



Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Vedat Gashi

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148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor
White Plains, NY 10601
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Monday, January 30, 2023

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committee on Public Works & Transportation

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

With a quorum present, Chair Gashi called the meeting to order at 10:07 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Chief Inspector James Luciano, Division Commander of Special Operations-DPS; Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida, Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont-DPW&T; Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor, Rob Lopane-PRC; Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic, Chief Administrator Diane Anton-Labs & Research; Director of Physical Plant Rob Cirillo, Garrett McAlister-WCC ; BOL: James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod

Present: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, January 23, 2023 at 10:00 AM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Pierce, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2023-12](#) **BOND ACT-BPS33-Replacement of Police Helicopter**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$6,750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPS33 - Replacement of Police Helicopter.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Chief Inspector James Luciano- Division Commander of Special Operations

Chief Inspector James Luciano, Division Commander of Special Operations for the Department of Public Safety appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. He noted that the helicopter will replace the departments previous helicopter purchased in 2006 and was involved in an emergency landing in 2017 from a fire. They will salvage parts from the old helicopter that can still be used for maintenance and upkeep on the new helicopter. Legislator Peirce asked what the new upgraded equipment on this helicopter will include. Chief Inspector Luciano discussed that one of the upgrades will include a FLIR system or Forward Looking Infrared, which will allow the helicopter to aid in traffic pursuits and to survey large spaces such as in the parks to help locate lost or hurt individuals. The helicopter is also used to transport other assets such as the departments canine tracking dogs to assist in rescues as well as for other operations. Legislator Woodson-Samuels asked what the life span for this new helicopter would be? Chief Inspector Luciano stated that he expects it to be about the same as the previous helicopter, 17 years.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

2. [2022-542](#) **BOND ACT-B035E, RGP13-Equipment Acquisition**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND (\$1,025,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Projects B035E - Equipment Acquisition Program (2021-2025); and RGP13 - General Infrastructure - Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025) for 2023.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests:

Department of Public Works & Transportation

Commissioner Hugh Greechan

Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida

Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Robert Abbamont

Department of Parks & Recreation

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Rob Lopane

Commissioner Hugh Greechan, Deputy Commissioner Hernane De Almeida, Director of Operations (Capital Planning) Rob Abbamont from the Department of Public Works & Transportation and Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and Rob Lopane from the Department

of Parks & Recreation Conservation appeared before the Committee to discuss the item. Legislator Peirce asked if there was the possibility to purchase and electric vehicles for the vehicles that are being replaced? Deputy Commissioner De Almeida responded that they do look for electric vehicle options where possible, however, the technology has not caught up to certain types of vehicles such as the large tractors and dump trucks that are needed. He also noted that while there are some options available for electric, the technology needed for charging them would require large infrastructure projects to build those components, since they do not run off of the same charging stations that smaller electric vehicles use.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

3. [2022-576](#) **BOND ACT-BLR2E-Labs & Research Equipment Acquisition '21-'25**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE MILLION, THREE HUNDRED THIRTY-NINE THOUSAND (\$1,339,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BLR2E - Labs and Research Equipment Acquisition (2021-2025).

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Department of Labs & Research

Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic

Chief Administrator Diane Anton

Dr. Aleksandar Milovanovic and Chief Administrator Diane Anton from the Department of Labs & Research appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Borgia

4. [2022-595](#) **BOND ACT-WCC79-Roof Replacement Various Buildings**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of NINETY EIGHT THOUSAND (\$98,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC79 - Roof Replace Various Buildings.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Westchester Community College

Brian Murphy, Vice President and Dean of Administrative Services and CFO

Robert Cirillo, Director of Physical Plant

Anthony Scordino

Garrett McAlister

Director of Physical Plant Robert Cirillo and Garrett McAlister from the Westchester Community College appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Borgia

5. [2022-596](#) **BOND ACT-WCC82-Site Upgrade Campus Wide**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE HUNDRED NINETY SIX THOUSAND (\$196,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC82 - Site Upgrade Campus Wide.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Westchester Community College

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Director of Physical Plant Robert Cirillo and Garrett McAlister from the Westchester Community College appeared before the Committee to discuss the item.

On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Borgia

6. [2022-598](#) **BOND ACT-WCC83-Infrastructure Upgrade-Variou Buildings**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIVE HUNDRED THREE THOUSAND (\$503,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC83 - Infrastructure Upgrade - Various Buildings.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Westchester Community College

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On motion of Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson, seconded by Legislator Maher, the above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Borgia

7. [2022-599](#) **BOND ACT-WCC90-Technology Upgrade Off Campus**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FIFTY THOUSAND (\$50,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC90 - Technology Upgrade Off Campus 2017/18 - 2021/22.

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

Joint with PWT.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Borgia

8. [2022-600](#) **BOND ACT-WCC91-Technology Upgrade On Campus**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SIX HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$600,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC91 - Technology Upgrade On-Campus 2017/18 - 2021/22.

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

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On motion of Legislator Maher, 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: Committee Chair Gashi, Legislator Barr, Legislator Maher, Legislator Parker, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Tubiolo, Committee Vice-Chair Williams Johnson and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Borgia

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 11:41 AM.