

# COMMUNITY BOARD 11 1741 COLDEN AVENUE BRONX, NY 10462 (718) 892-6262 www.nyc.gov/bronxcb11

Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson Chair Cynthia Rodriguez 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



Full Board Meeting
Wednesday, October 30, 2024
7:00 p.m.
Einstein College of Medicine's Lubin Dining Hall
Abraham Mazer Building
1200 Van Nest Avenue
Webex Meetings
YouTube

#### **MINUTES**

- 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. Reading of the Conduct Statement
- 4. Gallery Session: *Speakers receive an initial, two (2) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time; only those <u>register</u>ed will be called upon* 
  - a. Dr. Carolann Slattery EdD, LCSW-R (Pronouns: she, her, hers),
     Samaritan Daytop Village: relocation of outpatient treatment program within Community Board 11
    - Dr. Slattery spoke about their move from 900 Arnow Avenue to 750 Astor Avenue.
    - Questions were asked by board members regarding who they serviced and which hospitals they partnered with.
  - b. Connections 2 Care/Building resilience in Youth Maria Raices,
     Housing Solutions of New York: Assessing and introducing youth 13 21 years old to mental health, teaching stress coping skills, 4-week
     session at no cost and an incentive at the end of the 4-to-6-week
     workshop
    - M. Raices spoke about partners and services provided.
  - c. Ronnie Colangelo, Mothers Against 1900 Seminole A: stop 1900 Seminole Ave/Just homes
    - R. Colangelo spoke about attending a meeting on the City of Yes.
  - d. Robert Press, Self: Agenda and minutes
     R. Press gave corrections to the June minutes regarding the election
  - e. Miguel Dyer, Constituent: Quorum, tabling, staff

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- M. Dyer spoke about the lack of quorum at committee meetings, among other items.
- f. Grace Marrero, ABBA: Ethics complaint
  - G. Marrero spoke about an ethics complaint she filed or was filing.

### 5. Chair's Report

- a. Resignation: Mary Elhakam
- b. Borough Board
  - C. Rodgriguez reported on the meeting she attended. Presentation was made on liquor licenses which will be sent to the board members.
- c. Quorum concerns
  - C. Rodriguez read from the letter she received from the Borough President when she was appointed to the board.

Discussion took place on combining committees and board members' remote attendance.

Senator Gustavo Rivera spoke about the upcoming election and propositions on the ballot, as well as upcoming events.

- 6. Treasurer's Report
  - V. Castro stated that her reports will be published on the Board's website. Anyone with questions should contact her.
- 7. Secretary's Report
  - a. Review of Meeting Minutes
    - H. Miura reported that Harriet and she are working on publishing outstanding minutes.

Motion by H. Miura, seconded by V. Castro, that the September 2024 Full Board Minutes be approved.

### UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

- 8. District Manager's Report
  - a. 10/21 Borough Board email
  - b. Bally's meeting
  - c. Cloudburst Survey
- 9. Committee Reports
  - a. Leadership
    - R. Reynoso stated that there was no quorum at the meeting. Issues from that agenda are at the end of the meeting tonight.
  - b. Bylaws
    - S. Unger stated that she is scheduling a meeting on the second Tuesday of November.
  - c. Community Development & Budget Priorities
    - R. Bartel reported they are working on the District Needs Statement for FY'26. Need the committees to look them over with any updates or suggestions for FY'27.
  - d. Education, Culture & Youth Services
    - S. Perez said there will be an election for the Chair of her committee next month.

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- C. Rodriguez reported that a proposal to have a second-year graduate student assigned to the Board for two semesters to work on a project has been approved.
- e. Ethics & Disciplinary

N. Pemberton spoke about a presentation from the City Commission on Human Rights.

The Committee will be reviewing case 116, among other items. After much discussion December 14<sup>th</sup> was chosen for the Board to participate in the Grass Roots food distribution project.

