



Committee on Law & Major Contracts

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Monday, February 25, 2019

3:00 PM

Committee Chair: Lyndon Williams

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Joint with Public Safety

With a quorum present, Legislator Williams called the meeting to order at 3:18 p.m.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Lyndon Williams	Chair	Present	
Nancy Barr	D6 Legislator	Present	
Gordon A. Burrows	D15 Legislator (Minority Whip)	Present	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Absent	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Jill Axelrod, Committee Coordinator, Legislator Margaret Cunzio, Legislator Damon Maher DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION: Joseph Spano, Louis Molina, James Birrittella, and Justin Pruyne GUESTS: Katie Shaffer, Claire Degnan

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Monday, February 04, 2019 at 9:00 AM

On motion of Legislator Burrows seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the minutes were approved with a vote of 4 - 0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

Guest: Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph Spano

1. **(ID # 11321) Resolution – LEGISLATOR L. WILLIAMS, BOYKIN, A. WILLIAMS, SHIMSKY, BORGIA, JOHNSON, COVILL, MAHER, CLEMENTS, BARR, KAPLOWITZ AND PARKER: Overhaul Pretrial Laws:**

Forwarding a draft Resolution calling on the New York State Legislature to Overhaul Pretrial Laws.

Katie Shaffer of Just Leadership USA/Free New York and Claire Degnan, Executive Director of the Legal Aid Society of Westchester County, discussed their views and suggestions for the resolution. Department of Correction Commissioner Joseph Spano, Deputy Commissioner Louis Mulina, Deputy Commissioner Justin Pruyne, and Chief of Administration James Birrittella discussed their opinions on bail reform and eliminating cash bail.

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 11536) *Communication – LEGISLATORS MAHER, SHIMSKY, BOYKIN, L. WILLIAMS, A. WILLIAMS, BARR, JOHNSON, COVILL, CLEMENTS, BORGIA, PARKER AND PEREZ: Correspondence re: support of addiction treatment in County Jail:***

Forwarding correspondence from Drug Crisis in Our Backyard regarding support of addiction treatment in County Jail.

With a motion by Legislator Barr seconded by Legislator Shimsky, the item was received and filed with a vote of 4 - 0.

RESULT:	RECEIVED AND FILED
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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Burrows and seconded by Legislator Barr, the Committee adjourned at 3:59 p.m.