

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

**PRESENT:** Chair: Bronz. Members: Jenkins, Oros. Bill Burton, Chairman-Committee on Legislation. Staff: Vita.

**GUESTS:** John Mattis, William M. Mooney, Jr., Ernest S. Prince; Brian Wallach.

Mrs. Bronz called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m., noting this, as the first meeting of the Committee on Legislation's sub-committee on Appointments. The members will interview four candidates to serve on the Westchester County Compensation Advisory Board.

Mrs. Bronz explained to each candidate that the Board of Legislators will look for 7 members that will determine compensation of Legislators and ask they come to a fair and equitable recommendation that is suitable for the Legislature and the taxpayers. A copy of the Charter and the Local Law was handed out to each candidate.

**COMPENSATION ADVISORY BOARD CANDIDATES:**

**Brian Wallach:** Was recommended by Majority Leader Marty Rogowsky. He is a long-time resident of White Plains, New York and the owner of Brian Wallach Agency, Inc., since 1949, as an insurance broker in the fields of commercial, life and pensions and insurance counseling. He currently serves as consultant for the firm, run now by his son.

Mr. Wallach has an extensive background in business and has been a long-time active community member with various organizations such as: the Dean Mathey Society of Vermont, the White Plains Beautification Foundation, which, he is the founder and past president, Vice Chair of the White Plains Human Rights Commission, the Westchester Lighthouse; the Rotary Club, Downtown Music at Grace Church and the Community Leadership Council.

If chosen for this Board, Mr. Wallach said he would come to a fair and reasonable recommendation.

After a brief discussion, the members were impressed with Mr. Wallach's vast knowledge and experience, and Mrs. Bronz said that he will bring a lot to the Board and will take his advice kindly.

Mrs. Bronz thanked Mr. Wallach for his time and said that he will be notified of the outcome by mail.

Submitted by: Emilia Vita  
Approved: 3/3/08

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**JOHN MATTIS:** Is a resident of Montrose, New York, and referred by Minority Leader George Oros. He is a Financial Advisor, specializing in individual planning and small business benefits. He has an M.B.A. in Finance from Fordham University and an undergraduate degree from Gannon University. He has over 30 years of financial experience, which includes personal financial planning and financial management positions with major corporations, and he spent 10 years on Wall Street as a Vice President/Institutional Analyst. Several years ago, he also served on the Legislature's CBAC Board.

Mr. Burton said Mr. Mattis had an outstanding background and mentioned that Linda Puglisi, Supervisor of the Town of Cortlandt spoke very highly of him. Mr. Burton asked if he will be able to withstand or be bothered by attacks from the media; Mr. Mattis replied that he would do what is appropriate. He will also be open to the process of the Board and objective and fair upon recommendations.

After a brief conversation, Mrs. Bronz thanked Mr. Mattis for taking time out of his busy schedule to meet with the group and explained that he will be notified by mail of the outcome of these discussions.

**WILLIAM M. MOONEY, JR.:** Is a resident of White Plains, New York, and referred by Chairman of the Board, Bill Ryan. Mr. Mooney comes well-known to the Legislature. He is a prominent force in the metropolitan regional business and banking community for more that 45 years. Since 2004, he has served as President of the Westchester County Association, the county's premier business membership organization.

Mr. Mooney has a long distinguished career in the banking industry, recently at Independence Community Bank, where he is responsible for all business activities in Westchester County and Connecticut. He began his banking career at the age of 19 and has a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Manhattan College in Riverdale, New York. He has many skills as a business leader and is deeply committed to give back to the community. His philanthropic efforts extend to many not-for-profit and educational organizations, and he has been honored with numerous civic and leadership awards including the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, which recognized individuals for their exceptional humanitarian efforts and outstanding contributions to the nation.

Mr. Burton said Mr. Mooney has a reputable background with great qualifications and there is no need for further questions, and thanked him for taking time to meet with this committee.

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**ERNEST PRINCE:** Is a resident of Goldens Bridge, New York, and has been recommended by Chairman of the Board, Bill Ryan. As the President of the Urban League, Mr. Prince is also well-known to the Board. He is responsible for leading and managing the Urban League of Westchester, and prior to that he served as president of the Shenango Valley Urban League in Pennsylvania, and in Canton, Ohio as well.

Mr. Prince serves on numerous Advisory Boards and Commissions, and he is aware of the commitment to the community and to the Legislature with the nature of this particular Board. His recommendations will be fair and equitable to all parties involved.

Mrs. Bronz thanked Mr. Prince from taking time from his busy schedule and said he will be notified by mail of the Boards decision.

The members, along with Mr. Burton, agreed that all four (4) candidates are responsible and reputable citizens to serve on the Compensation Advisory Board, and they will be recommended to the full Board of Legislators at the February 11, 2008 meeting.

With no other business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.