



Committee on Seniors & Constituencies

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Monday, October 7, 2019

1:02 PM

Committee Chair: David J. Tubiolo

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Meeting is joint with the Committees on Legislation and Appointments.

With a quorum present, Vice Chair Shimsky called the meeting to order at 1:07 PM.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
David J. Tubiolo	Chair	Absent	
Damon Maher	D10 Legislator	Present	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Whip)	Present	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Present	
Lyndon Williams	D13 Legislator	Absent	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

Others In Attendance: CEO: Steve Bass, Blanca Lopez LAW: Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz, Linda Trentacoste DOH: Dr. Sherlita Amler, Pete DeLucia DCMH: Michael Orth BOL: Melanie Montalto, Dennis Power, Committee coordinators: Jill Axelrod, Yolanda Valencia, James Silverberg, and Brandon Lloyd GUESTS: Matt Callaghan, Carissa Jachcinski, Lisa Siegel, Greg Mihailovich, Cheryl Richter, Carla Bowers, Anna Masopust, Andrea Sadowski, Ann Chiappetta, Maria Samuels, Joe Bravo, Spike Babaian, Maureen Kenney, Elizabeth Hamlin, Michele Lawton, Barry Harrison, Lucy Miller, Leilani Lockett

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Tuesday, September 24, 2019 at 10:00 AM

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

1. **ACT-2019-215 Act – Council on People with Disabilities:**

An Act establishing the Advisory Council on People with Disabilities

Guests: Michael Orth, Commissioner, Department of Community Mental Health; Andrea Sadowski and Anna Masopust, Office for People with Disabilities; Maria Samuels, Deputy Executive Director, Westchester Disabled On the Move; Joe Bravo, Executive Director, Westchester Independent Living Center; Ann Chiappetta, Vice President, Westchester Council for the Blind Chief Deputy County Attorney Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz and Deputy County Attorney Linda Trentacoste discussed the basis for the law. Commissioner Orth, Ms. Sadowski and Ms. Masopust discussed the need for the Council, and how it should function. Legislator Testaquestioned whether staffing or other additional costs would be needed for the Council to function properly. Mr. Bravo responded that the Council may need liaisons to assist them. Steve Bass, Director of Intergovernmental Relations, advised that there are already people in the County Executive's office to act as liaisons, and he does not foresee a

need for additional staff. Ms. Samuels and Ms. Chiappetta from the Westchester Council of the Blind discussed why the creation of the Council is important to show inclusion. Legislator Shimsky requested to add to the Act on Section 1-A "as" after the word disabilities.

With a motion by Legislator Shimsky and seconded by Legislator Boykin the item was approved with a vote of 4-0.

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SIGNED BY COMMITTEE

Next: 10/7/2019 7:00 PM

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Shimsky seconded by Legislator A. Williams the Committee adjourned at 2:10 PM.