



# *50th Anniversary Commemoration*

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**MONDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2020 | 7:00 P.M.**  
8TH FLOOR CHAMBER, 148 MARTINE AVENUE, WHITE PLAINS, NY

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*Celebrating* **OUR PAST, Inspiring OUR FUTURE**



## Letter from Chairman Benjamin Boykin II

October 19, 2020

Dear Legislators, Board Staff and Westchester Residents,

The Westchester County Board of Legislators marks its 50th anniversary this year. While the pandemic has delayed our in-person celebration of this golden milestone until 2021, today's virtual ceremony -- "Celebrating our past – Inspiring our future" -- included congratulatory videos from former Legislators, comments from current Legislators and this keepsake anniversary book.



Westchester County's governing body was established in 1703 as the Board of Supervisors. It remained as such until the court ruled in 1965 that the Board of Supervisors did not adhere to one person, one vote representation. The court established a County Board with 17 legislative districts of equal size represented by a single Legislator. At its first meeting on January 5, 1970, the body was renamed the Board of Legislators. For over 300 years, these two bodies have represented and protected the people of Westchester County.

The Board of Legislators is a co-equal branch of government with the Executive branch, which is headed by the County Executive. The Board of Legislators is responsible for setting County policy through the enactment of all legislation and appropriations. Chief responsibilities include the adoption of the annual operating, special district, capital and Westchester Community College budgets; levying taxes; setting fee schedules for certain County services; and authorizing the issuance of debt. The Board of Legislators also approves appointments made by the County Executive, and provides oversight of all government functions of the Executive Branch.

During the fifty years of the Board of Legislators, 111 Legislators have served the nearly one million residents of Westchester County. We have had 14 Board Chairs, 6 Clerks, and hundreds of dedicated staff as part of our history.

I am honored to serve as Chairman of the Board of Legislators during this 50th anniversary year. 2020 has been one of the most challenging years in memory with the health and economic crisis in our County and nation. Working together with my colleagues and the Board of Legislators staff, we have ensured that the necessary legislative actions to provide essential services to our residents has never stopped.

Thank you to everyone for working together to provide a Westchester County that people can count on.

Happy 50th anniversary to the Board of Legislators!

Sincerely,



## *Letter from Honorable Herman Geist, 1st Board Chairman*

October 19, 2020

Dear Legislators, Board Staff and Westchester Residents,

In 1965, I was elected to the Westchester County Board of Supervisors and served from 1966 to 1969. When the County Board of Legislators was created by the ruling of Justice John J. Dillon, I was one of the first group of 17 Legislators elected to serve on this body in 1970. I was proud to represent District 13, the great city of Mount Vernon, and I was honored to be selected by my colleagues as the first Chair of the new Board of Legislators.



That honor never stopped.

I served four one-year terms as Chair. My City of Mount Vernon Republican Leader, Edward L. Warren, would not let me run for any other office. He loved County government and served as County Clerk from 1952 to 1968. When we started, Edwin Michaelian was the County Executive, for which this building was eventually named. Back then, it was bare bones -- we had a staff of four and, of course, no computers, cell phones or fax machines. Since we had no private offices, we spoke to each other directly and often conducted meetings in the Rotunda on the main floor.

My most important obligation was to make sure the other 16 Legislators had all the information they needed to enact legislation and pass budgets. Jack Peterson was our Budget Director and he gave us his worksheets and sat in budget meetings to guide us. Our Clerk, Edwin Maloney, made sure things were done orderly and right.

The world was different then. Less technology but more talking. Westchester County and our Board delivered important services to its people and localities then, and still does. The dedication of the members has been unwavering since the beginning. I am proud to have been there at the start and cherish my memories and involvement through the last 50 years.

It's been a great ride -- THANK YOU WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS AND HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Sincerely,

*Herman Geist*





*In 2020, the Westchester County Board of Legislators marks its 50th anniversary.*



HERMAN GEIST, 1ST CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND BEN BOYKIN, CURRENT CHAIRMAN

*Although predecessor bodies had represented the interests of the people of Westchester since 1703, the Board of Legislators (BOL) as we know it was created in 1969, and first met on January 5, 1970.*

*The creation of the Board was a victory for the principle of one person, one vote.*

*The BOL's immediate predecessor, the Westchester County Board of Supervisors, was challenged in court by the Town of Greenburgh in 1965 on the grounds that its population was not properly represented. At the time, the Greenburgh Town Supervisor, with one vote on the Board of Supervisors, represented 80,000 town residents, while the North Salem Town Supervisor, with the same one vote, represented fewer than 4,000.*

*It took four more years of court cases and legislative proceedings before New York State Supreme Court Justice John J. Dillion approved a plan creating our current 17-district legislature in March of 1969. The election for the Board of Legislators was held on November 4, 1969.*

*Although 2020 has been a year unlike any other, as we've dealt with the health, economic and educational challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Board of Legislators is proud of its growth and legacy and its half century of commitment to the people of this County. Over the course of the Board's fifty year history, more than 10,000 pieces of legislation have been created and implemented to improve the lives of the residents of Westchester County.*

*We invite you to enjoy the history of the Board and look forward hopefully to a day in the future when we can gather in person to celebrate this occasion.*



