



COMMUNITY BOARD 11
1741 COLDEN AVENUE
BRONX, NY 10462
(718) 892-6262
www.nyc.gov/bxcb11

Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.
Chairman Albert D'Angelo
District Manager Jeremy H. Warneke

COMMITTEES

- Leadership*
- Community Development & Budget Priorities*
- Economic Development*
- Education, Culture & Youth Services*
- Ethics & Disciplinary*
- Health & Social Services*
- Housing*
- Land Use*
- Parks & Recreation*
- Public Safety*
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection*
- Transportation*

By-Laws Committee
 June 7, 2021
 Webex Meetings

MINUTES

PRESENT: David Leavitt (Chair), Joanne Russo-Rubino and Sandi Unger

STAFF: Jeremy Warneke

GUESTS: Naomi Pemberton (Community Board 11 member) and Sergio Marte (CB11 constituent)

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. Review of the February 9, 2021 Meeting Minutes
 The committee unanimously APPROVED the draft meeting minutes.
2. CB11 By-Law Amendments
 The committee unanimously RECOMMENDS the following additions to Article VI of the CB11 By-Laws (indicated below in *italics*):

SEC. 12 – Conduct Statement: The following statement shall be included in the agenda of every committee meeting and every full board meeting of Community Board 11:

Community Board 11 meetings must be held in a professional and hostile free environment.

The following rules of conduct are applicable to members of the public, Community Board 11 and Community Board 11 staff:

- Any action(s) or behavior(s) that disrupts or interferes with the Board's business will not be tolerated during any Community Board meeting and may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave. If the action(s) or behavior(s) continues, this may be considered disturbing the peace, and the appropriate authorities may be summoned. If the meeting is held remotely, the person may be muted or expelled from the meeting.*
- Repeated violations by the same person or group of persons may result in further action by the Community Board.*

To request any special accommodations, please call us at (718) 892-6262 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or event.



- *All public speakers must address the Full Board or the Committee with their concerns.*
- *Electioneering for a position other than an officer of the Community Board is prohibited.*

SEC. 13 – Gallery Session: Every meeting of the Community Board (including committees) shall ensure the public’s right to speak – which shall be called the “Gallery Session.”

The Full Board Gallery Session may be situated between committee reports and the reports of elected officials. Each speaker shall receive an initial, two (2) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time and may respond to, at most, four (4) questions or comments from board members without any time restrictions. The presiding officer of the Full Board meeting may grant any speaker up to three (3) additional minutes. Further speaking time must be approved by a majority vote of the Full Board. For remote meetings, Full Board Gallery Session speakers must register with the CB11 staff at least thirty-six (36) hours in advance of the meeting.

Each person wishing to speak in the Gallery Session shall complete a gallery slip (which shall be kept on file by the Community Board office). The slip shall include the speaker’s name, organization (if any) and the subject matter they wish to address. Completion of the slip obligates the speaker to comply with the Board’s conduct statement.

SEC. 14 – Elected Officials: Elected officials at Full Board meetings shall receive an initial, five (5) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time and they may respond to, at most, four (4) questions or comments from board members without any time restriction. Surrogates of elected officials are afforded the same courtesy as their principal but are limited to two (2) minutes of initial speaking time.

Elected officials who don’t directly represent Community Board 11’s constituency must register at least thirty-six (36) hours in advance of remote meetings of the Full Board in order to speak. If not registered in advance, they may speak in the Gallery Session.

3. Gallery Session

The Committee agreed to a majority of suggestions from a member of the public to revise the By-Laws to make them more readable and accessible to the general public.

In accordance with Article IX of the CB11 By-Laws, the proposed changes will be presented at the June 2021 Full Board meeting and voted on at the following Full Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes by David Leavitt, edited and formatted by staff.

To request any special accommodations, please call us at (718) 892-6262 at least 72 hours prior to the meeting or event.