

Legislation

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Colin Smith

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Monday, June 10, 2024

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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Joint with Labor & Human Rights committee.

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

With a quorum present, Chair Smith called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson, Erika Pierce, and Shanae Williams; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Shatika Parker; Law Dept.: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Shawna MacLeod; Budget Dept.: Larry Soule; Office for Women: Darlene Reda and Stephanie Basilan; Pace Women's Justice Center: Cindy Kanusher (Remote)

Present: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Nolan, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Cunzio, Legislator Imamura and Legislator Gashi

Remote: Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, June 3, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

On motion of Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the minutes were approved. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [ACT-2024-124](#) **ACT - Safety Measures for Survivors of Domestic Violence**

Guests: Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Senior Assistant County Attorney Shawna MacLeod; Budget Dept.: Budget Director Larry Soule; Office for Women: Darlene Reda, Program Specialist; Pace Women's Justice Center: Cindy Kanusher, Executive Director

Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz explained that this legislation establishes a program that offers free lock changes and installation of home security cameras for domestic violence survivors. She said the County Office for Women will enter into a contract with organizations that will run the program and ensure that people receive the required services and that vendors fulfill their obligations.

Ms. Reda said that the Office of Women thinks this legislation will be extremely beneficial for victims and survivors of domestic violence throughout the County. She noted that they worked very closely with the County Attorney's office to create this legislation.

Ms. Kanusher asked whether the Office for Women will be creating written materials to be provided to the designated organizations. Ms. Reda said that the Office for Women will create standard language to be distributed to the organizations so that everything is uniform.

Legislator Williams Johnson noted that the Fiscal Impact Statement (FIS) set the expense for the current year at \$25,000, based on an estimated impact of \$50,000 per year for the next four years, but if the legislation is passed at the upcoming Board of Legislators meeting on June 17th, it will take effect 180 days after that. Mr. Soule said he did not realize that, and in that case, there will be minimal impact for this year. Legislator Williams Johnson asked why the legislation set the effective date for 180 days after passage. Ms. MacLeod said that was done to give the program enough time to get up and running, and amend current contracts or create new contracts if necessary. Mr. Soule said he will adjust the FIS to show zero impact for this year.

Several legislators expressed concerns about potentially illegally locking someone out of their home where the abuser is the rightful owner of the property, and the survivor is not listed on the deed or lease. Ms. MacLeod said that the act has safeguards against that, such as providing that the designated organization must make reasonable efforts to coordinate with the landlord, and provide keys to the landlord.

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

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. [2024-305](#) Legislators Tubiolo, Smith and Ulaj - Memo of Legislation - Mandating Apprenticeship Opportunities on Certain County Construction Projects

This COMMUNICATION - Memo of Legislation was received, filed, and approved

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

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Cunzio, seconded by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, the Committee adjourned at 1:33 p.m. by the following vote:

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

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