## Current Board of Legislators



**Colin D. Smith (D)**  
District 1  
*Chair, Public Safety*



**Kitley S. Covill (D)**  
District 2  
*Chair, Legislation*



**Margaret A. Cunzio (C)**  
*Minority Leader*  
District 3  
*Co-Chair, Rules*



**Vedat Gashi (D)**  
District 4  
*Chair, Public Works & Transportation*



**Benjamin Boykin II (D)**  
*Chairman*  
District 5



**Nancy E. Barr (D)**  
District 6  
*Chair, Environment & Health; Law & Major Contracts*



**Catherine F. Parker (D)**  
District 7  
*Chair, Planning, Economic Development & Energy*



**Alfreda A. Williams (D)**  
*Vice Chair*  
District 8



**Catherine Borgia (D)**  
District 9  
*Chair, Budget & Appropriations; Co-Chair, Families Task Force*



**Damon R. Maher (D)**  
District 10  
*Chair, Labor & Housing*



**Terry Clements (D)**  
District 11  
*Chair, Intergovernmental Services*



**MaryJane Shimsky (D)**  
*Majority Leader*  
District 12  
*Co-Chair, Rules*



**Lyndon D. Williams (D)**  
District 13  
*Chair, Law & Major Contracts; Co-Chair, Minority Affairs Task Force*  
*Resigned in August 2020*



**David J. Tubiolo (D)**  
District 14  
*Chair, Parks & Recreation*



**Ruth Walter (D)**  
District 15  
*Chair, Appointments; Environment & Health*



**Christopher A. Johnson (D)**  
*Majority Whip*  
District 16  
*Chair, Social Services*



**José I. Alvarado (D)**  
District 17  
*Chair, Seniors, Youth & Intergenerational Services; Co-Chair, Minority Affairs Task Force*

# Board of Legislators Staff

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David Ford	Receptionist

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Javon Boxhill <i>(2018 - 2020)</i>	Fiscal Analyst

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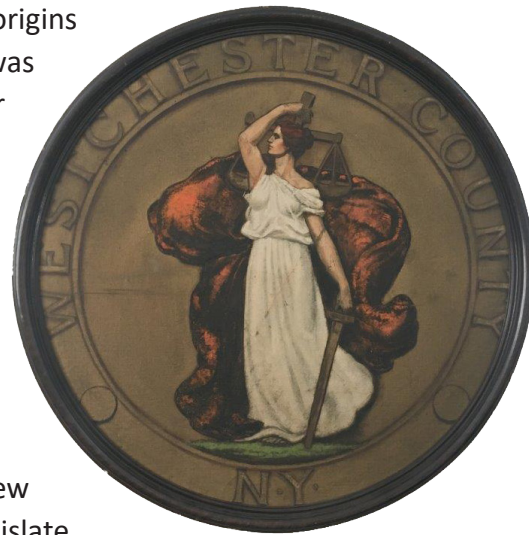
COMMITTEE COORDINATORS	COMMITTEE(S) SUPPORTED
Jill Axelrod	Law & Major Contracts; Legislation
Tara Bernard	Rules
Malcolm Clark <i>(2018 - 2020)</i>	Public Safety; Social Services
Dayana Gómez	Appointments; Intergovernmental Services; Social Services; Families & Minority Affairs Task Forces
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Beth LoBello	Parks & Recreation
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James Silverberg	Public Safety; Public Works & Transportation
Yolanda Valencia	Seniors, Youth & Intergenerational Services; Families & Minority Affairs Task Forces



# History of The Board of Legislators

## Origins

The legislative branch of Westchester County government traces its origins to the early 18th century. In 1703, twenty years after the County was established by the New York General Assembly, the title of supervisor was given to the office that was formerly known as town treasurer. The supervisors of each town began to gather to raise money for the construction of County buildings such as a court house and jail, and to transact County business. The assembling of the supervisors was the origin of the Westchester County Board of Supervisors. Each town supervisor played two roles, as they oversaw town government and served as a legislative representative on the Board of Supervisors. The Board had relatively little power until after the Revolutionary War. In 1846, the New York State Constitution was amended to permit the New York State Legislature to allow the boards of supervisors power to legislate and administer their own counties<sup>1</sup>.



Yonkers was incorporated as Westchester County's first city in 1872. The city continued to elect a supervisor, who did not have any role within the city government, but simply represented the city on the Board of Supervisors. In 1893 Yonkers was permitted to have five representatives on the Board, one from each of its five wards. Other Westchester cities were permitted to have more than one representative on the Board. Mount Vernon, which became a city in 1892, was allowed five representatives, one for each of its wards, in 1896. As the number of wards in Yonkers grew, so too did the number of representatives that it was allowed on the Board, and its twelfth and final ward was created in 1928. New Rochelle was permitted four supervisors when it became a city in 1899, followed by White Plains (three supervisors when it became a city in 1916) and Peekskill (two supervisors when it became a city in 1940). Rye, which became a city in 1942, was the only city that did not have more than one supervisor.

As the 1960s began, the Westchester County Board of Supervisors consisted of 45 members. Each of the 18 towns that existed in the County at the time was represented on the Board by its town supervisor, who also had executive power within his or her town. Additionally, there were 27 representatives who were elected from cities: Mount Vernon (5 members), New Rochelle (4), Peekskill (2), Rye (1), White Plains (3) and Yonkers (12). Because the populations of the towns and cities varied, each supervisor represented a different number of voters. For example, the Greenburgh town supervisor represented over 80,000 residents, while the North Salem town supervisor represented fewer than 4,000 residents. Additionally, the manner in which the cities selected their supervisors varied. For example, the 12 Yonkers supervisors were apportioned to the city's 12 wards, while the five Mount Vernon supervisors were elected at-large.

