

Law & Major Contracts

BOL Meeting Minutes - Published Draft



Committee Chair: David Imamura

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1:00 PM

Committee Room

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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

With a quorum present, Chair Imamura called the meeting to order at 1:12 p.m.

Others in Attendance: BOL: Legislators: Jewel Williams Johnson, Ben Boykin, Nancy Barr, Margaret Cunzio, Jimmy Nolan, and Erika Pierce; Legislator Catherine Parker (Remote); Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Shatika Parker; Marcello Figueroa, Lisa Hochman, and Adrienne Kaye

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

Absent: Legislator Smith

Remote: Legislator Ulaj

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Discussion on Con Edison

[ACT-2025-59](#) ACT - Request Party Status in Con Ed Cases

BOL Chairman Gashi introduced this item directly into committee. He said that Con Edison has a pending case before the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) requesting electric and rate increases, and the County wants to request party status in the case so it can best advocate for County residents.

Committee Chairman Imamura said that Con Ed's request is outrageous in light of the fact that current rates are already unaffordable for many residents, and the County deserves its day in Court, so he is fully supportive of this legislation.

Legislator Pierce said it is a major red flag that there are no infrastructure improvements included for Westchester County, so there will be a substantial upcharge for County residents for infrastructure that has no direct bearing on the County.

Legislator Barr said we need to do whatever we can to stand up for our residents.

Legislator Nolan said we should try to find a way to use another company and opt out of Con Edison.

Legislator Tubiolo said he hopes this is the first step in fighting back and getting the State to take action.

Legislator Cunzio asked what we can do to not only stop this increase, but to be proactive and prevent future increases. She noted that the rates in states in the South are significantly lower, and said that Con Ed should look to those states and see how Con Ed can use their significant resources to make things more efficient and make sure rates don't have to continue to go up.

Legislator Boykin said these rate increases are indefensible, and are part of the reason people leave the state because the cost of living is too high.

Legislator Woodson-Samuels said this is a major piece of the affordability puzzle for New York State, and we are doing our part, and we need our state leaders to lead the way on this.

Chairman Gashi suggested that constituents should also participate in the PSC proceedings in person or remotely or by submitting written comments.

On motion of Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, 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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Woodson-Samuels, seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 1:32 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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