



**COMMUNITY BOARD 11**  
**1741 COLDEN AVENUE**  
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*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*

Website



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Full Board Meeting  
Thursday, January 23, 2025  
7:00 p.m.

Einstein College of Medicine's Lubin Dining Hall  
Abraham Mazer Building  
1200 Van Nest Avenue  
Webex Meetings

[YouTube](#)

## MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 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. Reading of the Conduct Statement
4. Gallery Session: *Speakers receive an initial, two (2) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time; those [registered](#) in advance will be called upon in the order they registered*
  - a. VP Mothers Against 1900 Seminole/Just Homes/Building 2 Ronald Colangelo, Bronx: 1900 Seminole  
R. Colangelo stated that he heard that the 1900 Seminole site is dead, among other items.
  - b. Mr. Robert Press, self: By-Law changes  
R. Press asked why he was not listed as the first speaker, among other items.
  - c. Library Manager Francina Frias, NYPL/ Morris Park Library:  
Updates/Programs  
F. Frias introduced herself and announced upcoming events.
  - d. Ms. Diana Finch, CB11 resident: Bylaws  
D. Finch provided suggestions for bylaw amendments.  
Police Officer Mederos announced his retirement while introducing new Community Affairs Officer Domenech.
  - e. Roxanne Delgado, self: CB1  
R. Delgado spoke about the 36-hour registration requirement for Full Board gallery session speakers, among other items.

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- f. Miguel Dyer, self: BP Leadership  
M. Dyer spoke about the 36-hour registration requirement for Full Board gallery session speakers, among other items.
- 5. 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  
N. Aguila announced upcoming events.
  - b. Council Member Marmorato's Office  
R. Sclavo spoke about the food vendors in front of Jacobi Medical Center and announced upcoming events.
  - c. Council Member Riley's Office  
K. Bolt announced upcoming events.
  - d. Mayor's Office  
A. Dowe spoke about quality-of-life issues, among other things.
  - e. Comptroller's Office  
G. Mayhew gave updates on curbing homelessness, among other items.
  - f. Public Advocate's Office
  - g. Bronx District Attorney's Office  
N. Norwood announced upcoming events.
  - h. U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez's Office  
K. Quinde spoke about the new fully accessible Westchester Square Station, among other items.
  - i. U.S. Representative Torres Office
  - j. State Senator Bailey's Office  
R. Ali announced upcoming events.
  - k. State Senator Fernandez's Office
  - l. State Senator Rivera's Office  
A. Mundaca announced upcoming events.
  - m. Assembly Member Alvarez's Office
  - n. Assembly Member Benedetto's Office
  - o. Assembly Member Heastie's Office
  - p. Assembly Member Reyes's Office
  - q. Assembly Member Zaccaro's Office  
Assembly Member Zaccaro thanked community for helping the victims of the fire on Allerton Avenue and announced the Recovery Center at 738 Allerton Avenue,
- 6. Chair's Report
  - a. Proposed removal of Francis Benitez for non-attendance at the next Executive Board meeting  
C. Rodriguez explained why this was being done.
  - b. Youth Leadership [Award](#)

Applications will be available on the Board's website.

c. Proposed bylaw amendments

Cynthia Rodriguez explained why these bylaw amendments were being proposed.

Discussion took place on the language of the proposed amendments.

7. Treasurer's Report

V. Castro stated she is waiting for information from OMB. Once she has it, her report will be posted on the website.

8. Secretary's Report

a. Review of Meeting Minutes

Motion by. H. Miura, seconded by H. Santaella, that the October, November and December 2024 Full Board minutes be approved as drafted.

**PASSED with 1 ABSTENTION (L. Soto).**

9. District Manager's Report

The DM talked briefly about the situation the Board still finds itself in and reminded the members of the importance of checking the website for errors. He introduced a new volunteer, Mohammed Sharhan, and said that if anyone has a question or concern about anyone's performance, please speak to him or Cynthia privately.

10. Committee Reports

a. Leadership

- i. Discussion of motions on the agenda have been limited to at most four questions or comments by board members

b. Economic Development

- i. Motion to send the NYSLA (New York State Liquor Authority) an email of NO OBJECTION for the following on-premise renewal alcoholic beverage licenses

(1) Caridad & Louies Restaurant, [1660 East Gun Hill Road](#)

(2) Code Red Restaurant & Lounge, [1320 East Gun Hill Road](#)

(3) Marriott Residence Inn, [1776 Eastchester Road](#)

**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

c. Transportation

- i. Motion to SUPPORT DOT's [recommendations](#) for P.S. 121 safety improvements, except that Bouck Avenue should only be made a one-way street between Arnou Avenue and Stedman Place

**PASSED with 1 AGAINST (N. Pemberton).**

- ii. Motion to SUPPORT DOT's [plan](#) to install a left turn signal from southbound Boston Road onto eastbound Thwaites Place
- UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

d. Bylaws

- i. Gallery Session
 

S. Unger said the Committee will look at the proposed amendments again in February since there was no quorum of the Committee in January.
  - e. Community Development & Budget Priorities and Health & Social Services
    - i. Blondell shelter update: Community Advisory Board
 

Anyone interested in being on the Community Advisory Board should contact the office.

R. Bartell spoke about the joint meeting to discuss the District Needs Statement for next year. Community Development will try to meet with every committee for input.
  - f. Education, Culture & Youth Services
 

A. Ellefson is the new Committee chair.
  - g. Ethics & Disciplinary
    - i. Cases 116 and 117
 

N. Pemberton announced that the committee voted in favor of case 116 (complaint from R. Press against D. Kawalick and J. Warneke) and case 117 (complaint from G. Marerro against D. Kawalick). Next month, the Committee will discuss the next step.

Motion by N. Pemberton, seconded by S. Perez, that Community Board 11 participate with Grass Roots in March.  
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**

V. Castro asked for a copy of complaint 117 since she was mentioned in it.

N. Pemberton said she would send it.

D. Kawalick stated she never received a copy of either complaint, leading to a great deal of discussion.
  - h. Housing, Land Use and Public Safety
    - i. Fire Safety Education Presentation as a result of 2910 Wallace Avenue
 

Motion by J. Randall, seconded by K. Lowe, that a letter be sent to our political representatives requesting funds for fire safety equipment.  
**UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.**
  - i. Parks & Recreation
 

Did not meet.

K. Lowe spoke about the condition of Bronx Park East between Burke Avenue and Allerton Avenue.
  - j. Sanitation & Environmental Protection
 

FDNY will come to the February meeting.
11. Old Business
- R.M. Fuchs spoke about congestion pricing.

It was suggested that he bring the issue up in committee first.

C. Gannon of the Bronx Borough President's Office announced the opening of applications to be on CB11.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 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.
- 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	26-Sep	30-Oct	21-Nov	19-Dec	23-Jan	27-Feb	27-Mar	24-Apr	22-May	26-Jun
1	Cynthia Rodriguez, Chair	I	I	I	I	I					
2	Richard Reynoso, Vice Chair	I	I	I	A	I					
3	Veronica Castro, Treasurer	I	I	I	I	I					
4	Hazel Miura, Secretary	E	I	I	E	I					
5	Harry Santaella, Sgt. At Arms	I	I	I	I	I					
6	Edgar Aguirre	I	R	R	I	R					
7	Kadian Allen	I	I	A	A	E					
8	Ryan Barthel	I	I	I	R	I					
9	Francis Steve Benitez	A	A	A	A	A					
10	Patrizia Cambria	I	I	R	I	I					
11	Junior Campbell	E	I	E	E	E					
12	Staceyann Deleon	I	E	I	I	I					
13	Dr. Toutou Moussa Diallo	I	E	I	I	R					
14	Alex Ellefson	I	I	I	I	I					
15	Avril Francis	R	E	E	A	I					
16	Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	I	I	E	E	I					
17	Kenneth Gelnick	R	E	I	E	R					
18	Wendy L. Hewlett-Betts	I	I	I	I	R					
19	Dewon Jones	I	R	I	I	I					
20	Debra Kawalick	I	I	I	I	I					
21	David Leavitt	E	I	E	I	I					
22	KaDarra Lowe	A	I	I	I	I					
23	Juan Luciano	I	R	I	I	I					
24	Jacqueline D. Lutnick	I	E	I	I	I					
25	Dammag Nasser	I	A	R	A	A					
26	Naomi Pemberton	R	I	E	I	I					
27	Susan Perez	I	I	I	I	I					
28	Shradhanand Pirtam	E	I	I	I	E					
29	Juanita I. Randall	I	I	R	E	I					
30	Joanne Russo-Rubino	E	I	I	E	R					
31	Oral A. Selkridge	I	I	R	A	A					
32	Lisa Soto	I	E	E	E	R					
33	Dierre D. Taylor	I	I	I	I	I					
34	Joseph A. Thompson	I	I	E	I	I					
35	Sandra Unger	R	I	I	I	I					
36	Lisa Velella	I	I	I	I	I					
37	Janice Walcott	I	E	A	I	I					
38	Dwayne Williams	I	I	I	I	I					
38	Jeannette Wilson	I	I	I	I	I					
Total Is:		28	27	23	25	27	0	0	0	0	0
Total present:		32	30	28	26	33	0	0	0	0	0

**Key**

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

**\* - Counts toward quorum**