In July 1961, the Westchester County Charter Revision Committee noted the need to have a more equitable representation of Westchester's population on the Board of Supervisors. The committee offered 13 different plans through which the makeup of the Board could be changed. Two years later, the Board of Supervisors voted to postpone any decision on reapportionment until after the United States Supreme Court

ruled on a number of cases regarding the concept of "one person, one vote." In June 1964, the Supreme Court ruled that the legislative apportionment system in New York was unconstitutional, and the following November the Legislative Committee of the Board of Supervisors began to hold hearings on reapportionment.

In 1965, the Town of Greenburgh brought suit against the Westchester County Board of Supervisors in New York State Supreme Court, arguing that its residents did not have proper representation on the Board. On January 6, 1966, Justice Gerald Nolan ruled in favor of the Town of Greenburgh, and instructed the Board of Supervisors to reapportion itself according to the one-person, one-vote rulings that had recently been issued by the United States Supreme Court. In response, the Board of Supervisors approved a fractional voting plan in April 1966 that assigned votes to supervisors ranging from 0.15 of a vote to one full vote. Justice Nolan declared this fractional voting system unconstitutional in July 1966, and ordered the Board to come up with a better plan by the end of the year. In the interim, he directed the Board to adopt a weighted voting system which assigned each supervisor a number of votes ranging from 3 to 83 based upon the population that he or she represented.

From 1966 through 1968 the Board of Supervisors proposed seven reapportionment plans, four of which were declared unconstitutional by New York State courts. The remaining three proposals were defeated by County voters in referendums held in November 1967 and November 1968<sup>2</sup>. Eventually, New York State Supreme Court Justice John J. Dillon was tasked with deciding upon a reapportionment plan. In February 1969 he requested that interested parties submit briefs and proposals for the new legislature. Justice Dillon considered three plans for a new County legislature: one consisting of seven districts coinciding with the County's seven state assembly districts, one supported by the Town of Greenburgh consisting of 11 districts that would vary in terms of population and would elect a total of 21 legislators, and one supported by the League of Women Voters consisting of 17 equally populated districts that would select either one or two members each<sup>3</sup>. On March 13, 1969, Justice Dillon selected the third plan, and in his ruling selected the name for the new body:



*The Board shall be known as the "County Board," and its members as "County Legislators." Such legislators shall be nominated and elected in 1969 and take office on January 1, 1970, on which date the County Board shall replace the Board of Supervisors as the legislative body of the County....The County Legislators shall serve for a term of two years.<sup>4</sup>*

The first election for the Board of Legislators took place on November 4th, 1969, and resulted in the selection of 13 Republicans and 4 Democrats (by contrast, the last Board of Supervisors had 37 Republicans and 8 Democrats at its final session). The Republican Party maintained control of the Board until the 1997 election, at which time the Democratic Party secured a 9-8 majority. The Democratic Party has kept a majority on the Board since the 1997 election, although a coalition of Republicans and Democrats elected the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Board from 2014 to 2017.

<sup>1</sup> WESTCHESTER COUNTY, N.Y. BOARD OF LEGISLATORS. WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS, 1976-1977. (WHITE PLAINS, N.Y., 1976), 4-5.

<sup>2</sup> "COURT DUE TO WEIGH PLANS TO REAPPORTION SUPERVISORS." THE HERALD STATESMAN, YONKERS, N.Y., JANUARY 16, 1969.

<sup>3</sup> "VARIED SUGGESTIONS BEFORE DILLON AS HE TACKLES REAPPORTIONMENT." THE CITIZEN REGISTER, OSSINING, N.Y., FEBRUARY 26, 1969.

<sup>4</sup> "DILLON DECISION TRACES WESTCHESTER APPORTIONING HISTORY." THE CITIZEN REGISTER, OSSINING, N.Y., MARCH 17, 1969.



## Inaugural Legislature

- 1st District – Joseph A. Martin, Democrat, Peekskill
- 2nd District – Charles L. Brieant, Jr., Republican, Ossining
- 3rd District – James H. Sachs, Republican, Pound Ridge
- 4th District – R. Bradlee Boal, Republican, Bedford
- 5th District – Henry R. Barrett III, Republican, White Plains
- 6th District – John L. Messina, Republican, Port Chester
- 7th District – Thomas F. Keane, Jr., Republican, Mamaroneck
- 8th District – Allen A. Richman, Republican, Greenburgh
- 9th District – William R. Crosbie, Republican, Tarrytown
- 10th District – Andrew A. Albanese, Republican, Eastchester
- 11th District – Diane G. Collins, Republican, New Rochelle
- 12th District – Robert A. Cremins, Republican, Pelham
- 13th District – Herman S. Geist, Republican, Mount Vernon
- 14th District – Kenneth T. Grosse, Democrat, Yonkers
- 15th District – Harold W. Smith, Democrat, Yonkers
- 16th District – Andrew J. Balint, Democrat, Yonkers
- 17th District – John J. Lee, Jr., Republican, Yonkers



Back Row: Legislators Balint, Grosse, Barrett, Lee, Collins, Geist, Smith, Sachs, Richman, Brieant;

Middle Row: Martin, Keane, Boal, Crosbie;

Seated: Albanese, Cremins, Messina, County Executive Michaelian, Clerk of the Board—Maloney, Secretaries—Robinson, Lynch, Sharpe.

