



COMMUNITY BOARD 11
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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*

Full Board Meeting
 Thursday, November 30, 2023
 7:00 p.m.
 Einstein College of Medicine’s Lubin Hall
 Newport and Van Nest Avenues
 Webex Meetings
 YouTube [Live](#)

MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:22 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. Robert Press, CB11 constituent, spoke about board member behavior and removal of a board member
 - b. Anshini Bhatt, CUNY School of Public Health, explained the purpose of [A1711](#)
 - c. Rochele Mandina, resident, spoke about smoke shop signs having advertisements on them
 - d. Patti Marinello, Community, spoke about Community board actions, among other items
 - e. Lori Peterson, Community member: spoke about disappointment with the Board
 - f. Kevin Daloia, Friends of the Hutchinson River Greenway, spoke about Chair’s disclaimer/apology letter
 - g. Diana Finch, resident, spoke about the Board’s demographics and leadership
 - h. Lisa DiTomasso, Community member, spoke in support of A. D’Angelo
 - i. Sharlene Jackson Mendez, Van Nest Homeowner, spoke about lack of professionalism of board members, among other items

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Community Board 11 meeting or event.



- j. -Ronald Coangelo, 1900 Seminole, spoke about the 1900 Seminole project.
 - k. Efrain Gonzales, The Indian Village Alliance, spoke about the Public Safety Committee meeting, among other items
 - l. Grace Lovaglio, ABBA, spoke about the Cease & Desist letter that was requested at last month's meeting
 - m. Manny Martinez, New York Public Library, announced closings of a couple of branches in our district, among other items
 - n. Roxanne Delgado, Friends of Pelham Parkway, spoke about the cannabis application for 711 Lydig Avenue
 - o. Brian Adams, 49th Precinct Community Council, wished everyone a happy holiday
 - p. Ed Murphy, Friends of Pelham Parkway, spoke against the cannabis application for 711 Lydig Avenue
4. Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson
BP Gibson spoke at length about her disappointment with CB11, among other items.
5. Chair's Report
- a. Housing/Land Use Public Hearing on December 7
 - b. New Bylaw amendment proposals
 - i. AMEND the wording in Article 4, Section 9 to delete the words "appoint all chairs and co-chairs of the committees"
 - ii. The first election of committee chairs SHALL TAKE PLACE within committee meetings only in June of every year with nominations first beginning in April of the same year; if adopted this will be included in Article V, Section 2
 - c. [NYC Health and Hospitals/Jacobi Public Hearing: The Fortune Society, Inc. for the development of "Just Home"](#)
6. Treasurer's Report
V. Castro reported the Treasurer's Report has been submitted. Anyone with questions should contact her.
7. Secretary's Report
- a. Review of the DRAFT [October](#) 2023 Full Board Meeting Minutes
H. Miura reported that the minutes will be available next month.
8. District Manager's Report
- a. Recycling at the Board Office
9. Committee Reports
- a. Leadership
 - i. Motion that Miguel Dyer APOLOGIZE to Community Board 11 in response to Ethics & Disciplinary Case 109
PASSED with 7 ABSTENTIONS (E. Aguire, K. Allen, M. Elhakam, W. Hewlett-Betts, M. Gray, J. Luciano and S. Perez).

- ii. Motion that Community Board 11 send a LETTER of SUPPORT for the creation of a blood center in the Bronx.
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
- b. Economic Development
 - i. Motion that Community Board 11 send an email of OBJECTION to the NYS OCM (New York State Office of Cannabis Management) regarding the *new* license application for [The Higher Path LLC](#), 1417 Pelham Parkway North
PASSED with 1 Abstention (A. Diaz).
 - ii. Motion that Community Board 11 send an email of NO OBJECTION to the NYS OCM regarding the *new* license application for [Lydig Supermarket Inc](#), [711 Lydig Avenue](#)
After a great deal of discussion, the motion was withdrawn.
- c. Parks & Recreation
 - i. Motion that Community Board 11 JOIN the Play Fair [Coalition](#)
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
- d. Bylaws
 - i. Motion to AMEND the CB11 Bylaws to state that “any Community Board member who is involved in a complaint, whether as the complainant or as the subject of a complaint, may participate in the discussion of the complaint but must recuse themselves from voting on the complaint”
A great deal of discussion took place.
A roll call vote was taken.
MOTION FAILED (click on the [addendum](#) for individual votes).
- e. Community Development & Budget Priorities
 - i. No meeting in December
- f. Ethics & Disciplinary

N. Pemberton reported that on case 114, committee heard from the complainant and will hear from respondent next month, among other items.
- g. Education, Culture & Youth Services
 - i. School supply replenishment event in February
 - ii. Youth Leadership Award
- h. Health & Social Services

S. Unger reported minutes not available.
- i. Housing
 - i. December 7, 2023 public hearing with Land Use
- j. Public Safety

P. Nastasio reported the 49th Precinct has a new Community Affairs officer, Ciana Bell.
- k. Sanitation & Environmental Protection

- A. Francis stated they are looking for a guest for the next meeting.
1. Transportation
 - i. Metro-North Penn Station Access [Update](#)

H. Miura reported they are waiting for a response from DOT to come in person to the next meeting to talk about the Bronxdale Road diet.
 - m. Diversity, Equity & Inclusion

C. Culpepper spoke about the guest speaker from the Committee's last meeting.
 10. 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 Velazquez's Office

Jackie Crossan spoke about the bulletin board removed on Pelham Parkway.
 - b. Council Member Feliz's Office

Esperanza Diaz announced an upcoming toy drive.
 - c. Public Advocate's Office

Gina Williams spoke about Bill 819 on micro mobility and electric bikes.
 - d. U.S. Representative Torres's Office

Joseph McManus asked anyone with federal issues to email him with the information.
 - e. Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr.

