



## Committee on Budget & Appropriations

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Friday, January 8, 2021

11:00 AM

Committee Chair: Catherine Borgia

**DRAFT**

Committee Room, 148 Martine Avenue, 8th Floor, White Plains, NY 10601

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### CALL TO ORDER

*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."*

| Attendee Name         | Title                           | Status  | Arrived |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Tyrae Woodson-Samuels | D13 Legislator                  | Remote  |         |
| Catherine Borgia      | Chair                           | Present |         |
| Nancy Barr            | D6 Legislator                   | Absent  |         |
| Margaret A Cunzio     | D3 Legislator (Minority Leader) | Remote  |         |
| Vedat Gashi           | Vice Chair                      | Remote  |         |
| Christopher Johnson   | D16 Legislator (Majority Whip)  | Absent  |         |
| Damon Maher           | D10 Legislator                  | Absent  |         |
| Catherine Parker      | D7 Legislator                   | Remote  |         |
| David J. Tubiolo      | D14 Legislator                  | Remote  |         |
| Ruth Walter           | D15 Legislator                  | Absent  |         |
| Alfreda Williams      | D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)      | Remote  |         |
| Benjamin Boykin       | D5 Legislator (Chairman)        | Present |         |

Others In Attendance: BOL: Alessandra Restiano, Jason Chervokas BOL REMOTE: Mary Jane Shimsky, Melanie Montalto

### MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Friday, December 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**On motion of Legislator Boykin, seconded by Legislator Gashi the minutes were approved 8-0.**

## I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

## II. OTHER BUSINESS

Unfinished Business and any other agenda items to come before the Committee.

## III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 12400)** **Communication – HON. KITLEY S COVILL: Various Articles re: single use plastics and fees on paper bags:**

Forwarding various articles regarding the single use plastics and fees on paper bags.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Gashi the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

2. **(ID # 12437)** **Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: LoHud.com Article - "Stop and Shop Offers Free Reusable Bags Ahead of State Ban on Carryout Plastic":**

Forwarding a *Lohud.com* article entitled, "Stop and Shop Offers Free Reusable Bags Ahead of State Ban on Carryout Plastic."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

3. **(ID # 12785)** **Act – IMA-Prisoner Transportation-Yonkers:**

AN ACT authorizing the County to enter into an Intermunicipal Agreement with the City of Yonkers in order to provide reimbursement for prisoner transportation to the Westchester County Jail.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED & FILED**

4. **(ID # 13009)** **Communication – HON. BENJAMIN BOYKIN: NYTimes Article - "The Pandemic Depression is Over. The Pandemic Recession Has Just Begun":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* Article entitled, "The Pandemic Depression is Over. The Pandemic Recession Has Just Begun."

With a motion by Legislator Parker and seconded by Legislator Boykin the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

5. **(ID # 13010) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYS Bar Association Article - "Fighting the Scourge of Racial Injustice":**

Forwarding an article from the *New York State Bar Association* entitled, "Fighting the Scourge of Racial Injustice."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

6. **(ID # 13022) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Correspondence re: Mail Ballot Program:**

Forwarding correspondence received from Greenburgh Town Supervisor Paul Feiner regarding a mail ballot program.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

7. **(ID # 13066) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Newsday Article - "Suffolk Police Stopped, Searched Minority Drivers at Higher Rates":**

Forwarding a *Newsday* article entitled, "Suffolk Police Stopped, Searched Minority Drivers at Higher Rates".

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

8. **(ID # 13067) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYTimes Article - "Why Biden Will Need to Spend Big":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "Why Biden Will Need to Spend Big".

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

9. **(ID # 13068) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYTimes Article - "Inside Decades of Nepotism and Bungling at the NYC Elections Board":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "Inside Decades of Nepotism and Bungling at the NYC Elections Board".

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

10. **(ID # 13070) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Justice Policy Institute Report on SRO's:**

Forwarding a report from the *Justice Policy Institute* entitled, "Education Under Arrest: The Case Against Police in Schools".

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

11. **(ID # 13071) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: LATimes Article - "How Prop. 15 would roll back California's landmark tax rule and raise billions":**

Forwarding a *Los Angeles Times* article entitled, "How Prop. 15 would roll back California's landmark tax rule and raise billions".

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

12. **(ID # 13090) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: AP Article - "Mental health workers to take lead in some NYC 911 calls":**

Forwarding an article from the *Associated Press* entitled, "Mental health workers to take lead in some NYC 911 calls"

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

13. **(ID # 13091) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Various Articles re: The Power of Police Unions:**

Forwarding various articles regarding "The Power of Police Unions".

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 8 to 0.

**RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED**

14. **(ID # 13114) Resolution – LEGISLATORS BORGIA AND SHIMSKY: Support of new National Infrastructure Bank:**

Forwarding a Resolution in support of HR6422 which would establish a National Infrastructure Bank.

**RESULT: PENDING**

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Legislator Boykin seconded by Legislator Williams the Committee adjourned at 11:10 AM.