPS**

- O Board Member, Workforce Development Board (WDB) 2001-Present
- Board Member, NYS Association of Continuing Community Education (NYACCE) 2011-2018
- Westchester County Reentry Task Force (WCRTF)
- NYS Association of Continuing Community Education (NYACCE)
- ♦ Business Council of Westchester (BCW)
- ♦ Westchester County Association (WCA)
- NY Association of Training & Employment Professionals (NYATEP)

### ADDITIONAL ASSIGNMENTS

- Advisory Committee, Education in Lieu of Incarceration, Chair: Hon. Delores Brathwaite, 2018-21
- Planning Committee, The Girls' Justice Initiative, Chair: Hon. Kathy Davidson, 2017-18
- Extended District Response Team, 2020-21
- ♦ Contact Tracing, COVID-Related Instances, 2020-21
- ♦ Contributor, District Re-Opening Plan, 2020
- Facilitator, NYSED Substantial Equivalence Regional Meetings for Stakeholder Engagement, 2020
- Facilitator, NYSED ESSA Regional Meetings for Stakeholder Engagement, 2017
- Superintendent Search Committee, 2021
- ♦ APPR Committee, 2012-2021
- Designated Lead Education Agency Representative Regional Center, NYSED Apprenticeship Program,
   2011-Present

References available upon request

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WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Maria J. Portilla, 12 Longdale Avenue, White Plains, New York as an at-large member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council, for the term September 22, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Given under my hand and seal this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2021.



September 22, 2021

Ms. Maria J. Portilla 12 Longdale Avenue White Plains, NY 10607

Dear Ms. Portilla,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as an at-large member of the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council, effective today, Wednesday, September 22, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.601. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Domestic Violence Council meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact the Westchester County Office for Women at (914) 995-5972 for the date, place, and time of the Domestic Violence Council's upcoming meeting for your participation.

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Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

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George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

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cc: Ho

Honorable Board of Legislators Robin Schlaff, Director - Office for Women Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

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### MARIA J. PORTILLA

## 12 Longdale Ave. White Plains NY 10607

## (914) 255-6627

## **OBJECTIVES**

I seek a leadership position that will utilize my 20 years of experience working on behalf of Westchester County residents in various positions and where my bilingual skills may be useful.

EDUCATION	Pace University, Dyson College of Arts and Science	1997 - 1999
	Masters Degree in Science of Counseling.	
	Garcilaso de la Vega University, Lima, Peru	1986 - 1993
	Masters in Arts degree and Licensed Psychologist	
WORK EXPERIENCE	County of Westchester, Department of Social Services Multidisciplinary Unit CPS-MDT	2006 -2019
	Investigation of sex abuse, physical abuse and child fatalities.	
	Mental Health Association of New York City Part-time Referral Specialist LIFENET/AYUDESE HOTLINE	2001 – 2005
	Greyston Health Services Full time Supervising Case Manager (6/2005- 6/2006) Adult Day Health Care Facility for people living with HIV Dual diagnosed & Substance abuse. Case Manager (4/2000- 6/2005)	2000 - 2006
	<b>Edwin Gould Academy,</b> Sojourner Truth Intake House, NY, NY Substance Abuse Coordinator	1999 - 2000
	St. Peter's Community Outreach Center Project Hope, Peekskill, New York – Drop in Center- HIV Case manager.	1997 - 1998
COMMUNITY SERVICE	CE: Mount of Carmel Church in Elmsford Support groups for single mothers.	2018 - 2019
	Volunteers of America – Hawthorne, NY	1994 - 1999

