

# Health

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams-Johnson

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**Tuesday, February 7, 2023**

**1:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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*With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 1:08PM.*

*thers in Attendance: OFFICE FOR WOMEN: Robin Schlaff (remote), Darlene Reda (remote), Nancy Tunis (remote) and Tamaris Princi (remote); HEALTH DEPT.: Dr. Sherlita Amler (remote); BOL: Dayana Gómez-Holguín*

**Present:** Committee Chair Williams Johnson and Committee Vice-Chair Pierce

**Absent:** Legislator Gashi and Legislator Smith

**Remote:** Legislator Barr

### MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, January 17, 2023 1:00pm
2. Monday, January 23, 2023 10:00am
3. Tuesday, January 24, 2023 1:00pm
4. Tuesday, January 31, 2023 1:00pm

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Domestic violence training information

Guests:

Robin Schlaff, Director, Darlene Reda, Program Specialist, and Nancy Tunis, Program Administrator,  
Westchester County Office for Women

*Chair Williams Johnson invited the guests to introduce themselves and begin the discussion on the topic. Ms. Schlaff and Ms. Reda began their presentation by providing information on the Office for Women's efforts and initiatives with respect to domestic violence. The*

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*presentation included statistics, demographics and impacts of domestic violence on a person's psyche. Additionally, they provided some history and efforts about the Westchester County Domestic Violence High Risk Team as well as detail on the types of abuse that exist. They demystified the perception that a partner will not harm children in the home, as there have been several domestic violence homicides of various aged family members. Ms. Princi added a detailed breakdown of the mental health issues that survivors are left with after they successfully leave a violent environment. Proper action steps on how to help someone in this type of situation were shared as well as emphasis being made that these trainings are widely available and provided by the Office for Women to any and all County residents.*

*Chair Williams Johnson proceeded to conclude the meeting after the overall dialogue was completed on this topic.*

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Committee Vice-Chair Pierce, seconded by Committee Chair Williams Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 2:39pm.