

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Tuesday, November 12, 2024

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

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

With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 10:26 AM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Robert Pavone, Richard Wishnie, Susan Spear, Dennis Delborgo, Karin Hablow, Cesar Vargas, Mario Arena, Larry Soule Christina Rampata, Ugochukwu Chibuikem; BOL: Emiljana Ulaj, Catherine Parker, David Imamura, Margaret Cunzio, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Lisa Hochman, Dayana Gomez, Jack Cardwell, Greg Casciato

Present: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Remote: Legislator Barr, Legislator Pierce and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, October 21, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

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

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

Tuesday, October 22, 2024 at 10:00 AM Minutes

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

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

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 1:00 PM Minutes

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

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

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2024-572](#) **IMA-Crime Scene Vehicle-Putnam**

An ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to lease a Crime Scene Vehicle to the County of Putnam for use by the County of Putnam's Fire Investigation Team.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guest: Department of Public Safety
Sgt. Robert Pavone

On motion of Legislator Holstein, 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 Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

2. **PH-Lease Agreement with State of New York for Space at 200 Bradhurst Avenue, Hawthorne**

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on "A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a lease agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the Office of General Services ("OGS"), for a portion of a State-owned building located in Hawthorne, New York, for a period of five (5) years with the County having an option to renew for one additional five (5) year term. [Public Hearing set for _____, 2024 at ____ .m.]. LOCAL LAW INTRO: 2024-561.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Emergency Services
Commissioner Richard Wishnie
Deputy Commissioner Susan Spear
Director Dennis Delborgo

Associate County Attorney Rachel Noe-LAW

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

3. [2024-561](#) **LOCAL LAW-Lease Agreement with State of New York for Space at 200 Bradhurst Avenue, Hawthorne**

A LOCAL LAW authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into a lease agreement with the State of New York, acting by and through the Office of General Services ("OGS"), for a portion of a State-owned building located in Hawthorne, New York, for a period of five (5) years with the County having an option to renew for one additional five (5) year term.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Guests: Department of Emergency Services
Commissioner Richard Wishnie
Deputy Commissioner Susan Spear
Director Dennis Delborgo

Associate County Attorney Rachel Noe-LAW

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, 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

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

4. [2024-555](#) **ACT-Revised Investment Policy**

AN ACT amending the Investment Policy for the County of Westchester, pursuant to New York State General Municipal Law, Section 39.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

Guests: Finance Department
Commissioner Karin Hablo
Deputy Commissioner Mario Arena

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Gashi, 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 Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

5. [2024-576](#) **RESO-PH-2025 Westchester County Budget**

A Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Westchester County Budget for Wednesday, December 4, 2024 at 7:00pm, and designating which papers will publish the Notice Public Hearing.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Gashi, 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 Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

6. [2024-577](#) **RES-2025 Westchester County Budget - Suspending Rules 9 & 11**

A RESOLUTION suspending Rules 9 & 11 of the Rules of the Westchester County Board of Legislators with regard to the 2025 Propose Westchester County Budget.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

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 Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

7. [2024-578](#) **RES-2025 Westchester County Budget - PH Rules for In-person and WebEx Speakers**

A RESOLUTION adopting certain rules of conduct for the Public Hearing on the Proposed 2025 Westchester County Budget for in-person and WebEx speakers.

SUBMITTED BY: COMMITTEE ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS

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 Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Barr

Budget Department- 3rd Quarter Report including District & Airport

Guest: Budget Department

Director Larry Soule

Budget Director Larry Soule and his team from the Budget Department appeared before the Committee to present the 3rd Quarter Report. The video can be viewed at:

https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7326?view_id=1&redirect=true

The presentation and the 2025 Westchester County Budget can be found at the Westchester Board of Legislators website under the Budget Dashboard:

<https://www.westchesterlegislators.com/fy2025-budget-dashboard>

Budget Department Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guest: Budget Department

Director Larry Soule

Budget Director Larry Soule and his team from the Budget Department appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:

https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7326?view_id=1&redirect=true

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Finance Department Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guest: Finance Department

Commissioner Karin Hablow

Commissioner Karin Hablow and her team from the Finance Department appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:

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Debt Service, Fringe Benefits, Miscellaneous Budget, 6N & 6J

Commissioner Karin Hablow and Director Larry Soule appeared before the Committee to review Debt Service, Fringe Benefits, Miscellaneous Budget, 6N & 6J. The video can be viewed at:

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II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Holstein, the Committee adjourned at 12:34 PM. by the following vote:

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

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Away: Legislator Smith

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