Assembly Member Zaccaro announced upcoming events, among other items.
 11. Old Business
 - a. Demotion of Board officers discussion

Motion by C. Rodriguez, seconded by M. Gray, to go into executive session to discuss the potential demotion of board officers.
A roll call vote was taken.
PASSED (click on the [addendum](#) for individual votes).
The District Manager asked the Board if there was any other old or new business to be stated publicly before executive session took place.
["Executive session is not separate from an open meeting but rather is a portion of an open meeting during which the public may be excluded."
Open Meetings Law [Frequently Asked Questions](#)]
Discussion on the City of Yes Committee took place.
 12. New Business

B. Ferrara announced that the Van Nest Neighborhood Alliance would be having their tree lighting on Sunday.

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:03 p.m. and discussed the potential demotion of A. D'Angelo as Vice Chair and B. Ferrara as Chair. Every board member who wanted to speak did, airing their different concerns, causes, rebuttals or complaints, although time limits (two minutes per member) were eventually enforced.

Motion by M. Gray, seconded by M. Dyer, to start removal proceedings for A. D'Angelo as Vice Chair for lack of leadership.

PASSED (click on the [addendum](#) for individual votes).

Motion by E. Perez, seconded by H. Santaella, to start removal proceedings for B. Ferrara as Chair for lack of leadership.

PASSED (click on the [addendum](#) for individual votes).

Executive Session ended at 11:38 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 11:42 p.m.

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

Conduct Statement

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 or behavior that disrupts or interferes with Community Board 11 business will not be tolerated during any Community Board 11 meeting and may result in the individual(s) being asked to leave. If the action or behavior 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 for the remainder.
- Repeated violations by the same person or group of people may result in further action by the Community Board.
- All public speakers must address the Full Board or the Committee with their concerns.
- Electioneering for a position other than an officer of Community Board 11 is prohibited.
- Engaging in acts of violence (including threats) are grounds for immediate suspension of the right to attend meetings, pending review by the Ethics and Disciplinary committee.
- Respect the equality, diversity and privacy of all persons by respecting and valuing differences of culture and opinion.
- Refrain from unpleasant or disparaging remarks and other actions.
- Abstain from all forms of harassment by actively discouraging it.
- Disseminating false information is prohibited.

	Name	28-Sep	26-Oct	30-Nov	21-Dec	25-Jan	22-Feb	28-Mar	25-Apr	23-May	27-Jun
1	Bernadette Ferrara	I	I	R							
2	Albert D'Angelo	I	A	R							
3	Veronica Castro	I	I	R							
4	Hazel Miura	I	I	R							
5	Malcom Gray	I	I	I							
6	Edgar Aguirre	I	I	I							
7	Kadian Allen	I	E	I							
8	Ryan Barthel	I	I	I							
9	Junior Campbell	E	I	I							
10	Chun Chun	R	E	E							
11	Christine Culpepper De Ruiz	E	I	R							
12	Staceyann Deleon	I	I	I							
13	Angel Diaz	I	I	I							
14	Miguel Dyer	R	I	I							
15	Mary Elhakam	I	E	I							
16	Avril Francis	I	I	R							
17	Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	R	I	E							
18	Kenneth Gelnick	R	R	I							
19	Wendy L .Hewlett-Betts	I	R	I							
20	Dewon Jones	I	I	I							
21	Debra Kawalick	I	I	R							
22	David Leavitt	E	A	I							
23	Juan Luciano	I	I	I							
24	Roger McCrossan	I	I	I							
25	Serena Muñiz	I	I	I							
26	Phyllis Nastasio	R	I	R							
27	Naomi Pemberton	I	I	I							
28	Edward Perez	I	I	I							
29	Susan Perez	A	I	I							
30	Shradhanand Pirtam	I	I	R							
31	Keith Ramsey	E	I	I							
32	Juanita I. Randall	R	E	R							
33	Richard Reynoso	I	I	I							
34	Cynthia Rodriguez	I	I	I							
35	Eliezer Rodriguez	E	I	R							
36	Joanne Rubino	I	I	R							
37	Harry Santaella	I	I	I							
38	Oral A. Selkridge	R	I	E							
39	Lisa Soto	A	E	I							
40	Joseph A. Thompson	I	I	R							
41	Sandra Unger	E	I	R							
42	Janice Walcott	I	I	I							
43	Dwayne Williams	I	I	R							
44	Jeannette Wilson	E	I	I							
	Total Is (In-person attendees):	28	35	26	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total present:	35	37	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Key

A - Absent E - Excused I - In-person attendance na - Not applicable nm - No meeting R - Remote attendance