Respite program	for peop	le living	with HIV
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	L.U.C.H.A. Program -Yonkers, NY Latinos Unidos for People Living with HIV/AIDS	1996 - 1997
	Blythdale Children's Hospital - Valhalia, NY Recreational therapy for Adolescents Pre-school children ages 1 to 3	1994 - 1996
	Hitchcock Church - Scarsdale, NY Midnight Run	1994 - 1995
	District Leader, Town of Greenburgh.	2016 - 2019
ACTIVITIES	Executive Committee Member, Hispanic Day Festival	2015 - 2016
	Member, Greenburgh Human Rights Committee	2015 - 2019
	Hispanics Democrats of Westchester Co-Chair of Membership Committee, Member, Executive Committee	2014 - 2019
	Co-founder GENESIS FOUNDATION - PERU Primary mission is to assist the needs of children and Adolescents infected with and affected by HIV	1996 - 1998
	Latino Commission on AIDS, Planning Committee Member	2001 - 2005
	Lower Mid-Hudson Latino/a Network, Planning Comm. Member	2001 - 2005
LANGUAGE SKILLS	Fluent in Spanish and English.	
AWARDS	Town of Greenburgh, NY Annual Women's History Month	March 2015
	Outstanding women who, through community service, have helped to quality of life of others.	o improve the

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF NEW YORK	)		
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER	)	SS.:	
I, Maria Portilla (Print or Type Name)  the constitution of the United States, and the faithfully discharge the duties of the office	of	Domestic Violence	York, and that I will
County of Westchester, according to the be		Marin J. 80	4:11
Date, 003.0.1100. 21, 2021		(Signature)	).
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27  2021  (Signature  John J. Al  (Print or Type I)  Deputy Count  (Title of Official Admin	ler Nan	ne) Clerk	



WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Maria I. Valentin, P.O. Box 8015, White Plains, New York as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, for the term October 18, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal this 18<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



October 18, 2021

Ms. Maria I. Valentin PO Box 8015 White Plains, NY 10602

Dear Ms. Valentin,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, effective today, Monday, October 18, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.461. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Hispanic Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez of my office at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Hispanic Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

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## MARIA I. VALENTÍN

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MOBILE 914-424-3618 **MVALENTINLAW@GMAIL.COM** 

EDUCATION

PACE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, J.D. | IINTERNATIONAL LAW CERTIFICATE) INTERNATIONAL LAW PROGRAM IN SOUTH AFRICA -- UNIV. OF WESTERN CAPE, SO. AFRICA 2001

**IONA. MS TEACHING HISTORY** 

**SUMMER 1998** 

**PRINCETON UNIVERSITY, BA HISTORY** 

1995

1985

CONCENTRATION IN LATIN AMERICAN AND AFRICAN AMERICAN STUDIES

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - EDUCATION / LEGAL

ATTORNEY AT LAW, Westchester, NY

Jan. 2014 - present

Solo practice in immigration matters. Bar admissions: NY (2003) and NJ (2002)

SENIOR ADJUNCT PROFESSOR, Westchester Community College, Valhalla, NY

2008 - present

Courses: U.S. 20™C.; African American History to 1865; History of the Caribbean; World Geography; Immigration Law

#### COMMENTARY & PUBLIC SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

Univision: The Significance of Kamala Harris' Election as Vice President of the US	Jan. 2021
Univision: The Significance of Kamala Harris' Nomination as Vice President	Oct. 2020
LMC Media: "Hurricane Maria and the relationship between the US and Puerto Rico"	Fall 2017
"The Constitutionality of Sanctuary Cities"	Spring 2017
CNN: "Donald Trump's accusations of bias against a Mexican-American Judge"	Spring 2016
NYCLU / LHV Public Forum: "The Death of Kenneth Chamberlain and the need for Reform"	May 2012
NYU Latina of Distinction, Award speech	Oct. 2005
Commencement Speaker for WPHS Graduation (as Board of Education member)	June 2005

- LHV of NYCLU Board Chair: Numerous speaking engagements in Westchester County on education, immigration, criminal justice reform, and other issues related to social justice. Moderated panel discussions.
- Board of Education Member: spoke to various constituencies on issues related to education, assessments, funding for public education and programs for the 6500+ children in the District

### PUBLIC SERVICE / ADVOCACY

NEW YORK CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION [NYCLU] STATE BOARD - Member

Sept. 2013 - 2019

**NYCLU - LOWER HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER, Chair** 

March 2012 - January 2017

Public speaking on a variety of NYCLU social justice issues; Chaired Board meetings and led team to design and implement community-wide programs and annual Bill of Rights Day and contest for students throughout the region.

