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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Attendees : Joseph Russo, Peter Cantillo, Nancy Rosario (via ZOOM), Angela Torres, Joseph Mondello, Thomas Accomando, Devon Prioleau, Terrence Frankin, Deborah Hunt (via ZOOM)

Absent: none

Others Present: Janine Thomas (Search committee member), John Marano (Search committee member), Socrates Solano

The meeting started at 7PM with the Pledge of Allegiance.

The first order of business was the report by the Search Committee for a new District Manager. The chair of the Search Committee, Peter Cantillo summarized their process and walked the Executive Board through their process. He announced their selection of Socrates Solano as the preferred candidate to be the next District Manager of Bronx Community Board #10.

Each board member was given the opportunity to ask the committee questions about their process and conclusions. The board was extremely thankful for the committee's efforts and had no reservations about it being a fair and transparent process.

Mr. Solano was introduced and he provided a brief biographical overview of his career to date. Each board member was afforded the opportunity to ask Mr. Solano 2-3 questions. After this first round of questions, a few additional questions asked of Mr. Solano. Following the Q&A, the following resolution was voted on:

RESOLVED at the recommendation of the Search Committee for a new District Manager and Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10, that the board approve the hiring of Socrates Solano as the next District Manager of Bronx Community Board #10.

The resolution was passed unanimously.

The second order of business was around Term Limits. Seven Board members are in their final year of service, including 3 members of the Executive Board – Joseph Russo (Board Chair), Thomas Accomando (Economic Development Committee Chair) and Angela Torres (Youth and Education Committee Chair).

We discussed the need for increased succession planning around committees and ramping up the officer nomination process ahead of January elections for officers. As a result, we open the officer nomination process in September, encouraging Board members to run for offices. We proposed creating a nominating committee out of the outgoing members.

RESOLVED at the recommendation of the Executive Board of Bronx Community Board #10, that a Nominating Committee, consisting of Joseph Russo, Thomas Accomando and Angela Torres, be established to encourage increased participation in potential officers ahead of the January elections for officers.

The third order of business was around New Members. There are 7 new members to Bronx Community Board #10. They will be invited to the next Executive Board meeting. Individual members were encouraged to reach out to individuals and increase participation in the community board process. This will be a running theme through our 2026/27 meeting schedule.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 and it passed unanimously.