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COMMITTEES

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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, February 27, 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 7:08 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. Reading of the Conduct Statement
- 4. Gallery Session: *Speakers receive an initial, two* (2) *minutes of uninterrupted speaking time; those* <u>registered</u> in advance will be called upon in the order they registered
 - a. David Leavitt: issues related to Community Board 11
 D. Leavitt spoke about a proposed bylaw amendment.
 - b. Mr. Robert Press, self: What is a Falsehood?R. Press spoke about a falsehood posted on social media.
 - c. Ronnie Coangelo: CB11
 - R. Coangelo spoke about attendance issues.
 - d. Ms. Grace Marrero, ABBA: lack of ethics by board members G. Marrero provided her opinion about board members.
 - e. Library Manager Manny Martinez, NYPL: Programs, Events, Resources
 - M. Martinez announced upcoming events.
 - f. Ms Diana Finch, CB11 resident: Ethics Complaints: Clarification on number of cases heard vs assigned case numbering
 D. Finch spoke about a misstatement at the last Leadership Committee meeting.
 - g. Mr. Angel Diaz, former Board Member: Upcoming AGS event



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- A. Diaz announced his upcoming event and thanked the board members and staff for their service.
- h. Roxanne Delgado
 - R. Delgado complained about DSC meeting minutes.
- i. Miguel Dyer
 - M. Dyer spoke about negativity.
- j. Irene Estrada
 - I. Estrada made allegations against a board member and staff.
- 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. Bronx Borough President's Office
 - C. Gannnon spoke about board membership applications.
 - b. Council Member Feliz's Office
 - N. Aguila announced upcoming events.
 - c. Council Member Marmorato's Office
 - M. Nitis gave an update about the City's relatively new garbage bin requirement.
 - d. Council Member Riley's Office
 - K. Bolt announced upcoming events.
 - e. Mayor's Office
 - f. Comptroller's Office
 - g. Public Advocate's Office
 - h. Bronx District Attorney's Office
 - N. Norwood announced upcoming events.
 - i. U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez's Office
 - K. Quinde spoke about past events and the Congresswoman's newsletter.
 - j. U.S. Representative Torres Office
 - J. McManus spoke about Con Ed's state-sanctioned monopoly on gas distribution in places like the Bronx.
 - k. State Senator Bailey's Office
 - R. Ali announced upcoming events.
 - 1. State Senator Fernandez's Office
 - D. Valerio announced upcoming events.
 - m. State Senator Rivera's Office
 - A. Mundaca spoke about past events.
 - n. Assembly Member Alvarez's Office
 - o. Assembly Member Benedetto's Office
 - p. Assembly Member Heastie's Office
 - q. Assembly Member Reyes's Office
 - r. Assembly Member Zaccaro's Office

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E. Weinberg announced upcoming events and sponsored bills.

6. Chair's Report

- a. Discussion of **motions** on the agenda are limited to at most four questions or comments by board members
- b. Motion to <u>REMOVE</u> Francis Benitez from Community Board 11 for non-attendance

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

c. Public hearings

Discussion took place on the Charter requirement to hold public hearings.

d. The Ethics & Disciplinary Committee

Motion by C. Rodriguez, seconded by W. Hewlett-Betts, that complaints 116 and 117 be reviewed anew by the Ethics Committee.

PASSED with 4 ABSTENTIONS (S. Deleon, D. Kawalick, KaDarra Lowe and R. Reynoso).

7. Treasurer's Report

Contrary to misstatements by members of the public, all Treasurer's Reports have been uploaded to the website.

- 8. Secretary's Report
 - a. Review of Meeting Minutes

Motion by H. Miura, seconded by R. Reynoso, that the January 2025 Full Board meeting minutes be APPROVED, as drafted.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

9. District Manager's Report

The District Manager spoke about the Blondell Avenue Shelter Community Advisory Board, among other items.

- 10. Committee Reports
 - a. Leadership
 - R. Reynoso spoke about next month's meeting.
 - b. Housing
 - i. Motion to <u>REQUEST</u> funding from elected officials for fire extinguisher and smoke alarm giveaways

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

- c. Parks & Recreation
 - Motion to send a letter of <u>SUPPORT</u> regarding the Bronx Park Skatepark Project design

PASSED with 2 RECUSALS (K. Gelnick and O. Selkridge).

- d. Bylaws
 - i. Proposed bylaw amendments
 - ii. Gallery session registration
 - iii. No ceding of time
 - S. Unger stated that they could not vote as there was not a quorum.

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- e. Community Development & Budget Priorities, Land Use and Sanitation & Environmental Protection
 - R. Barthel reported that they will be meeting with all the committees to go over requests for next fiscal year.
- f. Education, Culture & Youth Services
 - Youth Leadership <u>Award</u>
 A. Ellefson reported that the applicants will be discussed at their March meeting.
- g. Transportation
 - M. Fuchs spoke about presentations for hteir March meeting.
- h. Health & Social Services
 - S. Unger reported that the Health Fair is scheduled for May 18 at the Bronx House.
 - i. Blondell shelter update: Community Advisory Board
- i. Economic Development
- j. Ethics & Disciplinary
 - i. Cases 116 and 117

11. New Business

Motion by J. Luciano, seconded by R. Reynoso, to waive the 30-day notice requirement for Pasta Pasta at 2023 Williamsbridge Road and send an email of NO OBJECTION to the State Liquor Authority

PASSED with 1 AGAINST (D. Leavitt) and 1 ABSTENTION (D. Taylor).

- J. Rubino spoke about P.S. 97 not utilizing the old wing.
- C. Rodriguez announced that Preston High School is closing as well as St. Lucy's and All Hallows.

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.

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