



Committee on Social Services

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021

10:00 AM

DRAFT

Committee Chair: Christopher Johnson

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

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CALL TO ORDER

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Christopher Johnson	Chair	Present	
Nancy Barr	D6 Legislator	Remote	
Catherine Borgia	D9 Legislator	Absent	
Kitley Covill	D2 Legislator	Remote	
MaryJane Shimsky	D12 Legislator (Majority Leader)	Absent	
David J. Tubiolo	D14 Legislator	Absent	
Alfreda Williams	D8 Legislator (Vice Chair)	Remote	
Benjamin Boykin	D5 Legislator (Chairman)	Present	

Others In Attendance: BOL: Legislator Tyrae Woodson-Samuels (remote), Melanie Montalto (remote) and Dayana Gómez

MINUTES APPROVAL

1. Wednesday, September 09, 2020 at 3:01 PM

With a motion by Legislator Williams and seconded by Legislator Boykin the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

2. Tuesday, September 29, 2020 at 10:00 AM

With a motion by Legislator Williams and seconded by Legislator Barr the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

3. Tuesday, October 06, 2020 at 10:00 AM

With a motion by Legislator Williams and seconded by Legislator Barr the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

4. Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 10:00 AM

With a motion by Legislator Williams and seconded by Legislator Barr the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

5. Friday, December 04, 2020 at 10:04 AM

With a motion by Legislator Williams and seconded by Legislator Barr the item was approved with a vote of 5-0.

I. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

II. OTHER BUSINESS

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

III. RECEIVE & FILE

1. **(ID # 12401) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: The Atlantic Article - "The Great Affordability Crisis Breaking America":**

Forwarding an article from *The Atlantic* entitled, "The Great Affordability Crisis Breaking America."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

2. **(ID # 12405) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Journal News Article - "U.S. Suicide Rate Continues to Rise":**

Forwarding a *Journal News* article entitled, "U.S. Suicide Rate Continues to Rise."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

3. **(ID # 12408) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYSBA Article - "In Support of Legalization of Adult Recreational Marijuana in NY":**

Forwarding a *New York State Bar Association* article entitled, "In Support of Legalization of Adult Recreational Marijuana in NY."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

4. **(ID # 12410) Communication – HON. NANCY E. BARR: Village of Rye Brook Board of Trustees Resolution against Hate:**

Forwarding a Resolution from the Village of Rye Brook Board of Trustees entitled, "Condemning The Senseless Incidents Of Hatred In Our Community, In Our County And In Our Country."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

5. **(ID # 12411) Communication – HON. CHRISTOPHER A. JOHNSON: Memo to create a pilot program entitled S.A.V.E. - Students Achieve Via Education:**

Forwarding a memo requesting that the appropriate County departments research and draft a proposal to create a pilot program entitled S.A.V.E. - Students Achieve Via Education, for 2020 which will create and fund college savings accounts with the beginning amount of \$50 for up to 5,000 kindergarten students in the City of Yonkers.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

6. **(ID # 12423) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence re: Fair Housing:**

Forwarding a letter sent to Gov. Cuomo regarding Fair Housing Discrimination and Law Proposals.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

7. **(ID # 12427) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Houston Chronicle Article - "Wales Hit Hardest by New Storm":**

Forwarding a *Houston Chronicle* article entitled, "Wales Hit Hardest by New Storm."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

8. **(ID # 12438) Communication – HON. LYNDON D. WILLIAMS: Legal Services of the Hudson Valley- Eviction Proceeding Plan:**

Forwarding a presentation prepared, at the request of the BOL, by Legal Services of the Hudson Valley regarding eviction proceedings, tenants responsibilities and available resources.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

9. **(ID # 12480) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: 2020 NYSAC Legislative Conf. Resolutions - Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services:**

Forwarding Resolutions from the 2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference - Standing Committee on Medicaid and Human Services.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

10. **(ID # 12483) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: 2020 NYSAC Legislative Conf. Resolutions - Standing Committee on Children with Special Needs:**