The first meeting of the Board of Legislators was held on Monday, January 5, 1970. It was called to order by Elmer J. Maloney, who had been the last Clerk of the Board of Supervisors. After Rabbi Aaron Blumenthal of Congregation Emanu-el of Mount Vernon delivered the invocation, Mr. Maloney called the roll, and then Legislator Herman S. Geist of Mount Vernon was elected as the Board's first Chairman. He proceeded to make a brief address in which he noted:

*Today the form of this Legislative Branch changes after over 200 years—the form but not its spirit. For no matter how it is constituted “government is a trust, and the officers of the government are trustees; and both the trust and the trustees are created for the benefit of the people.” We 17 know that the eyes of Westchester are upon us. We understand that there are those who are concerned about the role we will play. We also know that there are those who are eager to see what better results will be obtained from the change that has been mandated upon this great historical institution. No amount of words spoken this day will either allay fears nor satisfy new concepts. We, by our deeds alone can do this...We know that other bodies will achieve greater works through higher jurisdictional capacity for fortuitous events. However, we are determined that no legislative body, either past or future, will exceed us in either desire or dedication...*

Legislator Diane G. Collins was then elected as the Vice Chair of the Board, which was followed by the selection of Mr. Maloney as the first Clerk of the Board. The Board then approved a list of 36 rules. These rules included the establishment of four standing committees: Committee on Budget and Appropriations, Committee on County Officers and Departments, Committee on Legislation, and Committee on External Affairs. For the 2020-21 Legislative Term, the Board has 14 committees.

On November 2, 1970 the Board of Legislators unanimously approved changes to the Westchester County Charter that codified the decision that Justice Dillon had made the previous year. The legislation also prohibited members of the Board from simultaneously holding another elected or appointed office.<sup>1</sup> The following month the Board held its first-ever vote on a County budget. The budget passed unanimously on December 21, 1970, the first time a budget had passed the County's legislative body unanimously since the first Westchester County Executive, William F. Bleakley, submitted his budget in 1939.<sup>2</sup>

Alfred B. Del Bello, a Democrat, was elected Westchester County Executive in 1973. At that same election, voters sent 11 Republicans and 6 Democrats to the Board of Legislators. This marked the first time since the establishment of the office of Westchester County Executive that the executive branch and the legislative branch were controlled by opposing parties. Split control of the executive and legislative branches existed during the entirety of the Del Bello administration (1974-1982) as well as during the administration of Rob Astorino (2010-2017), during which time there was a Republican County Executive and a Democratic Board of Legislators.

In January 1976, veteran journalist Milton Hoffman of the *White Plains Reporter Dispatch* looked back on the accomplishments of the Board during its first six years:

*The achievements speak for themselves—the approval of a daring garbage disposal and energy-production plan to cost \$105 million, the approval of a new department of general services, the creation of a department of transportation and the start of a transportation police, the decision to construct a police and fire training academy, the decision to shift control of the Westchester Medical Center and the imposition of a County sales tax to ease the burden on the real estate property tax.*<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup> “REAPPORTIONMENT NOW OFFICIAL FOR COUNTY.” *THE CITIZEN REGISTER*, OSSINING, N.Y., NOVEMBER 3, 1970.

<sup>2</sup> “COUNTY BUDGET PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.” *THE DAILY NEWS*, TARRYTOWN, N.Y., DECEMBER 22, 1970.

<sup>3</sup> “BOARD BATTLES IN SIGHT.” *THE HERALD STATESMAN*, YONKERS, N.Y., JANUARY 7, 1976.



## The Legislators

The boundaries of the districts for the Board of Legislators are redrawn following the completion of each United States Census. They have been redrawn five times: in 1973, 1983, 1991, 2001 and 2011.

As the Board of Legislators set about redrawing district boundaries in 1983, support had grown for the creation of districts that would provide better opportunities for electing minority legislators. At the time, African Americans comprised 12% of the County’s population. Although three African Americans had served at various times on the old Board of Supervisors, none had been elected to the Board of Legislators. The large African American population in southern Mount Vernon was split between two legislative districts, as was the sizable African American population in southwest Yonkers. David Ford, Chairman of the Mount Vernon Democratic Party, noted, “If [the legislators] don’t create a minority district, we intend to go to federal court. There is a very large minority population in Mount Vernon and they have a right to a legislator.”<sup>1</sup> ) The resulting map drawn by the Board created two districts, the 13th in Mount Vernon and the 16th in Yonkers, each of which had a minority population of over 50%. The 13th and 16th districts chose Democrats Ernest Davis and Herman Keith, respectively, to represent them in the 1983 election.<sup>2</sup> Both shared the distinction of becoming the first African American members of the Board of Legislators when they took office in January 1984. A third district, the 8th, was created in the 1991 reapportionment. Republican Pearl Quarles became the first African American woman to join the Board when she was appointed to a vacancy from this district in January 1993. The 2001 reapportionment created a Latino-majority district, the 17th, which chose José Alvarado as the Board’s first Latino member that same year. Virginia Perez became the first Latina member of the Board when she was elected from the 17th district in 2011.

