

# Legislation

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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**Monday, November 13, 2023**

**2:00 PM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

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Legislator Symra Brandon will be participating remotely from 28 Wells Avenue Building, 5th Floor, Yonkers, NY 10701.

Legislator Margaret Cunzio will be participating remotely from 770 Commerce St. Thornwood, NY 10594.

*With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 2:39 p.m.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg; GUESTS: Law Dept.: Justin Adin; Budget Dept.: Larry Soule*

**Present:** Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Boykin, Committee Vice-Chair Imamura and Legislator Maher

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

**Remote:** Legislator Cunzio

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guests: Law Dept.: Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Budget Dept.: Budget Director Larry Soule

1. [RES-2023-137](#) **PH-Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Services Members**

*Mr. Adin explained that this Local Law would repeal the current Chapter 475 of the Laws of Westchester County and enact a new Chapter 475. He said that subject to the limitations provided for in the enabling legislation, the new law will authorize a 10% exemption from County real property taxes for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance service*

members who: 1) have two or more years of service, 2) reside in the city, town or village served by the volunteer fire company or volunteer ambulance service; and 3) the property is the member's primary residence and the portions of such a primary residence that are used exclusively for residential purposes.

On motion of Legislator Barr, 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, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Imamura and Legislator Maher

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

2. [2023-454](#) **LOCAL LAW-Tax Exemption for Volunteer Firefighters and Volunteer Ambulance Services Members**

See discussion of Item #1 above.

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

**Aye:** Committee Chair Smith, Legislator Barr, Legislator Borgia, Legislator Brandon, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Imamura and Legislator Maher

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Brandon, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 2:47 p.m.

**Absent:** Legislator Nolan