



Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft

Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, March 13, 2023

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Chairwoman Catherine Borgia will be participating remotely from Grace Park Senior Living Facility, 1170 West Main St, Stroudsburg, PA, 18360.

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:11 PM.

Others in Attendance: BOL - Legislator Catherine Parker, Legislator Jewel Williams Johnson, Melanie Montalto, Marcello Figueroa, Anand Singh, Decnis Pimentel, Karen Vele

Present: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher and Legislator Nolan

Absent: Legislator Johnson

Remote: Legislator Borgia

MINUTES APPROVAL

February 21, 2023 at 2:30 PM Minutes

On motion of Legislator Nolan, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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LL - Truthful Disclosure by Candidates for Elective Office

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapters 107 and 110 of the Laws of Westchester County to Require Truthful Disclosure by Candidates for Elective Office.

County Attorney Nonna and Deputy County Attorney Adin spoke on the changes to the law that were requested in the previous meeting and noted there was another version of the legislation which had proposed, but not yet agreed upon changes. The agreed upon changes included using gender neutral language, amendments to the notification requirement, removal of the date of birth, high school, and notarization requirements, as well as only requiring 10

years of employment history. Additionally, the law was now applicable to appointees. Mr. Adin noted that in the matriculation version, the law would now cover educational courses for individuals enrolled for the purposes or intent to receive a degree, cert, license, or similar official recognition of course completion. Legislator Barr asked if this would cover a lawyer trying to fulfill their CLE requirements and Mr. Adin said that it would not. Legislator Barr asked if there would be a point person for individuals who had questions for this law and Mr. Adin said the Board of Ethics would unless we wanted to designate a specific agency or party. Legislator Maher asked if the committee was considering a safe harbor provision and Mr. Adin said that if the Board of Ethics was enforcing this it would likely work in the same way as an advisory opinion, and County Attorney Nonna said that it would be a good idea to codify that sentiment, with which the committee agreed. Discussion ensued on whether the employment history would be applicable to full-time or part-time jobs and Mr. Adin said full-time. Legislator Maher made a motion to adopt the changes, seconded by Legislator Cunzio, which passed unanimously.

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

Aye: Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Maher and Legislator Nolan

Absent: Legislator Johnson

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Nolan, the Committee adjourned at 1:37 PM.