A total of 111 individuals have served on the Board of Legislators since its inception. The first elections for the Board of Legislators in 1969 resulted in the election of sixteen men and one woman, Diane G. Collins. The 2019 election resulted in the election of nine women and eight men.

Serving 14 terms from 1970 to 1997, Andrew Albanese was the longest tenured member of the Board. Fourteen legislators have served as Chairs of the Board. William J. Ryan, who led the Board from 2004 to 2009, was the longest serving Chair. Seventeen legislators have served as Vice Chairs of the Board. Andrew Albanese was the longest-serving Vice Chair, holding the office from 1972 to 1982 and 1990 to 1991. Two legislators were not members of the Democratic or Republican parties: Suzanne Swanson and Margaret Cunzio, both members of the Conservative Party.

Several members of the Board of Legislators have been elected to state, county, city and town office:

- New York State Senate: Peter Harckham, George Latimer, Andrea Stewart-Cousins (Temporary President and Majority Leader)
- New York State Assembly: Thomas Abinanti, Richard Brodsky, Sandra Galef, Audrey Hochberg, George Latimer, Louis Mosiello, William J. Ryan, Michael Spano, Ronald Tocci
- Westchester County Executive: Robert Astorino, George Latimer, Andrew P. O’Rourke
- Westchester County Clerk: Leonard Spano
- Mayor of Mount Vernon: Ernest Davis, Clinton Young
- Mayor of New Rochelle: Vincent Rippa
- Mayor of White Plains: Joseph Delfino
- Mayor of Yonkers: Michael Spano
- Town Supervisor of Greenburgh: Paul Feiner
- Town Supervisor of New Castle: Mark Tulis
- Town Supervisor of Ossining: Catherine Borgia

Additionally, Legislator Charles Brieant was appointed a United States District Court Judge; Legislator Lyndon D. Williams was appointed Mount Vernon City Court Judge.

<sup>1</sup> “COUNTY GOP SEEKS GOAL OF MINORITY DISTRICT IN PLAN.” GANNETT WESTCHESTER NEWSPAPERS, FEBRUARY 14, 1983. THE THREE AFRICAN AMERICAN MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WERE HAROLD L. WOOD, RONALD L. BLACKWOOD AND WILLA GOOD, ALL OF WHOM REPRESENTED MOUNT VERNON.

<sup>2</sup> “PARTIES OPTIMISTIC ABOUT LEGISLATIVE RACES.” GANNETT WESTCHESTER NEWSPAPERS, OCTOBER 23, 1983.





## Past Legislators

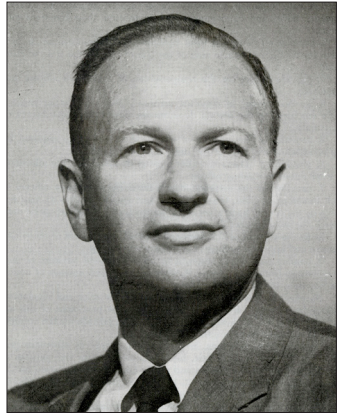
Legislator Name	Years Served	Party
Abinanti, Thomas J.	1992-2010	Democrat
Albanese, Andrew A.*	1970-1997	Republican
Alvarado, José	2002-2011; 2020-Present	Democrat
Astorino, Robert P.	2004-2005	Republican
Balint, Andrew J.	1970-1971	Democrat
Barrett, Henry R. III	1970-1973	Republican
Boal, R. Bradlee	1970-1971	Republican
Brady, Edward J.*	1972-1991	Republican
Brieant, Charles L. Jr.	1970-1971	Republican
Brodsky, Richard L.	1976-1982	Democrat
Bronz, Lois T.*	1994-2009	Democrat
Burrows, Gordon A.	2005-2019	Republican
Burton, William E.	2006-2011	Democrat
Calvi, Carl J.	1980-1983	Republican
Carey, Timothy S.	1984-1995	Republican
Carsky, Katherine S.	1983-2001	Republican
Christiana, Joseph W.	1978-1981	Republican
Cole, Alan	2015-2015	Democrat
Collins, Diane G.	1970-1971	Republican
Corcoran, Francis	2016-2017	Republican
Cremins, Robert A.	1970-1971	Republican
Crosbie, William R.	1983-1983	Republican
Darby, Joseph M.	1971-1975	Republican
Darcy, Robert J.	1996-1997	Republican
Davis, Ernest D.	1984-1995	Democrat
Delfino, Joseph M.	1990-1997	Republican
DeMarco, John W.	1982-1989	Democrat
DeRario, John A.	1972-1983	Democrat
Donovan, Andrew J.	1994-1997	Republican
Feiner, Paul J.	1984-1991	Democrat
Flynn, Richard A.	1992-1995	Republican
Galef, Sandra R.	1980-1992	Democrat
Galef, Steven A.	1976-1979	Democrat
Geist, Herman S.*	1970-1973	Republican
Gelfarb, David B.	2012-2017	Republican
Gibbs, Edward M.	1972-1984	Republican
Grosse, Kenneth T.	1970-1971	Democrat
Hall, David R.	2002-2002	Republican
Hand, John E.*	1974-1991	Republican
Harckham, Peter B.	2008-2014	Democrat
Hazzard, Robert D.	1984-1987	Republican
Hicks-Beach, John N.	1972-1973	Republican
Hochberg, Audrey G.	1972-1992	Democrat
Hotchkiss, Patricia V.	1988-1991	Democrat
Jenkins, Kenneth W.*	2007-2017	Democrat
Kaplowitz, Michael B.*	1998-2019	Democrat
Keane, Diane A.	1978-1991	Republican
Keane, Thomas F. Jr.*	1970-1977	Republican