- a. Health & Social Services
  - S. Unger spoke about the seminar on prostate cancer and that the Health Fair will be on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Bronx House, among other items.
- b. Housing
  - R. Reynoso stated that no reasons have given as to why the Fine Fair Project construction is not moving on., among other things.
- c. Land Use
  - O. Selkridge reported that they met and discussed some of the objectives of the committee regarding what is coming into our neighborhood, as well as other things. W. Hewlett-Betts has been elected as Chair.
- d. Public Safety
  - H. Miura reported they did not have a quorum. Captain Tawee Theanthong of the 49<sup>th</sup> Precinct was there and gave us a lot of information. Jonathan Domenech is the new, third Community Affairs Officer.
- e. Sanitation & Environmental Protection
  W. Hewlett-Betts announced composting began on October 6.
  Homeowners will need to purchase new bins for garbage.
- f. Transportation
  - R.M. Fuchs stated that the MTA gave an update on the Metro-North project for our area, among other items.
  - Discussion on committees not having to meet every month took place. C. Rodriguez reminded members that the State Open Meeting Law required a quorum physically present at the meeting to legally conduct business, which includes the commencement of a 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. Bronx Borough President's Office
    - J. Trabue announced applications for community board membership is now open, among other items.
  - b. Council Member Feliz's Office

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- E. Diaz announced turkey distribution, among other items,
- c. Council Member Riley's Office
  - K. Bolt announced \$1 million for a project to be chosen by the Board, among other items.
- d. Mayor's Office
  - A. Dowe announced the Mayor's accomplishments for this past year, among other items.
- e. Bronx District Attorney's Office
  - N. Norwood announced there will be a collection of perishable food, as well as a coat collection coming up, among other items.
- f. State Senator Bailey's Office
  - C. Veras announced upcoming events.
- g. State Senator Fernandez's Office
  - T. Winstead announced upcoming events, among other items.
- h. Assembly Member Zaccaro's Office
  - E. Weinberg announced upcoming events.

#### 11. New Business

a. 36-hour registration requirement to speak in the Gallery
The DM announced that since there was no quorum at the Leadership
Committee meeting, no vote was taken on a 36-hour advance
registration requirement for in-person gallery session speakers at Full
Board meetings. As a result, the issue will be brought up in the
Leadership Committee meeting in November. If approved then, it may
be enacted at the November Full Board meeting.

NYCHA participation in recycling was discussed.

C. Rodriguez read an email that the board received tonight regarding a Candle lighting event on November 30 at Loreto Playground.

Motion by C. Rodriguez, seconded by N. Pemberton, that CB11 participate in the candle lighting event.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

# **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.

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- 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.

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Name	26-Sep	30-Oct	21-Nov	19-Dec	23-Jan	27-Feb	27-Mar	24-Apr	22-May	26-Jun
1 Cynthia Rodriguez, Chair	- 1	ı								
2 Richard Reynoso, Vice Chair	I	ı								
3 Veronica Castro, Treasurer	I	ı								
4 Hazel Miura, Secretary	Е	ı								
5 Harry Santaella, Sgt. At Arms	1	ı								
6 Edgar Aguirre	I	R								
7 Kadian Allen	I	ı								
8 Ryan Barthel	ı	ı								
9 Francis Steve Benitez	Α	Α								
10 Patrizia Cambria	I	ı								
11 Junior Campbell	Е	ı								
12 Staceyann Deleon	I	Е								
13 Dr. Toutou Moussa Diallo	I	Е								
14 Angel Diaz	Е	Α								
15 Alex Ellefson	ı	ı								
16 Avril Francis	R	Е								
17 Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	ı	ı								
18 Kenneth Gelnick	R	Е								
19 Wendy L. Hewlett-Betts	I	ı								
20 Dewon Jones	I	R								
21 Debra Kawalick	I	ı								
22 David Leavitt	Е	I								
23 KaDarra Lowe	Α	ı								
24 Juan Luciano	I	R								
25 Jacqueline D. Lutnick	- 1	Е								
26 Dammag Nasser	1	Α								
27 Naomi Pemberton	R	ı								
28 Susan Perez	- 1	ı								
29 Shradhanand Pirtam	Е	ı								
30 Juanita I. Randall	ı	ı								
31 Eliezer Rodriguez	1	Е								
32 Joanne Russo-Rubino	E	Ī								
33 Oral A. Selkridge	1	1								
34 Lisa Soto	1	E								
35 Dierre D. Taylor	ı	ı								
36 Joseph A. Thompson	1	1								
37 Sandra Unger	R	ı								
38 Lisa Velella	ı	ı								
39 Janice Walcott	ı	E								
40 Dwayne Williams	I	ı								
41 Jeannette Wilson	ı	ı								
Total Is:	29	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total present:	33	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

## <u>Key</u>

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

\* - Counts toward quorum