



# Budget & Appropriations

## BOL Meeting Minutes - Final

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

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**Monday, November 22, 2021**

**10:00 AM**

**Committee Room**

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### CALL TO ORDER

*The County Board will meet pursuant to Chapter 417 of New York State Laws of 2021, allowing public bodies to meet and take action without permitting in-person public access to meetings and authorizes such meetings and public hearings to be held remotely by conference call or similar service, provided the public has the ability to view or listen and that such meetings are recorded and later transcribed. To access the meeting, please visit: <https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>*

*With a quorum present, Chair Borgia called the meeting to order at 10:21 AM.*

*Others in Attendance: BOL: Kitley Covill, Colin Smith, Alessandra Restiano, Anand Singh BOL Remote: Mary Jane Shimsky, Jose Alvarado, James Silverberg, Melanie Montalto, Greg Casciato BOL Elect Remote: Jewel Williams Johnson, James Nolan, Erika Pierce BUDGET Remote: Larry Soule, Gideon Grande, Pamela Scobba, Roberto Nascimento SOLID WASTE Remote: Peri Kadanoff, Patricia Callahan, Sheri Marino DA Remote: Mimi Rocah, Lila Kirton, Amy Finzi, Pat D'Imperio PLANNING Remote: Norma Drummond, Anthony Zaino, Dave Kvinge, Naomi Klein, Bill Brady, Erion Vela, Rhonda McInerney, Pamela Tarlow*

**Present:** Committee Chair Borgia, Legislator Boykin, Legislator Cunzio and Legislator Maher

**Remote:** Legislator Barr, Committee Vice-Chair Gashi, Legislator Johnson, Legislator Parker, Legislator Tubiolo, Legislator Walter, Legislator Williams and Legislator Woodson-Samuels

### MINUTES APPROVAL

#### I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

##### **10:00 AM - Solid Waste Commission**

*Guests: Peri Kadanoff, Executive Director, Patricia O'Callaghan, Deputy Director & Sheri Marino, Accountant II*

##### **10:30 AM- District Attorney's Office**

*Guests: District Attorney Mimi Rocah, First Deputy District Attorney Amy Finzi, First Deputy District Attorney Lila Kirton & Chief Administrator Pat D'Imperio*

##### **11:30 AM- Department of Planning**

*Guests: Commissioner Norma Drummond, Assistant Commissioner Anthony Zaino, Dave Kvinge, Director of Environmental Planning, Naomi Klein, Director of Transportation Planning, Bill Brady, Chief Planner, Erion Vela, Fiscal Coordinator, Rhonda McInerney, Budget Specialist*

### *Solid Waste Commission*

*Executive Director Kadanoff appeared before the Committee with her team from the Solid Waste Commission to present their 2022 Executive Proposed Budget. Legislator Walter asked how many people applied for food scrap recycling class/ how many actually got the license? ED Kadanoff responded that this just got approved and only just got out there. She noted that Suburban is the only one licensed to carry food scraps at the moment. Legislator Covill asked how much in old fines is the Department collecting and why it takes so long? ED Kadanoff responded that some of the smaller companies do not pay their fines right away and it takes a lot of effort to reach them. She stated that the Department has limited resources and they are not able to be a collection agency on top of investigating. She noted that they focus on collecting what is outstanding and have collected \$106,000 so far, and anything longer than one year goes to the County Attorney's office. Legislator Covill asked how much outstanding fines are there currently? ED Kadanoff responded around \$100,000, but that is not all from 2021, some of it goes back all the way to 2016 and they have funneled those cases to the County Attorneys' office. Legislator Covill noted that they had previously spoke about an additional inspector and asked should we be adding another? ED Kadanoff responded that they are doing the best they have with the resources allocated to them. They have been going to construction sites rather than waiting at the transfer stations and are able to knock out several trucks at once. Legislator Cunzio asked if they are doing this at the Amazon facility in Hawthorne? ED Kadanoff responded that yes they are doing that and that Amazon is working with a broker and that site is expected to be fully licensed.*

### *District Attorney's Office*

*District Attorney Mimi Rocah appeared before the Committee with her team from the District Attorney's Office to present their 2022 Executive Proposed Budget. Legislator Smith asked if the current setup we have is sustainable in the long run or do they need to shore up paralegal stock? FD DA Finzi responded that they expect to continue evaluating this request over time and as they move forward they may need additional support but at this point, they did not want to ask for more than they knew they needed and will come back for any requests for additional positions. Legislator Smith asked about the new position with the immigration counsel and what this position entails? DA Rocah responded that Saad Siddiqui has county experience and is perfect for this role because he brings knowledge of how immigration laws work/intersect with their work, advises on cases, and gets involved in individual cases when appropriate with prosecutors. Chair Boykin asked about the fresh start program, how many have gone through it and how do they follow up once adjudicated? DA Rocah responded that this started as a pilot program in Greenburgh and White Plains, modeled on a program from NYC that was successful. Westchester is different then NYC so they are testing in those municipalities first. This was launched about one month ago and they are just starting to see those numbers. FD DA Kirton responded that so far they are working with DCMH, they've been helpful as they provide the services, five participants have completed this program, as it is a pre-arraignment program there is no followup from the legal system, but DCMH provides services, housing, substance abuse, food, and is provided on a rolling basis. Chair Boykin noted that there are 24 new hires and asked how many are ADAs? Chief Administrator D'Imperio responded that all 24 were ADAs.*

*Planning Department*

*Commissioner Drummond appeared before the Committee with her team from the Planning Department to present their 2022 Executive Proposed Budget. Chair Borgia asked how many vacancies are there? Commissioner Drummond responded that there are 9 vacancies. Legislator Cunzio asked about the Department only requesting one senior maintenance mechanic even though there were two projected last year? Commissioner Drummond responded that one transferred over to DPW which will allow more flexibility. Legislator Maher asked about New Rochelle housing? Commissioner Drummond responded that because of the deed restriction, the developer is required to hire the county's housing consultants who sets the deadline for applications to be received. There is only one right now which is the housing action council. They want to get that system more electronic, right now it only works via paperwork, once an application is submitted and received by the deadline, applications are randomly put into a lottery that established the order in which applications are reviewed. Legislator Barr asked about the Hilltop Hanover caretakers house listed at \$15,000? Commissioner Drummond responded that this is for a balance of funds. Some of the landscape architects were working on county facilities while work at Hilltop Hanover was stopped, so she can not pull that revenue in from capital project chargebacks.*

**II. OTHER BUSINESS****III. RECEIVE & FILE****ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Boykin, seconded by Committee Chair Borgia, the Committee adjourned at 1:40 PM.