

Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA)

From: FOIL-BOL <FOIL-BOL@westchestergov.com>
Sent: Thursday, December 28, 2017 5:21 PM
To: 'elena@judgewatch.org'
Cc: Vanderberg, Sunday; Vinci, Rose
Subject: RE: FOIL/Records Request: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee
Attachments: CBAC Creation Resolutions.pdf

Dear Ms. Sassower,

This shall be the Westchester County Board of Legislators formal response to your Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request dated Monday, November 27, 2017. The New York State Freedom Of Information Law is intended to allow citizens to have access to records made and kept by a public body.

You asked for the following records pertaining to the Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee:

1. "the legislation/resolution establishing it – presumably identifying the manner in which it is supposed to operate and how its members are appointed;
2. the appointment of its current members – including who appointed them and their credentials;
3. the date, time, and place of its next meeting".

Please be advised that your request is granted in its entirety and I certify that after a diligent search of the Westchester County Board of Legislators we have records that are responsive to your request, which are in the possession of our office and required to be disclosed under FOIL. There is no date, time and place currently scheduled for the next Citizens Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

For your convenience, the links below and the attached contain the records which you requested and are free of charge to you.

http://westchestercountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_LegiFile.aspx?ID=8784&highlightTerms=8784

http://westchestercountyny.iqm2.com/Citizens/Detail_Meeting.aspx?ID=4062

Any appeal from the foregoing determination should be addressed to:

Robert F. Meehan, Esq.
Westchester County Attorney
148 Martine Avenue - Room 600
White Plains, New York 10601
FOIL-Appeals@westchestergov.com

Please do not hesitate to contact me if any additional information is needed.

Sincerely,
Steve Bass
Freedom of Information Officer
Westchester County Board of Legislators

From: FOIL-BOL
Sent: Tuesday, December 05, 2017 12:26 PM
To: 'elena@judgewatch.org'
Subject: RE: FOIL/Records Request: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Sassower,

Pursuant to Section 89(3) of the Public Officer's Law, commonly known as the Freedom of Information Law, this will constitute a written acknowledgement of your email dated Monday, November 27, 2017. Such acknowledgement is being made within five (5) business days of the request. Furthermore, this shall be a written statement of the approximate date when the request will be granted or denied which I estimate to be by Wednesday, January 3, 2018.

Although we will do everything we can to supply you with the information electronically, depending on the nature and extent of the records requested, there may be a fee of \$0.25 per page for the reproduction of such records and documents. You will be advised of the amount of any fee prior to the release of the documents or records.

Please be further advised that pursuant to Section 89(3) of the Public Officer's Law, if circumstances prevent the disclosure to the person who requests such records within twenty (20) business days from the date of this acknowledgement, the Board is required to state in writing both the reason for the inability to grant the request and a date certain within a reasonable period, depending on the circumstances, when the request will be granted in whole or in part.

I trust the above is of assistance to you.

Steve Bass,
Freedom of Information Access Officer
Westchester County Board of Legislators

From: Center for Judicial Accountability, Inc. (CJA) [<mailto:elena@judgewatch.org>]
Sent: Monday, November 27, 2017 11:44 AM
To: Bass, Steven
Subject: FOIL/Records Request: Citizens Budget Advisory Committee

TO: Steven Bass, FOIL/Records Access Officer for the Westchester County Board of Legislators

I cannot find a webpage for the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee on the Westchester County Board of Legislators' website: <http://westchesterlegislators.com/> – or any contact information for it. Rather, as reflected by the attached print-out, there appears the following on the same webpage as the Board of Legislators' Committee on Budget and Appropriations, <http://westchesterlegislators.com/budget-and-appropriations.html>:

“Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee:

Larry Fasnacht	Judy Stern-Rosen
L. William Kay III	Julie Stern
John D. McGarr	Carolyn Stevens
Rodman K. Reef	Beverley Sved

The Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee (CBAC) seeks regular input on fiscal matters from the public through monthly meetings, which the public is invited to attend.

See **The Week At The Board** (sidebar to the right) for upcoming meetings.

NOTE: Meetings can change before the scheduled date as per open meetings law."

The November calendar for "upcoming meetings": <http://westchestercountyny.ig2.com/Citizens/Calendar.aspx?View=Calendar>, does not list the November 14, 2017 meeting of the "Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee", which I attended – and which I only knew about because I had called, twice, the telephone number for the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee appearing in the League of Women Voters' 2017 "Directory of Officials" for Westchester County. The listed phone number, 995-2843, is that of Director of Budgetary Affairs Gregory Casciato.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Law [Public Officers Law, VI], request is made for records pertaining to the "Citizen's Budget Advisory Committee"/Citizens Budget Advisory Committee, including:

1. the legislation/resolution establishing it – presumably identifying the manner in which it is supposed to operate and how its members are appointed;
2. the appointment of its current members – including who appointed them and their credentials;
3. the date, time, and place of its next meeting.

Pursuant to FOIL (Public Officers Law §89.3), your response/acknowledgment is required "within five business days" of your receipt of this request. If the date, time, and place of the next meeting of the Citizens Budget Advisory Committee is before then, please furnish me with that information as immediately as possible.

Thank you.

Elena Sassower, Director
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