

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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**Monday, May 6, 2024**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

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

Legislator David Tubiolo will be participating remotely from Fort Totten, 200 Duane Road, Queens, NY 11359.

Legislator Shanae Williams will be participating remotely from 5 Main Street, Yonkers, NY 10701

*With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:09 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: John Nonna, Chris Inzero, Ira Schulman, Justin Adin, Blanca Lopez, Susan Darling, Len Gruenfeld, Karin Hablow, Cesar Vargas, Thom Kleiner; BOL: David Imamura, Jose Alvarado, Catherine Parker, Dayana Gomez, Dhatika Parker, Greg Casciato, Lisa Hochman, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Warren Watson*

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2024-251](#) **ACT-Approval for Payment of Legal Services-Lewis**

AN ACT of the Westchester County Board of Legislators approving payment of the bill for legal services rendered by appointed Special District Attorney Stephen R. Lewis.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS**

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

County Attorney John Nonna

Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz

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

following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

2. [2024-231](#) **ACT - Custom Marine Agreement**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an agreement with Endurance American Insurance Company ("Endurance"), as surety for Custom Marine, Inc., and with Mace Contracting, Inc. ("Mace"), for the County to settle its claim against Endurance regarding DPWT Contract No. 12-517-Rev. (the "Contract"), whereby Endurance shall tender to the County, the services of Mace, and Mace shall agree, to complete the remaining work under the Contract.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS**

Joint with LMC.

Guests: Law Department

Associate County Attorney Chris Inzero  
Ira Schulman, Partner-Sheppard Mullin

*With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss legal strategy at 10:24 AM. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee came out of Executive Session at 10:48 AM.*

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

3. [2024-269](#) **ACT - Proceeding Settlement - Migi Asset Acquisition, LLC.**

AN ACT authorizing the County Attorney to Settle the Proceeding entitled The County of Westchester v. Migi Asset Acquisition, LLC.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND LAW & MAJOR CONTRACTS**

Joint with LMC.

Guest: Law Department

Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin

*With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Chairman Gashi, the Committee went into Executive Session to discuss legal strategy at 11:00 a.m. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, and seconded by Chairman Gashi, the Committee came out of Executive Session at 11:28 AM.*

On motion of Legislator Pierce, 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:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Williams

4. [2024-222](#) **BOND ACT-BPL26-2448-Flood Mitigation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION (\$2,000,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL26 - Flood Mitigation.

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

Joint with PWT.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Director of Community Development Len Gruenfeld

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Williams

5. [2024-233](#) **BOND ACT-BPL30-30 Water Street, Ossining**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR MILLION, THREE HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND (\$4,360,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BPL30 - New Homes Land Acquisition II.

***SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING***

Joint with HP.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Director of Community Development Len Gruenfeld

On motion of Legislator Gashi, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Williams

6. [2024-234](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-30 Water Street, Ossining**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase approximately +/- 3.42 acres (34,848 square feet) of real property located at 30 Water Street in the Village of Ossining and to subsequently convey said property, and to further authorize the County to grant and accept any property rights necessary in furtherance thereof, for the purpose of creating 109 affordable rental units that will affirmatively further fair housing and remain affordable for a period of not less than fifty (50) years.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HOUSING & PLANNING**

Joint with HP.

Guests: Planning Department

Commissioner Blanca Lopez

Chief Planner Susan Darling

Program Director of Community Development Len Gruenfeld

On motion of Legislator Gashi, 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 Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Williams

7. [2024-248](#) **IMA-Financial Empowerment Center Initiative-Mount Vernon**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of Mount Vernon for the implementation of the Financial Empowerment Center Initiative at the County's One Stop Employment Center located in Mount Vernon.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Joint with HS.

Guest: Westchester-Putnam Workforce Board

Executive Director Thom Kleiner

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Williams

8. [2024-243](#) **ACT-Mortgage Tax Receipts-10-1-23 through 3-31-24**

AN ACT to authorize the Commissioner of the Westchester County Department of Finance to pay Mortgage Tax Receipts to Cities, Towns and Villages.

**SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS**

B&A Only.

Guests: Finance Department

Commissioner Karin Hablow

Deputy Commissioner Mario Arena

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

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

**II. OTHER BUSINESS**

**III. RECEIVE & FILE**

**ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Pierce, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 1:22 PM. by the following vote:

**Aye:** Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

**Absent:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Away:** Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

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