Law & Major Contracts BOL Meeting Minutes Final



Committee Chair: Nancy Barr

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Monday, May 17, 2021

10:00 AM

Committee Room

CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Budget & Appropriations committee

With a quorum present, Chair Barr called the meeting to order at 11:20 a.m.

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: Legislators: Catherine Borgia and Damon Maher, Legislators (Remote): Ruth Walter, Margaret Cunzio, David Tubiolo, Catherine Parker, Alfreda Williams, and Tyrae Woodson-Samuels; Committee Coordinators: Jill Axelrod and Alie Restiano; Greg Casciato, Jason Chervokas LAW: John Nonna

Present: Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill and Legislator Gashi

Remote: Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Alvarado, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky

and Legislator Smith

MINUTES APPROVAL

April 21, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.

On motion of Legislator Gashi, seconded by Legislator Boykin, the minutes were approved. The motion carried unanimously.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ACT-2021-89 ACT - Outside Counsel Agreement with the Wicks Group

Guests: County Attorney John Nonna

Mr. Nonna explained that the County's agreement with the Wicks Group expired last year, and the firm is currently handling one issue relating to the operations of the Airport. He may need the firm to assist on the Airport Master Plan now that the restrictions are being lifted and in person meetings can resume.

Legislator Maher asked the County Attorney if the Wicks Group had any involvement with the ongoing issue with MillionAir. Mr. Nonna said they did not. Legislator Maher had additional

questions regarding MillionAir, and the committee chairs agreed that they could meet to discuss this issue at a later date, and possibly include the Committee on Environment & Health.

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

Aye: Committee Vice-Chair Barr, Legislator Alvarado, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Covill, Legislator Gashi, Committee Vice-Chair Shimsky and Legislator Smith

II. OTHER BUSINESS

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Alvarado, seconded by Legislator Gashi, the Committee adjourned at 11:40 a.m.