

Budget & Appropriations

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Jewel Williams Johnson

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Tuesday, November 19, 2024

2:00 PM

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

Legislator Shanae Williams will be participating remotely from 28 Wells Ave Yonkers, NY 10701

With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Barr called the meeting to order at 2:11 PM.

Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Susan Spear, Julia Criscitelli, Jordan Handler, Pat Haggerty, Terrance Raynor, James Luciano, James Greer, Frank Donovan, Nick Alongi, Siva Gopalkrishna, Lou Codella, Jaevon Boxhill, Rocco Pozzi, Mary Fracello, Mona Berry-Cauthen, Jim Duque, Susan Varghese, Bob Nortagiacomo, Joe Spano, Nory Padilla, Michael Gerald, Naima Johnson, William Fallon; BOL: James Nolan, Terry Clements, Catherine Parker, Margaret Cunzio, James Silverberg, Jill Axelrod, Shatika Parker, Warren Watson

Present: Legislator Barr, Legislator Holstein and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Remote: Legislator Williams Johnson, Legislator Pierce, Legislator Smith and Legislator Williams

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Department of Emergency Services Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guests: Department of Emergency Services

Commissioner Richard Wishnie

Deputy Commissioner Susan Spear

Deputy Commissioner Susan Spear and her team from the Department of Emergency

Services appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:

https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7351?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>

2. Department of Public Safety Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guests: Department of Public Safety

Commissioner Terrance Raynor

Chief James Luciano

Captain Frank Donovan

Captain James Greer

Captain Jeffrey Weiss

FHR Director Siva Gopalkrishna

Accountant Lou Codella

Commissioner Terrance Raynor and his team from the Department of Public Safety appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:

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3. Department of Probation Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guests: Department of Probation

Commissioner Rocco Pozzi

Deputy Commissioner Mary Frascello

Deputy Commissioner Mona Berry Cauthen

Chief Administrator Jimmy Duque

Chief of Administrative Services Susan Varghese

Commissioner Rocco Pozzi and his team from the Department of Probation appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at:

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4. Department of Correction Presentation on the 2025 Operating Budget

Guests: Department of Correction

Commissioner Joseph Spano

First Deputy Commissioner Nory Padilla

Deputy Commissioner Michael Gerald

Deputy Commissioner Naima Johnson

Director Bill Fallon

Warden Karl Vollmer

Commissioner Joseph Spano and his team from the Department of Correction appeared before the Committee to review their 2025 Operating Budget. The video can be viewed at: https://westchestercountyny.granicus.com/player/clip/7351?view_id=1&redirect=true

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5. [2024-554](#) **IMA-Prisoner Transportation-White Plains**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to enter into an intermunicipal agreement with the City of White Plains in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail within the period from January 1, 2022 through December 31, 2025 for a total amount not to exceed SIX HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND (\$602,000) DOLLARS.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC SAFETY

Joint with the Public Safety Committee

Guests: Department of Correction
Commissioner Joseph Spano
First Deputy Commissioner Nory Padilla
Deputy Commissioner Michael Gerald
Deputy Commissioner Naima Johnson
Director Bill Fallon
Warden Karl Vollmer

On motion of Legislator Holstein, 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 Smith, Legislator Williams and Legislator Gashi

Excused: Legislator Tubiolo

Absent: Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Away: Legislator Pierce

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Vice-Chair Barr stated that having concluded all business on the agenda, the meeting is adjourned at 5:09 PM.