

# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Wednesday, November 13, 2024

2:00 PM

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.

*With a quorum present, Chair Williams Johnson called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM.*

*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Kathleen O'Connor, Peter Tartaglia, Kerry Riguzzi, Susan Darling, Marguerite Beirne, Aji Palappallil, Dominic Sacchinelli, Deb Ogden, Donna Montera, Bob Novak; BOL: Jose Alvarado, Catherine Parker, Margaret Cunzio, James Silverberg, Shatika Parker, Dayana Gomez, Ethan Samuel, Greg Casciato, John Filibirti, Warren Watson*

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

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

**Remote:** Legislator Williams

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2024-573](#) **ENV RES-311 Welcher Avenue, Peekskill**

An ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from the proposed lease amendment.

**SUBMITTED BY: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT**

Joint with PE.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation

Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor

First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia

Manager-Fiscal Operations Kerry Riguzzi

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

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

2. [2024-574](#) **BOND ACT-BLA1A-Parkland and Historical Preservation Prgm-311 Welcher Avenue, Peekskill**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$100,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project BLA1A-Parkland and Historical Preservation Program-311 Welcher Avenue, Peekskill.

**SUBMITTED BY: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT**

Joint with PE.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor  
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia  
Manager-Fiscal Operations Kerry Riguzzi

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

**Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo

**Absent:** Legislator Smith

3. [2024-575](#) **ACT-Land Acquisition-311 Welcher Avenue, Peekskill**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to purchase real property located 311 Welcher Avenue in Peekskill, New York.

**SUBMITTED BY: BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PARKS & ENVIRONMENT**

Joint with PE.

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor  
First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia  
Manager-Fiscal Operations Kerry Riguzzi

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 Barr, Legislator Holstein, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Williams, Legislator Woodson-Samuels and Legislator Gashi
- Excused:** Legislator Tubiolo
- Absent:** Legislator Smith

Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guests: Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation  
 Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor  
 First Deputy Commissioner Peter Tartaglia  
 Manager-Fiscal Operations Kerry Riguzzi

*Commissioner Kathleen O'Connor and her team from the Department of Parks, Recreation & Conservation appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:*

*[https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7330?view\\_id=1&redirect=true](https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7330?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>*

Department of Information Technology Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guests: Department of Information Technology  
 Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne

*Chief Information Officer Marguerite Beirne and her team from the Department of Information Technology appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. 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 Pierce, the Committee adjourned at 4:02 PM. by the following vote:

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