Forwarding Resolutions from the 2020 NYSAC Legislative Conference - Standing Committee on Children with Special Needs.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

11. **(ID # 12509) Communication – West Co FAH Program-Quarterly Report 4Q 2019:**

Forwarding the Westchester County Fair and Affordable Housing Implementation Plan Quarterly Report for the period of October 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

12. **(ID # 12517) Communication – HON. LYNDON D. WILLIAMS: Marketwatch.com Article - "Opinion: Here's Why Black Families Have Struggled to Gain Wealth":**

Forwarding a *Marketwatch.com* article entitled, "Opinion: Here's Why Black Families Have Struggled for Decades to Gain Wealth."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

13. **(ID # 12579) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: LoHud Article - "Daycare centers worry they won't weather the fiscal hit from coronavirus":**

Forwarding a *LoHud* article entitled, "Daycare centers, open or not, worry they won't weather the fiscal hit from the coronavirus."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

14. **(ID # 12754) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence regarding Grass Roots Matching Gift Drive:**

Forwarding correspondence regarding Grass Roots Matching Gift Drive.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

15. **(ID # 12755) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence from National Nurses United - "Racism is a Public Health Crisis":**

Forwarding correspondence from *National Nurses United* entitled, "Racism is a Public Health Crisis."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

16. **(ID # 12757) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence from WesPac regarding Police Reform:**

Forwarding correspondence from WesPac regarding Police Reform.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

17. **(ID # 12848) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYTimes Article - "Don't Defund the Police. Re-Fund Them, Smarter":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "Don't Defund the Police. Re-Fund Them, Smarter."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

18. **(ID # 12850) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Associated Press Article - "Fight for police-free schools has been years in the making":**

Forwarding an *Associated Press* article entitled, "Fight for police-free schools has been years in the making."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

19. **(ID # 12856) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: Washington Post Article - "Child-care centers have already been reopening":**

Forwarding a *Washington Post* article entitled, "Child-care centers have already been reopening. The results are troubling."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

20. **(ID # 12917) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: The Atlantic.com Article - "Americans Are Determined to Believe in Black Progress":**

Forwarding an article from *The Atlantic.com* entitled, "Americans Are Determined to Believe in Black Progress whether it's happening or not."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

21. **(ID # 12918) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: NYTimes Article - "Where the Sick Get Sicker and the Sane Are Driven Mad: Behind Bars":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "Where the Sick Get Sicker and the Sane Are Driven Mad: Behind Bars."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

22. **(ID # 12923) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Nplusonemag.com Article - "When a Person Goes Missing":**

Forwarding a *nplusonemag.com* article entitled, "When a Person Goes Missing."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

23. **(ID # 12926) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Correspondence re: U.S. Census:**

Forwarding correspondence regarding the U.S. Census.

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

24. **(ID # 12928) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Boston Review Article - "Guns in the Family":**

Forwarding an article from the *Boston Review* entitled, "Guns in the Family."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

25. **(ID # 12966) Communication – HON. MARYJANE SHIMSKY: The Examiner News Article - "Jacob Blake's Police Shooting Highlights the Hidden Victims":**

Forwarding an article from *The Examiner News* entitled, "Jacob Blake's Police Shooting Highlights the Hidden Victims of Police Violence."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

26. **(ID # 12978) Communication – HON. DAMON R. MAHER: Atlantic Magazine Article - "The Next Reconstruction":**

Forwarding an *Atlantic Magazine* article entitled, "The Next Reconstruction."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

27. **(ID # 12993) Communication – HON. BENJAMIN BOYKIN: NYTimes Article - "How a Pledge to Dismantle the Minneapolis Police Collapsed":**

Forwarding a *New York Times* article entitled, "How a Pledge to Dismantle the Minneapolis Police Collapsed."

With a motion by Legislator Boykin and seconded by Legislator Williams the item below was received & filed with a vote of 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

28. **(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 5 to 0.

RESULT: RECEIVED AND FILED

29. **(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 5 to 0.

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ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Legislator Boykin seconded by Legislator Williams the Committee adjourned at 10:15am.