**NYCLU - LOWER HUDSON VALLEY CHAPTER, Member** 

Sept. 2008 - 2012

Organized and spoke at public forums on a variety of civil rights issues; particularly with regard to immigration WESTCHESTER COUNTY HISPANIC ADVISORY BOARD, Member Sept. 2008 - Feb. 2011

Advised the County Executive on issues and problems facing the Latino community in Westchester Co.

WHITE PLAINS BOARD OF EDUCATION, Member

July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2005

Elected to a 3-year term to determine educational and fiscal policy for the 6500+ children in the city's public schools **HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION of WHITE PLAINS** Dec. 1999 - September 2002

Reviewed human rights complaints and other related issues for the city of White Plains

### PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - LAW

Associate, Young & Bartlett, White Plains, NY

Aug. 2010 - Dec. 2013 (Part-Time)

Consult with Partners on criminal law and civil rights matters in relation to immigration for clients.

Associate, Delgado & Delgado, White Plains, NY

July 2003 - August 2008 (Part-Time)

Prepared and reviewed applications, motions and briefs for immigration clients. Represented clients in Immigration Court and with the USCIS. Translated legal documents.

ASSOCIATE, Sedawick, Detert, Moran & Arnold, NY

NY Sept. 2001 - August 2002

Researched and analyzed various legal issues relating to insurance coverage and products liability.

CORPORATE LEGAL FELLOW, Bristol-Myers Squibb, Lawrenceville, NJ

Summer 2000

Selected from a nationwide search by the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund and Bristol-Myers Squibb to work in the Corporate International Division: researched applicable international law on a variety of corporate international issues (environmental, patent protection, etc.); reviewed memoranda; translated legal documents.

ROR INTERVIEWER - CRIMINAL JUSTICE AGENCY, Bronx, NY

Oct. 1985 - Oct. 1986

Interviewed individuals arrested by NYPD to determine their eligibility for ROR (Release On Recognizance).

#### PAST PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE - EDUCATION

Teacher, Scarsdale High School, Scarsdale, NY

Sept. 2002 - June 2020

Taught Global History I & II, US History, Criminal Justice and Public Policy to 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grade students; mentored new Teachers. Designed school-wide programs on issues of diversity, criminal justice reform and immigration.

Designed & taught new courses with emphasis on race and social justice: "America on Screen" and Advanced Topics in Constitutional Law. Designed a service trip for students to Ghana to participate in malaria prevention, helping AIDS orphans, a visit to the "slave caves" in Cape Coast, Ghana ("the point of no return") and the US embassy in Accra, Ghana. Administrative Intern to the SS Dept. Chair / Asst. Supt. of Personnel (2012-13).

Teacher, White Plains High School, White Plains, NY

Sept. 1991 – June 2001

Founder and Advisor of the student Latino Advancement Coalition; Directed several all-school assemblies for Hispanic Heritage Month; Spoke at workshops on issues relevant to Latinos, women, diversity and education Served on taskforces on Multiculturalism, Racism and Equity in Education.

Served as a liaison between WPHS and Latino parents / community.

