

# Public Works & Transportation BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: Erika Pierce

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**Monday, January 13, 2025**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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**Joint with B&A and HP**

## CALL TO ORDER

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*Others in Attendance: GUESTS: Vincent Kopicki (remote), Melissa Rotini (remote), Lou Vetrone, Hernane De Almeida (remote), John Paul Innance, Ben Naylor (remote), Dawn Gillins (remote) and Ross Garrett (remote); BOL: Legislator Colin Smith (remote), Legislator Catherine Parker (remote), Lisa Hochman (remote), Warren Watson (remote), James Silverberg, Ethan Samuel and Dayana Gómez-Holguín*

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## MINUTES APPROVAL

### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. [2024-588](#) **BOND ACT-RD017-MRF Transfer Station Rehab.-Amending Bond Act 99-2019**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing a decrease of bonds of Westchester County from SEVEN MILLION, FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$7,500,000) DOLLARS to FOUR MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$4,700,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RD017 - Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station Rehabilitation.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities

Commissioner Vincent Kopicki

First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone

Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

2. [2024-589](#) **BOND ACT-RD017-MRF Transfer Station Rehab.-Amending Bond Act 85-2020**

A BOND ACT (Amended) reducing the amount of bonds of the County of Westchester from THREE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$300,000) DOLLARS TO ONE HUNDRED SEVENTY THOUSAND (\$170,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RD017 - Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station Rehabilitation.

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

3. [2024-590](#) **BOND ACT-RD017-MRF Transfer Station Rehab.-Consolidated Bond Act Amending 215-2023**

A BOND ACT (Amended) authorizing an increase in bonds of Westchester County by TWO MILLION, NINE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND (\$2,930,000) DOLLARS to EIGHTEEN MILLION, SEVEN HUNDRED SIXTY THOUSAND (\$18,760,000) DOLLARS to finance Capital Project RD017 - Material Recovery Facility and Transfer Station Rehabilitation.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities  
Commissioner Vincent Kopicki  
First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

4. [2024-612](#) **ENV RES-Granting Permanent Easements to the City of New York Dept. of Environmental Protection**

AN ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION determining that there will be no significant adverse impact on the environment from an ACT granting permanent easements to the City of New York Department of Environmental Protection.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A and HP.

Guests: Department of Environmental Facilities  
Commissioner Vincent Kopicki  
First Deputy Commissioner Lou Vetrone  
Assistant Commissioner Melissa Rotini

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

5. [2024-613](#) **ACT-Granting Permanent Easements to the City of New York Dept. of Environmental Protection**

AN ACT authorizing the County of Westchester to grant permanent easements to the City of New York over, under and through certain real properties in the Town of Mount Pleasant.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, HOUSING & PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A and HP.

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On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams Johnson, the

above item was signed by committee and referred to Board of Legislators. The motion carried by the following vote:

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

6. [2024-489](#) **BOND ACT-WCC97-Virginia Marx Children Center**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of THREE HUNDRED TWENTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$326,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC97 - Virginia Marx Children Center.

**COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS AND PUBLIC WORKS & TRANSPORTATION**

Joint with B&A.

Guests: Westchester Community College  
Ben Naylor, Chief of Staff and VP of Strategic Operations  
Dawn Gillins, Assistant VP/Comptroller  
Ross Garrett, Acting Director of Physical Plant

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

7. [2024-504](#) **BOND ACT-WCC82-Site Upgrade Campus Wide**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of TWO MILLION, ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND (\$2,100,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC82 - Site Upgrade Campus Wide.

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Joint with B&A.

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Dawn Gillins, Assistant VP/Comptroller  
Ross Garrett, Acting Director of Physical Plant

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

8. [2024-505](#) **BOND ACT-WCC87-Classroom Building Renovation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of SEVEN HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND (\$750,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC87 - Classroom Building Renovation.

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Dawn Gillins, Assistant VP/Comptroller  
Ross Garrett, Acting Director of Physical Plant

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

9. [2024-506](#) **BOND ACT-WCC88-Maintenance Building Infrastructure Upgrade**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of EIGHT HUNDRED SIXTY-FOUR THOUSAND (\$864,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC88 - Maintenance Building Infrastructure Upgrade.

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Dawn Gillins, Assistant VP/Comptroller  
Ross Garrett, Acting Director of Physical Plant

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

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

10. [2024-507](#) **BOND ACT-WCC89-Administration Building Expansion-Renovation**

A BOND ACT authorizing the issuance of FOUR MILLION, ONE HUNDRED EIGHTY-SIX THOUSAND (\$4,186,000) DOLLARS in bonds of Westchester County to finance Capital Project WCC89 - Administration Building Expansion/Renovation.

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

**Absent:** Legislator Barr

## **II. OTHER BUSINESS**

## **III. RECEIVE & FILE**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Williams, the Committee adjourned at 11:35am.

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