

MINUTES
COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATION
SUB-COMMITTEE ON APPOINTMENTS
MONDAY, AUGUST 4, 2008, AT 4:00 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIR: Bronz. Members: Burton, Jenkins. STAFF: Vita; Dylan Pyne, Summer Intern.

IN ATTENDANCE: Yolanda Cruz-Martinez, Tejash Sanchala, Esq., Shelley Klein.

Mrs. Bronz called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS:

HISPANIC ADVISORY BOARD:

Yolanda Cruz-Martinez: Appointed by the County Executive for a term to expire on December 31, 2008. She has attended several meetings, and finds them very diverse and educational. She is fluent in Spanish and she is a long-time employee of Westchester County.

She mentioned an event this coming October that will have speakers and programs available for the Hispanic community who is in need of assistance and to advise of County programs available. This is a great opportunity to educate communities, and a chance for her to give back and serve the Hispanic community.

Mrs. Bronz thanked Ms. Martinez for volunteering her time and welcomed her back to update the committee on the progress of the Board. On the motion of Legislator Jenkins, seconded by Legislator Burton, the appointment is hereby approved by a 3-0 vote, all in favor, none opposed.

FAIR HOUSING BOARD:

“The Fair Housing Board has been created pursuant to the Fair Housing Law and is empowered to receive complaints of discriminatory practices in housing and real property in Westchester County and to ensure the investigation, conciliation and adjudication of these complaints and any other appropriate remedies that administer and effectuate the policies and procedures of the fair Housing Law.”

Tejash Sanchala, Esq.: Is a resident of Scarsdale, New York and has been appointed by the County Executive for a term to expire on December 31, 2010. He is attorney with a private practice and has been a member of the Human Rights Commission since its inception and was instrumental when drafting the original laws.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the appointment is hereby approved by a 3-0 vote, all in favor, none opposed.

Submitted by: Emilia Vita
Approved: 1/26/09

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Shelly Klein: Appointed as a member representing the 5th Legislative district by the County Executive for a term to expire December 31, 2010. Ms. Klein also serves on the Human Rights Commission and thanked the committee for the opportunity to serve on this Board as well.

On the motion of Legislator Burton, seconded by Legislator Jenkins, the appointment is hereby approved by a 3-0 vote, all in favor, none opposed.

The next committee meeting will be held on Monday, August 25th at 4 p.m.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.