History/ Research Instructor, PREP for PREP / PREP 9, NY, NY

June 1990 – May 1997

Instructor of English, Phillips Academy, Andover, MA

Sept. 1988 - June 1990

mistractor or english, Phillips Academy, Andover, IVIA

Nov. 1986 - June 1988; 1990-91

Teacher, NYC Public Schools, NY, NY

AWARDS
Teacher Fellow: Hagop Kevorkian Center for Near Eastern Studies at NYU

2015-2016

National Endowment for the Humanities Grant: SE Asia at the Crossroads of WW II

Summer 2011

New York University Award: LATINA OF DISTINCTION

Oct. 2005

White Plains Youth Bureau: HISPANIC HERITAGE AWARD

Oct. 2005

Corporate Legal Fellow, Puerto Rican Legal Defense & Education Fund [PRLDEF] & Bristol-Myers Squibb

Summer 2000

FULBRIGHT-HAYES Award INDIA: Understanding Her Ethos, Teacher Seminar

Summer 1997

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Participated in numerous programs sponsored by Yale, NYU, Fulbright Assoc., NY Historical Society, the Metropolitan Museum of Art, MoMA, Facing History & Ourselves, the Scarsdale Teachers Institute (STI). Designed courses for teachers at STI.

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

American Federation of Teachers [AFT]; NYS United Teachers [NYSUT]; Princeton Alumni Assoc.; Assoc. of Latino Princeton Alumni (ALPA); Assoc. of Black Princeton Alumni (ABPA); NYS Bar Assoc.; Hispanic National Bar Assoc.; NJ Bar Assoc., American Civil Liberties Union [ACLU]; NY Civil Liberties Union [NYCLU]

## INTERESTS

Travel (Caribbean; Mexico; Central America; South America; Canada; South Pacific; India; Europe; Western, Southern and Northern Africa); Singing (Soloist with the Princeton University Gospel Choir); National Anthem soloist for the City of White Plains & Pace Univ. School of Law; Photography; Art History; Writing

## LANGUAGES

Spanish (fluent)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

## For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK					
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ) ss.:					
I, Maria Valentin do solemnly swear (or aff	îrm) that I will support				
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New	w York, and that I will				
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Hispanic Advisory Brain and for the County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.					
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(Print or Type Name)  Ootary Public-State of Ny  Oualified in Westchapter County My Commission Expires 01-08-2024					
(Title of Official Administering Oath)					

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.



WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the membership of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, appoint Jorge L. Mejia, 86 Battle Avenue, White Plains, New York as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, for the term September 9, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



September 9, 2021

Mr. Jorge L. Mejia 86 Battle Avenue White Plains, NY 10606

Dear Mr. Mejia,

It is my pleasure to appoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, effective today, Thursday, September 9, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.461. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your appointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Hispanic Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez of my office at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Hispanic Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your appointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics. A financial disclosure form is attached.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

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cc: Ho

Honorable Board of Legislators

Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

Office of the County Executive

Michaelian Office Building 148 Martine Avenue White Plains, New York 10601

Email: ce@westchestergov.com Telephone: (914)995-2900

## JORGE L. MEJIA

## SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Responsible and motivated individual with a strong background in finance, management and community outreach. Excellent organizational skills and capable of handling multiple tasks.

#### **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2008 - Current

Our Financial Minds, Inc.

White Plains, NY

Wealthy Living Method/ Author

Provide students the necessary tools to acquire Time, Money and Wealth management skills. The use of credit and personal financial audits are useful in determining spending patterns that require restructuring. There is a strong focus in the areas of personal budgeting, behavior, credit and debt management.

2017 - Current

**Propark** 

White Plains, NY

Senior Account Manager

Responsible for managing commercial parking facilities in White Plains, NY. My duties include the day to day administration and service operations such as invoicing and monthly rent collections, vendor negotiations/bidding and inventory control.

2010 - 2011

MetLife

White Plains, NY

Financial Services Representative

Provide life and health insurance products to clients in New York State. Offered Estate Planning seminars with estate planning attorneys to clients and local accountants.

2006 - 2008

JP Morgan Chase Bank

Purchase, NY

Senior Mortgage Executive

Responsible for proactively support the residential mortgage needs of local Chase branch offices throughout Westchester County, NY. Coached personal bankers in identifying stable mortgage opportunities. Work closely with branch managers to develop specific sales and service goals.

2005 - 2006

Citibank, N.A.

Rye, NY

Business Banker

In charge of managing the Rye Financial Center Business Portfolio. Acquire and service new business relationships by providing deposit and lending services to companies with annual revenues ranging up to \$5MM. Coached personal bankers for referral opportunities.

## **AFFILIATION**

White Plains Public Safety Advisory Board Member - Current

Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board - Former Member

Strategic Planning Core Member for the City of White Plains School District

#### **EDUCATION**

National Financial Educators Council

Yale University/Coursera (Financial Markets with Prof. Robert Shiller)

Cornell University (Financial Management)

Held Finra Licenses: Series 6 and 63, New York State Life & Health Licenses

Empire State College - Hartsdale, NY (Bachelor of Science-BME Degree)

White Plains High School - WP, NY

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

STATE OF NEW YORK )	
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ) ss.:	
I, Jorge Mejia do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support (Print or Type Name)  the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of in and for the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will support the constitution of the State of New York, and the constit	ill
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.	
Date: October 5, 2021 (Signature)	
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 5th day of October	
(Signature)	
John J. Allen	
(Print or Type Name)	
Deputy County Clerk	
(Title of Official Administering Oath)	



WHEREAS, the term of Hussein Rababah, as a member of the Westchester County Arab American Advisory Board, has expired:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, reappoint Hussein Rababah, 60 Caryl Avenue, Apt. 1A, Yonkers, New York as a member of the Westchester County Arab American Advisory Board, for the term September 9, 2021 to December 31, 2022.

Given under my hand and seal this 9<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2021.



September 9, 2021

Mr. Hussein Rababah 60 Caryl Avenue, Apt. 1A Yonkers, NY 10705

Dear Mr. Rababah,

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Arab American Advisory Board, effective today, Thursday, September 9, 2021, pursuant to Executive Order Number 8 of 2019. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2022.

Your reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Arab American Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Arab American Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your reappointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

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cc:

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MEETING S	IGN-IN SHEET		
	Arab American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	2/4/ 2021
Chairperson		County Office Building	Virtual

Name	Organization	Phone #	E-mail	
Ghada Salim				
John Khader				
Nihad Bsharat				
Ali Chettih				
Hanade Sarar				
Hussein Rababah				
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100	Arab American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	3/31/ 2021
Chairperson		County Office Building	Virtual

Name	Organization	Phone #	E-mail	
Ghada Salim				
John Khader				
Hussein Helzoghby				
Ali Chettih				
Hanade Sarar				
Hussein Rababah				
Nihad Bsharat				
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	Arab American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	4/20 2021
Chairperson		County Office Building	Virtual

Name	Organization	Phone #	E-mail	
Ghada Salim				
John Khader				
Nihad Bsharat				4 (
Ali Chettih				
Hanade Sarar				
Hussein Rababah				
Hussein Rababah				
Picture Taken as a group				
Gathering				

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

## For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK ) COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER )	
I, Hussein Rebeh do solemnly swear (or af (Print or Type Name)	firm) that I will support
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of Ne faithfully discharge the duties of the office of Westerhest Const. At	w York, and that I will  Ancie Alvisor, Bord in and for the
County of Westchester, according to the best of my ability.  Date: 9/15/2021	<u> </u>
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15 day of Schrob,    Signature	THE STATE OF THE S

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.

(Title of Official Administering Oath)



WHEREAS, the term of Sergio Serratto, as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, has expired:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, George Latimer, County Executive of Westchester County, in accordance with the terms and provisions of the Westchester County Charter, reappoint Sergio Serratto, 86-88 Pleasantville Road, Pleasantville, New York as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, for the term October 21, 2021 to December 31, 2023.

