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Full Board Meeting
 Thursday, June 22, 2023
 7:00 p.m.

Einstein College of Medicine’s Lubin Hall
 Newport and Van Nest Avenues

Webex Meetings
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MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m.

1. Pledge of Allegiance
2. Moment of silence for our fallen first responders and medical and military service personnel, and for those suffering throughout the world
3. Gallery Session: *Speakers receive an initial, two (2) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time; only those [registered](#) will be called upon*
 - a. Kevin Daloia, CB10 (Community Board 10) constituent, spoke about Williamsbridge Road crashes and the Board’s approved apology letter
 - b. Robert Press, CB11 constituent, spoke about last night's committee meeting, among other items
 - c. Roxanne Delgado, CB11 constituent, spoke about the Board not meeting deadlines for projects, among other items
 - d. Sharlene Jackson Mendez, CB11 constituent, spoke about the proposed cannabis dispensary on Williamsbridge Road, among other items
4. Chair’s Report
 - a. Community Development’s Juneteenth Event
 B. Ferrara congratulated the Committee on a successful event.
 - b. Executive Board [minutes](#)
 - i. Open Meetings Law: [Videoconferencing](#)
 B. Ferrara reminded the Board of current legal requirements.
 - ii. Board member absences
 B. Ferrara reported that other absences by board members will be reviewed.
5. Treasurer’s Report

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V. Castro stated that her report has been submitted to the Office. She discussed negative balances on the report and that anyone with questions should contact her.

6. Secretary's Report

- a. Review of the DRAFT [May](#) 2023 Full Board Meeting Minutes Motion by H. Miura, seconded by P. Nastasio, to APPROVE the May minutes, as drafted.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

7. District Manager's Report

- a. Closing of Sorrento's on Williamsbridge Road
Sorrento's will open again under new ownership.
- b. Recusals
The DM (District Manager) explained COIB's (the Conflicts of Interest Board's) advice on recusals.
- c. BxCB11 Day at Yankee Stadium
The DM reminded members that we are bound by COIB opinions, as per the CB11 Bylaws.
- d. Legal matters
The topic was saved for the end of the meeting.

8. Committee Reports

- a. Nominating & Elections
 - i. Election for Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms
Statements for candidates had already been distributed to board members. Ballots were distributed electronically.
- b. 49th Police Precinct
P.O. Mederos provided crime stats.
Discussion took place on what programs were available for youth in our community.
- c. Economic Development
 - i. Motion that CB11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA (New York State Liquor Authority) regarding the *renewal* liquor license application for Enzo's Restaurant, 1998 Williamsbridge Road: full license
PASSED with 1 ABSTENTION (A. Francis).
 - ii. Motion that CB11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA regarding the *new* liquor license applications for La Casa del Mofongo, 1750-1780 East Gun Hill Road: [full license](#)
PASSED with 1 AGAINST (D. Kawalick) and 1 ABSTENTION (A. Francis).
 - iii. Motion that CB11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYSLA regarding the *new* liquor license applications for Chipotle Mexican Grill, 1776 Eastchester Road: [Wine, Beer & Cider license](#)

PASSED with 1 ABSTENTION (A. Francis).

- iv. Motion that CB11 REQUEST Section 76 of the New York State Cannabis Law be amended to say “not less than [forty-five] days nor more than two hundred seventy days before filing an application for licensure as an adult-use retail dispensary or registered organization adult-use cultivator processor distributor retail dispensary or an on-site consumption licensee, an applicant shall notify the municipality in which the premises is located of such applicant's intent to file such an application” (<https://cannabis.ny.gov/notification-municipalities-adult-use-retail-dispensary-or-site-consumption-license>).

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

- v. Motion by V. Castro, seconded by S. Unger, to send written correspondence to OCM (the Office of Cannabis Management), OPPOSING the cannabis dispensary application at 2460 Williamsbridge Road.

PASSED with 1 ABSTENTION (M. Dyer)

- vi. Motion by V. Castro, seconded by S. Unger, to send written correspondence to OCM, REQUESTING a 30-day extension for CB11 to submit its recommendation on 2460 Williamsbridge Road.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

d. Transportation

- i. Bx12 Fordham Road Bus Priority Project
Motion by R.M. Fuchs, seconded by D. Kawalick, to send written correspondence to DOT (the City Department of Transportation) OPPOSING its project.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

e. Leadership

V. Castro urged everyone to watch to watch the recording. Anyone with questions should reach out to her.

f. Community Development & Budget Priorities

- i. YMCA guest at May 31 meeting
- ii. CB11 First Annual Juneteenth Event

S. Muñiz thanked those who contributed to the event and reported that we received our deposit back.

C. Rodriguez thanked the Board for allowing the rainbow flags to be displayed in the windows of the Board Office in recognition of Pride Month.

g. Education, Culture & Youth Services

- i. BxCB11 Day at Yankee Stadium, June 8

P. Nastasio stated she was disappointed in attendance for the ceremony and game, most of which was attributed to the air quality.

