

Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Wednesday, April 3, 2024

2:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

Legislator Colin Smith will be participating remotely from 1132 Main St Suite 1 Peekskill, NY 10566.

Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

Legislator Margaret Cunzio will be participating remotely from 1250 Pleasantville Road, Briarcliff Manor, NY 10510.

With a quorum present, Legislator Nolan called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson, Shanae Williams, and Nancy Barr; Remote: Legislator Catherine Parker; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and James Silverberg; Marcello Figueroa, Greg Casciato, Lisa Hochman; Law Dept.: Tami Altschiller and Justin Adin; Budget Dept.: Christina Rampata; Eugenie Rosenthal

Present: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Smith, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, March 11, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

Monday, March 18, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the above item was approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [RES-2024-45](#) PH-Emergency Contracts

Guest: Law Dept.: Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

Ms. Altschiller discussed the changes she made to the legislation pursuant to the legislators' requests at the last meeting. She said that the law will now provide that "No emergency contract shall have a term in excess of one year, provided, however, that if additional time is necessary, as determined by the County Executive, or duly authorized designee, an emergency contract may be extended for up to two additional one-year terms, provided that an extension may be up to one year and no longer, and each one-year extension shall be subject to the approval of the Board of Acquisition and Contract."

She noted that she added a new §2 of the law, providing that "A new Section 233.03 is hereby added to the Laws of Westchester County to read as follows: Sec. 233.03. - Yearly Report to the County Board ... For each emergency contract, such report shall identify the name of the relevant county department(s), contractor(s), date of execution, purpose, term, project status updates, and, if applicable, why the emergency contract was extended and when such extension was executed."

Legislator Williams Johnson said the BOL's Director of Finance suggested that the report should also indicate the source of the funding for these contracts (operating or capital budget). Ms. Altschiller said she will add that requirement to the committee report and the legislation. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels seconded by Legislator Tubiolo, the committee voted unanimously to amend the legislation to include that language.

On motion of Legislator Boykin, 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: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

2. [2024-7](#) LOCAL LAW-Emergency Contracts

Guest: Law Dept.: Tami Altschiller, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney

See discussion of ID #2024-6 above.

On motion of Legislator Boykin, 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: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

3. [RES-2024-55](#) **PH-Calculating Income Eligibility to Qualify for a Senior Citizen Tax Exemption**

Guests: Law Dept.: Justin Adin, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney; Budget Dept.: Christina Rampata, Deputy Budget Director

Mr. Adin said this legislation will provide additional property tax relief for lower-income individuals by excluding non-taxable social security from the income calculation.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

4. [2024-159](#) **LOCAL LAW-Calculating Income Eligibility to Qualify for a Senior Citizen Tax Exemption**

Guests: Law Dept.: Justin Adin, Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney; Budget Dept.: Christina Rampata, Deputy Budget Director
See discussion of ID #2024-158 above.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Tubiolo, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 2:30 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Smith, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Imamura