Legislator Name	Years Served	Party
Keith, Herman	1984-1995	Democrat
LaMotte, Ursula G.	1987, 1995-2007	Republican
Latimer, George S.*	1992-2004	Democrat
Lee, John J. Jr.	1970-1973	Republican
Maisano, James	1998-2018	Republican
Manzo, Wilfred J.	1976-1977	Democrat
Marcotte, Sheila	2010-2017	Republican
Martin, Joseph A.	1970-1971	Democrat
Martin, Joseph R.	1972-1973	Republican
McPoland, James J.	1972-1979	Democrat
Messina, John L.	1970-1982	Republican
Mosiello, Louis A.	1995-2004	Republican
Myers, Judith A.	2005-2013	Democrat
Nonna, John M.	2008-2011	Democrat
Noto, Paul J.	1994-2001	Republican
O'Leary, John P.	1976-1985	Republican
O'Rourke, Andrew P.*	1974-1982	Republican
Oros, George*	1995-2009	Republican
Perez, Virginia M.	2012-2019	Democrat
Pierro, Dominick D.	1982-1989	Republican
Pinto, Vito J.	1998-2010	Democrat
Quarles, Pearl C.	1993-1993	Republican
Richman, Allen A.	1970-1971	Republican
Rippa, Vincent R.	1972-1975	Democrat
Rogowsky, Martin L.	1990-1993, 2002-2011	Democrat
Ryan, William J.*	1998-2013	Democrat
Sachs, James H.	1970-1971	Republican
Shephard, Judith A.	1992-1993	Democrat
Smith, Harold W.	1970-1971	Democrat
Smith, Michael	2012-2015	Republican
Spano, Leonard N.	1972-1993	Republican
Spano, Michael J.	1994-1994	Republican
Spreckman, Bernice	1995-2016	Republican
Stewart-Cousins, Andrea	1996-2006	Democrat
Stone, Norman M.	1971-1971	Republican
Swanson, Suzanne R.	1992-2003, 2006-2007	Conservative
Tenore, Stephen P.*	1985-1995	Republican
Testa, John G.	2010-2019	Republican
Thomas, Daniel P.	1985-1995	Republican
Tocci, Ronald C.	1976-1984	Democrat
Tulis, Mark S.	1993-1993	Republican
Whalen, John B.	1974-1975	Democrat
Whittle, Carolyn L.	1974-1979	Democrat
Williams, Lyndon D.	2008-2020	Democrat
Willing, Edward B.	1974-1975	Republican
Wishnie, Richard G.	1994-2005	Democrat
Young, Clinton I. Jr.	1996-2007	Democrat
Young, Gregory P.	1982-1983	Democrat

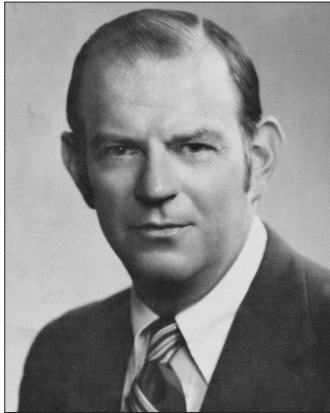
*\*Served as Chair*



## Board of Legislators Chairs



**Herman S. Geist**  
1970-1973 | Republican



**Thomas F. Keane Jr.**  
1974-1977 | Republican



**Andrew P. O'Rourke**  
1978-1982 | Republican



**Andrew A. Albanese**  
1983-1984 | Republican



**Edward J. Brady**  
1985-1989 | Republican



**John E. Hand**  
1990-1991 | Republican



**Stephen P. Tenore**  
1992-1995 | Republican



**George Oros**  
1996-1997 | Republican



**George S. Latimer**  
1998-2001 | Democrat



**Lois T. Bronz**  
2002-2003 | Democrat



**William J. Ryan**  
2004-2009 | Democrat



**Kenneth W. Jenkins**  
2010-2013 | Democrat

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**Michael B. Kaplowitz**  
2014-2017 | Democrat