h. Ethics & Disciplinary

N. Pemberton spoke about cases 102 and 104. She is working on legal advice from the Borough President's Office for cases 109 and 110. And the Committee has one more complaint, 111. Anyone with questions or concerns should contact her.

i. Housing

H. Miura stated there will be a special meeting with Land Use regarding 1682 Stillwell Avenue.

Discussion took place regarding the subject.

j. Parks & Recreation

J. Walcott reported on the Pelham Parkway and Zimmerman Playground projects.

D. Kawalick stated a correction for last month's motion regarding the Parkway Project.

k. Public Safety

V. Castro spoke about her attempts at meeting with Assembly Member Heastie's Office.

l. Sanitation & Environmental Protection

- i. Public hearing: alternate side parking restriction additions and removals

9. Elected Officials: *Elected officials receive an initial, five (5) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time, and they may respond to at most only four (4) questions or comments by board members, and only board members, without any time restrictions; surrogates are afforded the same courtesy as their principal but are limited to two (2) minutes of initial speaking time*

a. Council Member Feliz's Office

Kathleen May-Llamas announced upcoming legislation and events.

b. Council Member Velazquez's Office

Stephenie Rodriguez spoke about the distribution of hot meals and announced upcoming events.

c. U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez's Office

Rene Castellanos spoke about the Congressional AP Challenge, among other items.

d. U.S. Representative Torres Office

Joseph A. McManus spoke about the Angelina Gambino bill.

e. Assembly Member Zaccaro's Office

Assembly Member Zaccaro thanked the organizers of the Juneteenth event and spoke about his Family Fun Day event.

f. State Senator Fernandez's Office

Tiffani Winstead announced events for July.

10. Old Business

- a. Nominating & Elections
 - i. Election for Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms

Results were read by J. Rubino.

Motion by V. Castro, seconded by P. Nastasio, that CB11 THANK Maestro's Caterers for accommodating us throughout the pandemic and Montefiore Medical Center for allowing the resumption of our meetings at Einstein.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

D. Kawalick spoke about Pelham Parkway and asked elected officials to talk to DOT about her pavement marking concerns. She also spoke about the traffic jam in the vicinity of I-95 and Pelham Parkway.

- b. Legal matters

Motion by J. Rubino, seconded by S. Pirtam, that CB11 ENTER INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION at 9:31 p.m. to discuss proposed, pending or future litigation and the removal of a particular person.

PASSED (via a roll call vote).

Executive Session ended at 10:21 p.m.

Motion by D. Leavitt, seconded by S. Unger, that CB11 REIMBURSE the DM for the cost (\$800.00) of his 2022 cease and desist letter.

PASSED with 2 ABTENTIONS (E. Rodriguez and J. Thompson).

Motion by S. Unger, seconded by D. Leavitt, that CB11 send the Bronx District Attorney's Office, the City Law Department and the Bronx Borough President's Office written correspondence, REQUESTING A MEETING with each entity to discuss harassment by a member of the public.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 10:24 p.m.

Minutes by staff (H. Lasky and J. Warneke); approved by Secretary Miura.

	Last Name	First Name	22-Sep	27-Oct	17-Nov	22-Dec	26-Jan	23-Feb	23-Mar	27-Apr	25-May	22-Jun
1	Campbell	Junior	P	P	P	E	E	P	P	E	E	P
2	Castro	Veronica	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
3	Chun	Chun	P	P	P	E	E	P	E	P	E	P
4	Culpepper De Ruiz	Christine	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
5	D'Angelo	Albert	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	E	P	P
6	Dyer	Miguel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
7	Ferrara	Bernadette	P	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
8	Francis	Avril	E	P	E	A	P	A	P	P	A	P
9	Fuchs	Rabbi Moshe	E	P	P	A	E	P	P	P	P	P
10	Gelnick	Kenneth	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
11	Gray	Malcom	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
12	Kawalick	Debra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
13	Leavitt	David	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
14	McCrossan	Roger	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
15	Miura	Hazel	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
16	Muñiz	Serena	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
17	Nastasio	Phyllis	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
18	Pirtam	Shradhanand	P	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
19	Pemberton	Naomi	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P	P
20	Ramsey	Keith	E	E	P	A	A	A	A	P	P	P
21	Randall	Juanita	E	P	P	P	A	P	A	A	P	P
22	Reynoso	Richard	E	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
23	Rodriguez	Cynthia	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
24	Rodriguez	Eliezer	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	A	P
25	Rubino	Joanne	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P	P
26	Santaella	Harry	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
27	Selkridge	Oral A.	E	P	P	E	E	P	P	P	P	P
28	Soto	Lisa	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
29	Thompson	Joseph A.	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	A	P
30	Unger	Sandra	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
31	Walcott	Janice	P	P	P	A	P	A	P	A	E	P
32	Williams	Dwayne	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P
33	Wilson	Jeanette	E	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
	TOTAL Ps:		24	31	31	26	27	29	28	26	23	33

Key**A - Absent****E - Excused****na - Not****applicable****nm - No****meeting****P - Present**