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DISTRICT MANAGER

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

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**Meeting Introduction and Roll Call**

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto reflects on the board's accomplishments over the past two years, highlighting increased visibility in the community and the transition of leadership roles.
- Roll call is conducted, with multiple board members present, including Evelyn Alvarez, Sandy Ambrose, Daniel Barber, Robert Barnes, Cecil Brooks Jr, Stephanie Cansado, Carolyn Chamorro, Christina Colbert, Audrey de Jesus, Jacqueline de Jesus, Nysha Dahabi, Josephine Fernandez Burn, Christine Licata, Paola Martinez, Margiela Ortiz, Emmanuel Pardea, Marilyn Pena, Ready Perez Jr, Rosa Pinedo, Joyce Popes, Jose Rodriguez, Mohammed Cheek, Patricia Sims, Whitney Williams, and Cesario.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto moves to approve the agenda, and the motion is seconded by Josephine Fernandez Bryne. The motion is approved with one abstention.

**Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto requests a motion to approve the minutes for the May 2025, June 2025 full board meetings, June 2025 committee meetings, and summer 2025 committee meetings.
- Dalourney Nemorin makes a motion to approve the minutes, and the motion is seconded by a Audrey Dejesus.
- The motion is approved with one abstention.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan explains the process for the board election, including the distribution of ballots for the mayor's office, the NYPD, and the borough president's office.

**Board Election Process**

- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto explains the color-coded ballots for the board chair, first vice chair, and second vice chair positions.

- District Manager Anthony Jordan clarifies the voting process, emphasizing the importance of filling in the complete circle on the ballot.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto asks board members to introduce themselves if they are running for a position.
- Daniel Barber, Cesar Yoc, Paola Martinez, Mohammed Sheikh, and Josephine Fernandez Byrne introduce themselves.

### **Candidate Introductions and Voting**

- Cesar Yoc emphasizes his commitment to public housing and environmental justice.
- Paola Martinez highlights her experience and commitment to community service, particularly in the Latino community.
- Mohammed Sheikh discusses his extensive experience and dedication to the community, including his work on immigration issues.
- Josephine Fernandez Byrne shares her long-term involvement in the community and her role as chair of the Belvis Community Advisory Board.

### **Voting Results and Public Session**

- District Manager Anthony Jordan announces the closure of the ballot box and the start of the public session.
- Herman Francis Jr. raises concerns about the potential impact of a casino and a new jail on the Bronx community.
- Chairperson Clarisa Alayeto moves to the voting items, with Robert Barnes providing an update on the licensing committee's activities.

### **Licensing Committee Report**

- Robert Barnes reviews the licensing committee's activities, including the approval and denial of various permits and licenses.
- Specific businesses mentioned include Los Mangoes Bar and Grill, LA Petrona Restaurant, Nourish Cafe, AANP Hospitality Group, Imperial Restaurant, Monte Restaurant Group, Despair Marlene Inc, Nice Entertainment LLC, and others.
- The committee's criteria for approving or denying licenses are discussed, including the importance of attendance at committee meetings and the NYPD's reports.

### **Public Safety Report**

- The public safety report is presented by Captain Lachowski and Captain Ramos, highlighting crime statistics and the volume of calls handled by the precinct.
- Specific crime statistics are provided, including a 2.7% decrease in overall index crimes and a 5% increase in grand larceny.

- The importance of quality of life (Q) stats and the role of the Q team in addressing non-emergency calls are emphasized.
- Questions from board members are addressed, including concerns about the handling of mental health calls and the prevention of grand larceny.

### **Elected Officials Reports**

- Emmanuel Martinez from the Mayor's office provides updates on affordable housing initiatives and youth development programs.
- The Bronx Borough President's office is represented who highlights various initiatives and funding allocations for the district.
- Jose M. Serrano's office provides information on upcoming events, including a shred event and office hours for constituent services.
- Other elected officials, provide brief updates on their respective offices' activities and initiatives.

### **Committee Reports and Closing Remarks**

- Committee reports are briefly mentioned, with specific updates from the land use committee and the environmental justice committee.

### **Voting Results**

- Paola Martinez – Chairperson, Josephine Fernandez Byrne – 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Ngande Ambroise – 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
- The meeting is adjourned, with Clarisa Alayeto expressing confidence in the new leadership and emphasizing the importance of community engagement and support.

### **Action Items**

- Conduct board elections and count the ballots.
- Schedule a meeting for the board to review and vote on the license applications that were approved by the committee.
- Follow up with the board members who did not show up for the license application presentations.