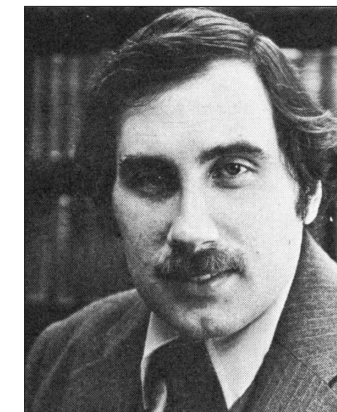


**Benjamin Boykin II**  
2018-present | Democrat

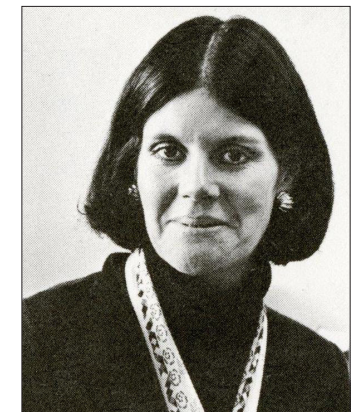
## Board of Legislators Clerks



**Elmer J. Maloney**  
1970-1979



**Anthony J. Giambruno**  
1980-1991



**Patricia Gorski**  
1992-2002



**Perry M. Ochacher**  
2003-2007



**Christina W. Seckerson**  
2007-2015



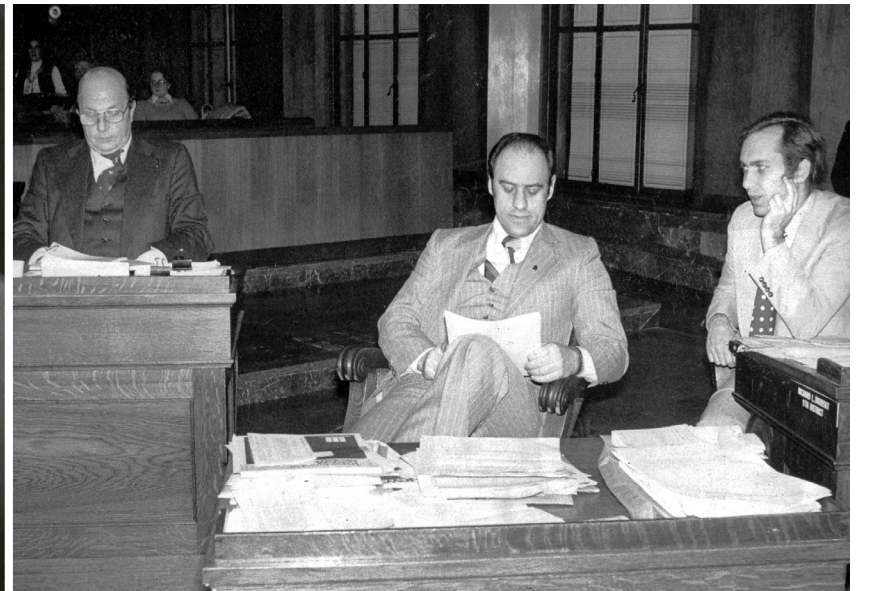
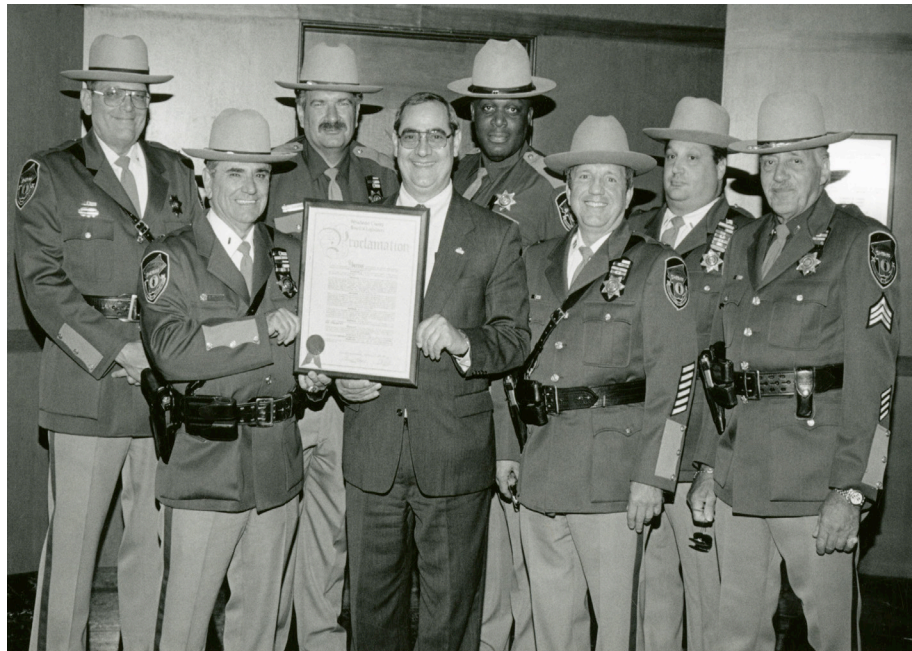
**Sunday Vanderberg**  
2016-present



