

**COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
MINUTES: APRIL 5, 2010**

LEGISLATION

MEMBERS:

Chair: Nonna; Legislators: Myers, Ryan, Burton, A. Williams, Harckham, Pinto, Rogowsky, Burrows, Abinanti

IN ATTENDANCE:

CE: K. Delgado **LAW:** S. Dolgin-Kmetz, M. Nicolas-Brewster, L. Cipolla, L. Trentacosta **BOL:** B. DeSoye, M. Berard, P. Pepe, M. Montalto **Guests:** A. Annunziata, R. MacLaughlin

MINUTES:

With a quorum present, the Committee on Legislation was called to order at 1:35 p.m.

With a motion by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Alfreda Williams, agenda item number B25, the Appointment of Kerry Oristano as the Commissioner of Human Resources was approved with a vote of 8-0.

With a motion by Legislator Pinto and seconded by Legislator Alfreda Williams, agenda item number B26, the Appointment of Dr. Cheryl Archbald as the Acting Commissioner of the Department of Health was approved with a vote of 8-0.

With a motion by Legislator Rogowsky and seconded by Legislator Pinto, agenda item number 11, amending local law 570.02 to exempt the 2010-2011 legislative term from requiring a Compensation Advisory Board, was approved with a vote of 9-0.

Moved by Legislator Harckham seconded by Legislator Pinto the minutes of the March 29th, 2010 passed with a vote of 9-0.

The Committee discussed Legislator Ryan's proposal of a charter revision commission, entitled "Westchester Renewed." Legislator Ryan stated that it has been 70 years since a charter revision commission on this level was convened. Legislator Ryan stated that two years ago when he approached the Michaelian Institute for their opinion on what this commission would cost they estimated \$65,000. Legislator Rogowsky continued by stating the County is very different than it was 70 years ago and that a revision commission or a task force is a good idea at this point. He stated that a smaller task force may be more detailed, focused and more productive.

Chairman Nonna asked the Law Department to provide in writing a summary of the provisions of changing the County charter and home rule referendum. Stacey Dolgin-Kmetz stated that the last revision commission was in 1986 and the Law Department does not have the report. Committee staff will look for the report in the Board's library.

Moved by Legislator Pinto seconded by Legislator Myers the Committee on Legislation adjourned at 3:00 p.m. with a vote of 6-0.

AUDIO RECORDING ON FILE FOR REVIEW UPON REQUEST