Given under my hand and seal this 21<sup>st</sup> day of October, 2021



October 21, 2021

Mr. Sergio Serratto 86-88 Pleasantville Road Pleasantville, NY 10570

Dear Mr. Serratto,

It is my pleasure to reappoint you to serve as a member of the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, effective today, Thursday, October 21, 2021, pursuant to the Laws of Westchester County §277.461. This appointment is for a term to expire on December 31, 2023.

Your reappointment is subject to confirmation by the Westchester County Board of Legislators, but your service begins immediately. You must complete the attached Oath of Office and file it with the County Clerk prior to the next Hispanic Advisory Board meeting, and provide this office with a copy within 30 days. Please contact Martha Lopez of my office at (914) 995-2947 for the date, place, and time of the Hispanic Advisory Board's upcoming meeting for your participation.

When you have filed your Oath of Office, a Resolution to confirm your reappointment will be submitted to the County Board of Legislators. As part of the confirmation process, you may be called before the Board to be interviewed.

Pursuant to Local Law, as a member of a Westchester County Board and/or Commission, you are responsible for adhering to the requirements of our Code of Ethics, which includes the annual filing of a financial disclosure statement with the County Board of Ethics.

Warmest wishes for a successful tenure.

Very Truly Yours,

George Latimer

Westchester County Executive

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cc:

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MEETING SI	en-In Sheet		
	Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	February 24, 2021
Chairperson		County Office Building	Virtual

Name	Organization	Phone#	E-mail	
Br. Corner Hoster	Chair person			
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	Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	April 8, 2021
Chairperson		County Office Building	Virtual

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Julieta Uch	heism paira				
Maria Tras	-				
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	Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	May 13, 2021
Chairperson	Robin Bikkal	County Office Building	Virtual

Name	Organization	Phone #	E-mail	
Robin Bikkal			Bikkal@sblawyers.com	
Wilfredo Morel				
Hector Lopez				
Denise Miranda			*	
Luis Muniz				
Theo Oshiro				
Sergio Serratto				
Julieta McPherson Parra				
Maria Trusa	*			
Alan Dillon				
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	Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	8/3/2021
Chairperson	Robin Bikkal	County Office Building	Virtual

Name	Organization	Phone#	E-mail	
Robin Bikkal				
Alan Dilion	•			
Hector Lopez		*	6 W	
Dr. Carmen Martinez Lopez				
Denise Miranda				
Wilfredo Morel				
Julieta McPhearson Parra				
Evelyn Santiago				
Sergio Serratto		(4)		
Maria Trusa				
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Meeting Sign-in Sheet							
	Hispanic American Advisory Board Meeting	Meeting Date:	9/16/2021				
Chairperson	Robin Bikkal	County Office Building	Virtual				

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Robin Bikkai	×				
Jonathan Camposano					
Alan Dillon		-			
Hector Lopez			*		
Dr. Carmen Martinez Lopez		V		-	
Jorge Mejia					
Denise Miranda					
Wilfredo Morel	ï	18:			
Julieta McPhearson Parra			Ť		
Karine Patino				,	
Evelyn Santiago					
Guest: Michael Orth – Mental Health Comm.					

# COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER OATH OF OFFICE

# For Appointees to County Boards and Commissions

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF WESTCHESTER ) ss.:
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I, SER 6:0 F. SERRATTS do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support (Print or Type Name)
the constitution of the United States, and the constitution of the State of New York, and that I will
faithfully discharge the duties of the office of UZSTCA3STER COUNTY HISPAIC in and for the ADVISORY BOARD  Date: 10/27/2021  (Signature)
Swarn to and subscribed before me this 27 day of Ortobor,  (Signature)  (Signature)  (Signature)  (Print or Type Name)  (Title of Official Administering Oath)

Mail original Oath of Office to Office to Andrew Ferris, Office of the County Executive, 148 Martine Ave., Room 916D, White Plains, NY 10601 for filing within thirty (30) days of the commencement of the term of office or the notice of appointment.