

The  
**WESTCHESTER COUNTY BOARD OF LEGISLATORS**  
celebrates



**Monday, June 7, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.**  
**Live streamed from the Board Chamber**  
<https://westchestercountyny.legistar.com>

**PROGRAM**

**Welcoming Remarks and Acknowledgements**

Legislator Benjamin Boykin II, Chairman of the Board

**Presentation of Proclamations to**



**KRISTEN BROWDE**

Presented by Legislator Vedat Gashi



**BARRY KRAMER**

Presented by Legislator Damon R. Maher

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**Benjamin Boykin II**  
*Board Chair*  
Legislator, 5th District

**Colin D. Smith**  
Legislator, 1st District

**Kitley S. Covill**  
Legislator, 2nd District

**Margaret A. Cunzio**  
*Minority Leader*  
Legislator, 3rd District

**Vedat Gashi**  
Legislator, 4th District

**Nancy E. Barr**  
Legislator, 6th District

**Catherine F. Parker**  
Legislator, 7th District

**Alfreda A. Williams**  
*Vice Chair*  
Legislator, 8th District

**Catherine Borgia**  
Legislator, 9th District

**Damon R. Maher**  
Legislator, 10th District

**Terry Clements**  
Legislator, 11th District

**MaryJane Shimsky**  
*Majority Leader*  
Legislator, 12th District

**Tyrae Woodson-Samuels**  
Legislator, 13th District

**David J. Tubiolo**  
Legislator, 14th District

**Ruth Walter**  
Legislator, 15th District

**Christopher A. Johnson**  
*Majority Whip*  
Legislator, 16th District

**José I. Alvarado**  
Legislator, 17th District





**KRISTEN BROWDE** has had a long career as an Emmy award-winning journalist, including a 17- year stint as a correspondent and anchor at prominent media outlets. She established her own law firm in Manhattan, which she relocated to Chappaqua in 2004. In April 2016, in an appearance at the renowned “Inner Circle Dinner,” Kristen came out as transgender. This resulted in heightened levels of visibility and activism which took her into leadership positions in politics and law. Kristen’s political activities include working on Hilary Clinton’s first presidential campaign, on the effort to overturn North Carolina’s infamous “bathroom bill” known as HB2, and runs for office representing Westchester County. She became the first (and to this date, only) transgender person in New York State to run for office with the endorsement of a major political party, the Democrats, as well as the endorsement of the Working Families Party and the Women’s Equality Party. Kristen is a member of several local activists groups and political committees. Kristen was one of the initial appointees to the Town of New Castle Ethics Board, where she was named secretary. She also serves on the Chappaqua school system’s Financial Advisory Committee. Kristen Browde’s decision to deepen her commitment to social action is evidenced by the positions she holds. She is currently Co-Chair of the National Trans Bar Association and is the immediate past president of the board of the LGBT Bar Association of Greater New York. Governor Andrew Cuomo appointed Kristen to the steering committee of The New York State Council on Women and Girls, and, after serving on his transition team, Westchester County Executive George Latimer appointed Kristen to the County’s Women’s Advisory Board.

Kristen Browde also serves on the Boards of Directors of the Trans United Fund Political Action Committee and the Chappaqua-Millwood Chamber of Commerce. She has served for the past 12 years as a trustee of the AFTRA pension fund, a \$2.7 billion fund covering the 122-thousand members of SAG-AFTRA.



**BARRY KRAMER** is the principal broker-owner of Better Homes and Gardens Real Estate Choice Realty in Eastchester, along with his husband, John Crittenden. In 2017, he was awarded “Realtor of the Year” by the Hudson Gateway Association of Realtors and in 2018 served as its president. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the NYS Association of Realtors (NYSAR) and the National Association of Realtors (NAR). He has played a leading role with respect to fair housing and cultural diversity at all three realtor associations. He has served on NAR’s Fair Housing committee and currently serves on its Diversity committee. Barry Kramer was recognized by his peers in 2019 with the Albert P. Schatz Legislative Advocacy Award. He was an original advocate for the Westchester County Human Rights Commission and served on the commission for over ten years as a member, and as Chair and Vice Chair. In 2012, he joined the Westchester Residential Opportunities (WRO) board and serves as Chair of this first-time home buying advisory committee. In 2015, he was honored with their “Champion of Fair Housing Award.” He is a member and past Board member of The LOFT, the LGBTQ community center of the Hudson Valley region. He was among the first members of The LOFT in the organization’s early days when they were renting space in downtown White Plains. Barry Kramer’s involvement with both LGBTQ causes and human rights is extensive. He is a member of NAGLREP, the National Association of Gay and Lesbian Real Estate Professionals and the LGBTQ+ real estate alliance. He has a deep-seated commitment to community and has continuously supported The LOFT.

After the New York State Legislature signed the Marriage Equality Act into law on June 24th of 2011, Barry and John were married in September of that year. They are proud to be the first couple to apply for a marriage license in the Town of Eastchester, where they reside.