

Law & Major Contracts

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: David Imamura

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10:45 AM

Committee Room

Joint with B&A

CALL TO ORDER

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Legislator Emiljana Ulaj will be participating remotely from 520 White Plains Road, Tarrytown, NY 10591.

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

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee.

With a quorum present, Vice-Chair Imamura called the meeting to order at 11:14 a.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Erika Pierce, Judah Holstein, Jewel Williams Johnson, Ben Boykin, and Shanae Williams; Legislator Catherine Parker (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod, James Silverberg, Shatika Parker, and Dayana Gomez; Marcello Figueoroa, Lisa Hochman, Greg Casciato, and Santiago Caceres; Law Dept.: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Tami Altschiller; Budget Dept.: Larry Soule; CE's Office: Joan McDonald

Present: Legislator Imamura, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith

Remote: Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

Monday, February 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m.

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

Aye: Legislator Imamura, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

[ACT-2025-58](#) ACT - Charter Revision Commission Legal Counsel - Jones

Guests: Law Dept.: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Assistant Chief Deputy County Attorney Tami Altschiller

Ms. Dolgin-Kmetz said that Mr. Jones will be hired for a one-year term to provide legal counsel and advice to the Charter Revision Committee. Ms. Altschiller said that under County law, there can only be one County Attorney, and any time they hire outside counsel, they must come to the Board of Legislators for approval of the contract. She noted that Mr. Jones has considerable relevant experience for this role.

Chair Imamura said he has worked with Mr. Jones in a legal context, and Mr. Jones is uniquely qualified based on his legal acumen as well as his experience as a former Congressman and former Assistant County Attorney.

On motion of Legislator Barr, 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 Imamura, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

Discussion on the Liberty Lines contract.

Guest: County Executive's Office: Joan McDonald, Director of Operations

Ms. McDonald and Budget Director Larry Soule discussed the Liberty Lines bus contract. Ms. McDonald gave a timeline of the RFP and contract process. She said the County received two proposals in response to the RFP, and Liberty Lines was \$246 million lower than the other proposer for the 10-year period of the contract.

Chair Imamura asked if questions regarding the draft contract should be discussed in executive session, and Ms. Altschiller advised that if sensitive information regarding the terms of the contract is discussed, it should be in executive session. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels seconded by Legislator Barr, the committee went into executive session at 11:39 a.m. With a motion by Legislator Woodson-Samuels seconded by Legislator Barr, the committee came out of executive session at 12:15 p.m.

Legislator Barr asked how people can make complaints regarding bus service. Ms. McDonald said she did not have specifics on that, but would get it. Legislator Barr emphasized that we need to make the process for lodging complaints clear and easy for people.

Legislators Williams and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels discussed concerns about safety on the buses.

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 12:25 p.m. by the following vote:

Aye: Legislator Imamura, Legislator Ulaj, Legislator Woodson-Samuels, Legislator Barr and Legislator Gashi

Absent: Legislator Smith

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