

Budget & Appropriations BOL Meeting Minutes -Final

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

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Monday, May 10, 2021

1:00 PM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting jointly with the Committees on Legislation and Labor & Housing

With a quorum present, Chair Borgia called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM.

Pursuant to Governor Andrew Cuomo's Executive Order No. 202.1, "Continuing Temporary Suspension and Modification of Laws Relating to the Disaster Emergency," which temporarily suspends portions of the New York State Open Meetings Law.

A section of the order, "Suspension of law allowing the attendance of meetings telephonically or other similar services," provides for the suspension of "Article 7 of the Public Officers Law, to the extent necessary to permit any public body to meet and take such actions authorized by the law without permitting in public in-person access to meetings and authorizing such meetings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided that the public has the ability to view or listen to such proceeding and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed."

Others in Attendance: BOL: Kitley Covill, Alessandra Restiano, Jill Axelrod BOL Remote: MaryJane Shimsky, Colin Smith LAW: Justin Adin LAW Remote: Stacy Dolgin-Kmetz GUEST Remote: Sherry Leiwant

- **Present:** Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels
- Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Tubiolo

MINUTES APPROVAL

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. <u>RES-2021-99</u> <u>PH - Earned Sick Leave for Domestic Workers</u>

A RESOLUTION to set a Public Hearing on a "Local Law amending Chapter 585 of the Laws of Westchester County regarding earned sick leave for domestic workers." [Public Hearing set for May 24, 2021 at 7:30 p.m.]. Local Law Intro 2021-289.

Submitted by COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATION AND LABOR & HOUSING

Joint with LEG & LH

Guests: Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Deputy County Attorney Justin Adin; Sherry Leiwant, Co-Founder & Co-President - A Better Balance

Mr. Adin explained that after the County passed the Earned Sick Leave Law in 2018, New York State passed Earn Sick Leave statewide. The State law preempts the County law, but does not provide protections for domestic workers, which the County law did. This law reaffirms Earned Sick Leave protections for domestic workers in the County. Ms. Leiwant thanked the legislators for passing this law and protecting domestic workers.

On motion of Legislator Maher, seconded by Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Tubiolo

2. <u>2021-289</u> <u>LEGISLATORS BORGIA AND ALVARADO - Earned Sick Leave for</u> <u>Domestic Workers</u>

A LOCAL LAW amending Chapter 585 of the Laws of Westchester County regarding earned sick leave for domestic workers.

COMMITTEE REFERRAL: COMMITTEES ON BUDGET & APPROPRIATIONS, LEGISLATION AND LABOR & HOUSING

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On motion of Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Johnson, the above item was signed by committee. The motion carried by the following vote:

Aye: Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Barr, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Maher, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

Absent: Legislator Parker and Legislator Tubiolo

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Barr, seconded by Legislator Johnson, the Committee adjourned at 2:22 PM.