# Environment, Energy & Climate



# BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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Tuesday, October 25, 2022

2:30 PM

**Committee Room** 

#### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Legislation committee.

Please note: This meeting will be held in person at the Michaelian Office Building, 148 Martine Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601 in the McPoland Conference Room #824 and also remotely via WebEx. Legislators may participate in person or via videoconferencing through WebEx. Members of the public are invited to attend the meeting in person at any of its locations or view it online at the Westchester Legislators website:

https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com/Calendar.aspx. This website also has links to the Agenda Packets containing documents to be discussed at the meeting.

Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Clear View School and Day Treatment Center, 480 Albany Post Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

Present: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and

Legislator Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

#### MINUTES APPROVAL

Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Barr, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and

Legislator Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

Thursday, September 29, 2022 at 11:00 a.m.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Barr, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and

Legislator Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod; Federated Conservationists of Westchester County - Anne Jaffe Holmes, Program Director, and Marisa Rodgriguez; League of Conservation Voters - Patrick McClellan, Policy Director; Bedford 2030 - Midge Iorio, Executive Director; Grassroots Environmental Education - Ellen Weininger, Director of Educational Outreach; Upstream - Jamie Rhodes, Interim Policy Director; Sierra Club - Ed Berry

1. 2022-522 LEGISLATORS PIERCE, BARR, WOODSON-SAMUELS, PARKER,
MAHER, ALVARADO, BORGIA AND WILLIAMS JOHNSON - PH - Single
Use Foodware

Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz and Ms. MacLeod gave an overview of the proposed legislation. Ms. MacLeod explained that the law will prohibit food service establishments from providing single use foodware unless the customer affirmative requests it. Each of the guests offered support for the item, emphasizing that it will help reduce waste and pollution from single use plastics. Chair Pierce said education is probably the most important part of this. She noted that the restaurant owners she has spoken to want this, but they don't want to be the "bad guy," so it is imperative to educated consumers about it being their choice.

This RESOLUTION - Public Hearing was continued

2. <u>2022-523</u> <u>LEGISLATORS PIERCE, BARR, WOODSON-SAMUELS, PARKER, MAHER, ALVARADO, BORGIA AND WILLIAMS JOHNSON - LL - Single Use Foodware</u>

See discussion of Item #1 above.

This LOCAL LAW - Amendment to Local Law was continued

- II. OTHER BUSINESS
- III. RECEIVE & FILE

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Barr, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 3:26 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Pierce, Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Parker and

Legislator Williams Johnson

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo