



**COMMUNITY BOARD 11**  
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**COMMITTEES**

- Leadership*
- Community Development & Budget Priorities*
- Economic Development & Public Safety*
- Education, Culture & Youth Services*
- Ethics & Disciplinary*
- Health & Social Services*
- Housing*
- Land Use*
- Parks & Recreation*
- Sanitation & Environmental Protection*
- Transportation*

Public Hearing and Full Board Meeting  
 Thursday, May 22, 2025  
 6:45 p.m.  
 Einstein College of Medicine’s Lubin Dining Hall  
 1200 Van Nest Avenue  
 Webex Meetings  
[YouTube](#)

**MINUTES**

The public hearing was called to order at 6:54 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. Public Hearing: Community Concerns
  - a. Prior to the start of the hearing, each member of the public wishing to speak shall submit to the Chairperson in writing, on a form provided by the Board, a request for speaking time. Such request shall set forth the speaker’s name, the name of any organization which the individual may represent, and whether the individual favors or opposes the proposition which is the subject of the hearing. Those opposed to the proposition shall be heard first, and those in favor shall follow. The Chairperson shall call only the names of those who submitted requests for speaking time. Each member of the public shall be entitled to speak for an amount of time pre-determined by the Chairperson. Any written statement or document offered by a speaker shall be placed into the record or minutes of the hearing.  
 No one spoke during the time allotted for the public hearing.
5. 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. Mr. Ed Murphy, Friends of Pelham Parkway: registering for CB meetings  
 E. Murphy spoke about the need to keep the 36-hour requirement to register to speak at board meetings.

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- b. Robert Press: Attendance
    - R. Press spoke about absences of board members, among other items.
  - c. Ronald Colangelo: 1900 NYCH&H
    - R. Colangelo spoke about the 36-hour requirement to register to speak at board meetings.
  - d. Diana Finch: Ethics Committee Transcript, Voting
    - D. Finch read from the transcript of the June 15, 2021 Ethics Committee meeting, among other items.
  - e. Grace Marrero: Ethics
    - G. Marrero asked what is being done with the Ethics complaints that have been submitted.
    - J. Wilson stated that all three complaints would be addressed at the next Ethics meeting.
  - f. Roxanne Delgado: Agenda Items
    - R. Delgado stated that the Board Chair and the DM (District Manager) have been served for not addressing violations that affect the community, among other items.
  - g. Nesti Doka: Cafe Portofino
    - V. Castro provided background on two incidents last year and stated that there are no pending charges against the establishment.
  - h. Abdus Shahid: American Bangladeshi Wel Org.
    - A. Shahid spoke about the need for a stop sign at Woodhull and Mace Avenues and the intersection of Waring and Astor Avenues.
    - It was clarified that he is asking for All Way Stop Signs.
6. 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
    - A. Ruiz announced that interviews are being set up for new board members, among other items.
  - b. Council Member Feliz's Office
    - N. Aguila announced upcoming events, among other items.
  - c. Council Member Marmorato's Office
    - M. Nitis asked that any issues the community has be sent to 311 and announced upcoming events.
  - d. Council Member Riley's Office
    - K. Bolt announced upcoming events, among other items.
  - e. Mayor's Office
  - f. Comptroller's Office
  - g. Public Advocate's Office
  - h. Bronx District Attorney's Office
  - i. U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez's Office

- K. Quinde spoke about the Defiance Act, among other items.
  - j. U.S. Representative Torres Office
  - k. State Senator Bailey's Office
    - R. Ali announced upcoming events.
  - l. State Senator Fernandez's Office
  - m. State Senator Rivera's Office
    - A. Mondaca announced upcoming 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
7. Chair's Report
- a. Discussion of **motions** on the agenda are limited to at most four questions or comments by board members
  - b. Bronx Puerto Rican Day Parade: June 14
  - c. CB11's Juneteenth
  - d. Summer Youth Worksite Application
    - C. Rodriguez submitted an application for the office to be a worksite.
  - e. Greater Morris Park Downtown Revitalization Initiatives  
\$20 million grant awarded by the State.
  - f. Proposed [amendments](#) to Article V, Section 1 and Article VI, Section 13 of the CB11 Bylaws
8. Treasurer's Report
- V. Castro stated the May report was submitted. January and February reports were revised to reflect correct salaries for staff. A correction to June 2023 will be on the website soon.
9. Secretary's Report
- a. Review of Meeting Minutes
    - H. Miura reported that minutes not ready. Once they are, they will published on the website.
10. District Manager's Report
- a. Attendance
  - b. New board member [bio](#)
  - c. 1609 Colden Avenue
    - The DM reported that the property is being sold.
  - d. Street lighting [request](#)
  - e. Right-turn on red signage [request](#)
  - f. June Full Board parking
    - The DM reported that for June, we will be meeting at Center Light on White Plains Road. Drivers need to provide us with the make, model and license plate number of their vehicle to use the parking lot.
  - g. Vandalized bus shelter: Melville Street and MPA
  - h. Lydig Ave resurfacing

i. [Memorial Day](#)

The DM reminded everyone not to conflate Memorial Day with Veterans Day.

11. Committee Reports

a. Leadership

- i. Motion that Community Board 11 BAR Ms. Roxanne Delgado from speaking at future CB11 meetings until she provides an apology to the Board and community and agrees to adhere to the Board's Conduct Statement

A great deal of discussion took place on the motion.

The motion was withdrawn.

b. Bylaws

- i. Motion that Community Board 11 APPROVE of the [proposed amendments](#) to Article V, Section 1 and Article VI, Section 13(c) of the CB11 Bylaws

A great deal of discussion took place regarding Article VI, Section 13(b), resulting in that part of the motion being withdrawn by the Committee.

Motion that Community Board 11 APPROVE of the proposed amendment to Article V, Section 1 (combining the Economic Development and Public Safety Committees).

**PASSED with 1 AGAINST (N. Pemberton) and 1 ABSTENTION (A. Ellefson).**

c. Economic Development and Public Safety

- i. Portofino Café, 2008 Williamsbridge Road

Motion by J. Luciano, seconded by H. Santaella, to send a letter of NO OBJECTION to the Liquor Authority.

**PASSED with 6 ABSTENTIONS (D. Nasser, J. Randall, R. Reynoso, D. Taylor, J. Thompson and J. Wilson).**

d. Nominating & Elections

- i. Nominations for Treasurer and Sergeant at Arms

D. Kawalick stated that V. Castro was nominated for Treasurer, and she accepted.

As there were no additional nominations for Treasurer, nominations were closed.

D. Kawalick stated that H. Santaella was nominated for Sergeant at Arms, and he accepted.

As there were no additional nominations for Sergeant at Arms, nominations were closed.

Elections will be held at the June full Board meeting.

e. Community Development & Budget Priorities

S. Deleon asked that anyone with suggestions for the FY25 Budget Priorities to submit them by August.

f. Education, Culture & Youth Services

- i. Community Board 11 at Yankee Stadium
      - A. Ellefson reported that the five Yankee Award winners were present for the May 7 game and that all game tickets were distributed.
    - ii. Grand Street Settlement
      - A. Ellefson reported that a new head start will be opening in September and they are looking to hire from the community.
  - g. Ethics & Disciplinary
    - J. Wilson reported that the Committee reviewed procedures and made edits. Also discussed were edits to the complaint form. She suggested merging the Bylaws and Ethics Committees and removing the word Disciplinary from her Committee's name.
    - J. Wilson then read a statement she wrote regarding a member of the public.
  - h. Health & Social Services
    - S. Unger reported that the Health Fair was held on Sunday and was a huge success.
  - i. Housing, Land Use and Sanitation & Environmental Protection
    - i. DEP Cloudburst Update
        - R. Reynoso reported that there was no one from the public at the meeting.
        - J. Randall spoke about the fire at 2910 Wallace Avenue.
        - C. Rodriguez reported that the former Apple Bank on Pelham Parkway was purchased by the Bowery Residents' Committee and will become affordable housing.
      - j. Parks & Recreation
        - J. Walcott asked when construction will begin on Zimmerman Playground.
      - k. Transportation
        - H. Miura spoke about lighting on White Plains Road and Pelham Parkway where at the 39 bus stop.
        - The DM stated that he would ask DOT about it.
- 12. Old Business
  - D. Kawalick asked about moving the next meeting to June 30.
  - The DM will contact Center Light and ask about the possibility.
- 13. New Business
  - R. Reynoso reported he is working on the Conduct Statement and having a meeting in August about how to run a meeting and Robert's Rules of Order.
  - Motion by R. Bartel, seconded by D. Taylor, that CB11 BAR Roxanne Delgado from speaking at our public meetings for a period of three months, not including July and August, for not adhering to the Board's Conduct Statement.
  - After a great deal of discussion, a roll call vote was taken.
  - PASSED** (click [here](#) for results and attendance).

Meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.

Minutes by staff, approved by H. 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 people 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.