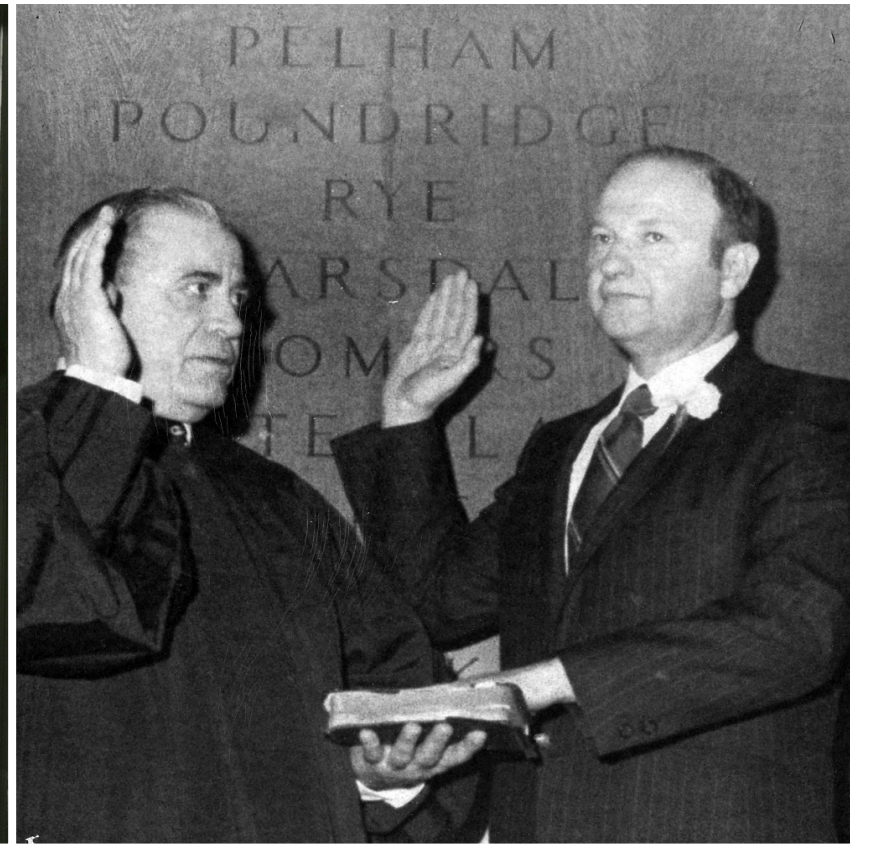
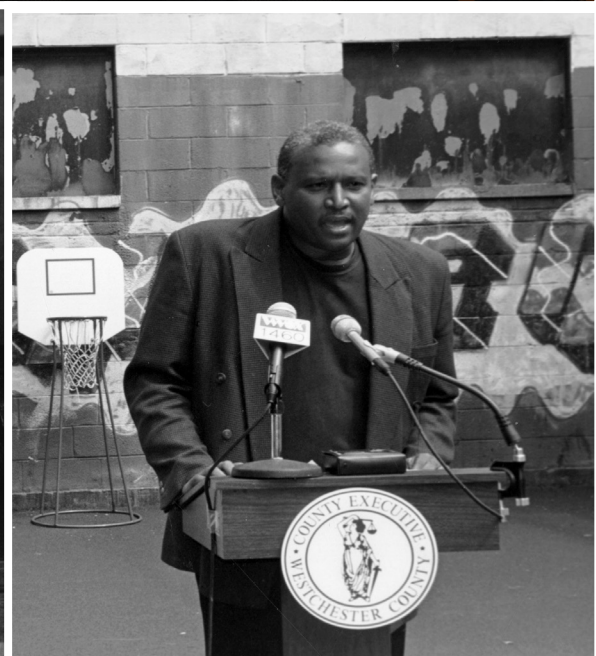
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FEBRUARY 26, 2018 - THE LARGEST ASSEMBLAGE OF LEGISLATORS, PAST AND PRESENT, TO EVER GATHER IN THE BOARD CHAMBERS PAY TRIBUTE TO FORMER CHAIRWOMAN LOIS BRONZ.





October 19, 2020

Dear Legislators, Board Staff and Westchester Residents,

I hope that you have enjoyed perusing the history and images of the Board of Legislators (BOL) during its first 50 years of service to the people of Westchester County.

Developing the 50th anniversary logo, researching our history through the County archives, preparing the videos and developing this keepsake book has required the talents and skills of many individuals.

I am indeed grateful to the Gala Committee that includes (in formation):

- Honorable Andrea Stewart-Cousins, NY State Senate Majority Leader and former County Legislator
- Honorable Herman Geist, first Chairman of the BOL – Honorary Chairperson
- Honorable William “Bill” Ryan, Advisor, former County Legislator and Board Chairman
- Honorable Richard Wishnie, former County Legislator
- Honorable Mark Tulis, former County Legislator
- Honorable Carolyn B. Stevens, Chief of Staff for the BOL
- Honorable Dennis J. Power, retired Chief of Staff for the BOL
- Sunday Vanderberg, Clerk and Chief Administrative Officer for the BOL
- Gregory Casciato, Director of Fiscal Affairs for the BOL
- Melanie Montalto, Legislative Director for the BOL
- Jason Chervokas, Communications Director for the BOL
- Andrea Etere, 2nd Deputy Clerk for the BOL
- Sarah Gargiulo, Information Technology Specialist for the BOL
- Joy Haber, Communications Coordinator for the BOL
- Josie Ferrara, Assistant to the Board Chairman
- Lucy Ortiz, retired Assistant to the Board Chairman
- Mark Weingarten, Partner at DelBello Donnellan Weingarten Wise & Wiederkehr, LLP
- Seth M. Mandelbaum, Attorney at McCullough, Goldberger & Staudt, LLP

The Gala Committee will continue to meet to prepare for our in-person event in 2021.

Special thanks to the Westchester County Historical Society, Dennis Power, Joy Haber, Andrea Etere, Sarah Gargiulo, Lucy Ortiz, Josie Ferrara and Jason Chervokas for their work on behalf of the Gala Committee. As a result of their efforts, we are...

*Celebrating our past – Inspiring our future*

Sincerely,

*Benjamin Boykin II*



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