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BOARD STATEMENT ON DEATH OF MANISH KUNWAR

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The Board of Correction (“BOC”) is deeply saddened to hear of Manish Kunwar’s passing. Mr. Kunwar, 27, died on October 5, 2023, at approximately 6:20 am in the Eric M. Taylor Center. Mr. Kunwar had been in custody since September 27, 2023. BOC expresses condolences to his family, friends, and community during this difficult time.

BOC’s Committee on Death, Near Death, and Serious Injuries (“Committee”) is currently investigating the circumstances surrounding Mr. Kunwar’s death. The Committee will report its findings with recommendations to the Department of Correction and Correctional Health Services to prevent future tragedies.

BOC remains committed to fulfilling its City Charter and legal mandates to investigate serious injuries, near deaths, and deaths, toward the end of addressing systemic issues that can contribute to such events.

The New York City Board of Correction is a nine-person oversight board that regulates, monitors, and inspects the correctional facilities of the city. The Board of Correction has carried out critical independent oversight for the City of New York since 1957. Our staff are the Board’s “eyes and ears” inside the jails, working to evaluate complaints, review incidents, and make recommendations for compliance with the minimum standards for confinement. The Board sets a baseline for what New York City must provide to people in custody in order to maintain humane jails.

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