

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES JUNE 1, 2009**

LEGISLATION MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE:	Chair: Burton; Legislators: Nonna, Rogowsky, Abinanti, Bronz, Myers, Jenkins, Harckham and Oros
ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:	County Executive: A. Neuman, B. Randolph; County Attorney: E. Cipollo; S. Dolgin-Kmetz; Board of Legislators Staff: T. Grodin, K. O'Connor, K. Delgado, R. Pezzullo, M. Amodio Guests: R. Funck

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:45 p.m.

MINUTES

Legislator Myers made a motion, seconded by Legislator Harckham, to approve the minutes of May 18, 2009. Motion approved 5-0.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Legislator Bronz made a motion, seconded by Legislator Myers, to approve the appointments of Drew Fixell to the Westchester County Airport Advisory Board, Lawrence Ecker to the Westchester County Board of Ethics, Claudia Edwards to the Westchester County Board of Transportation, Leonard Spano to the Westchester County Board of Ethics, Mary Jane Karger to the Westchester County Youth Board and R. Steven Nakashima to the Westchester County Board of Health and also the reappointment of Lucy Schmolka to the Westchester County Women's Advisory Board, Sergio Serratto to the Westchester County Hispanic Advisory Board, Michael Miller to the Westchester County Traffic Safety Board, Alex Garcia-Flores to the Westchester County Citizen's Consumer Advisory Council.

Motion approved 9-0.

HOME RULE REQUEST- ELECTRICAL INSPECTORS

Chairman Burton then invited Karen Pasquale of the County Executive's office to discuss the Home Rule Request with respect to electrical inspectors.

Ms. Pasquale mentioned that the legislation is sponsored by Assemblyman Bradley and Senator Oppenheimer. It has been slightly revised since the bill was considered last year. She also pointed out that this legislation only authorized the Board to enact legislation on this subject, which will be the subject of further legislation.

The committee discussed the implications of the State hiring an inspector and whether, if the work is done in Westchester, then the inspector would have to have a Westchester County license.

Ms. Pasquale said that at present the inspectors are not licensed although they are required to meet certain minimum standards. Our future law would have to require at least these minimum state requirements but the Board would be able to have more stringent requirements. No other county has licensing requirements so there should be no reciprocity issues. Also, since there are no existing licensing requirements for inspectors, there should be no issue of grandfathering existing inspectors who have been licensed by a local municipalities (who currently only maintain lists of approved persons but do not formally license).

Legislator Abinanti suggested bringing in some firemen and insurance company personnel when the Board actually drafting the implementing legislation that will establish the actual standards and qualifications.

Legislator Rogowsky made a motion to approve the Home Rule Request which was seconded by Legislator Abinanti. The motion was approved 8-0.

Legislator Abinanti brought the committee's attention a issue raised by a constituent regarding the whether the Department of Consumer Affairs can impose written tests should be required of gardeners.

Legislator Jenkins made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Legislator Abinanti. Motion approved 8-0. The Committee adjourned at 2:05 pm.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST