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Wednesday, June 24, 2026
Public Hearing and Full Board Meeting
6:45 p.m.
Einstein College of Medicine's Lubin Dining Hall
1200 Van Nest Avenue
Zoom
YouTube

MINUTES

The public hearing and meeting was called to order at 6:58 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.
        i. Marvin Tavarez, Sheet Metal Workers Local 28
        M. Tavarez spoke about the Montefiore Expansion Project needing to be built by union workers and local contractors.
        ii. Frankie Hernandez, Local 1: Montefiore Hospital Expansion
        F. Hernandez spoke about the Montefiore Expansion Project needing to be built by union workers and local contractors.
        iii. Carl Johnson, Plumbers Local 1: Montefiore Hospital Expansion

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C. Johnson spoke about Montefiore Project being 100% union workers.

iv. Terrell Martin, New York City District Council of Carpenters: Montefiore Up coming project
T. Martin stated that this project needs to be 100% union workers.

v. Robert Press: F.O.I.L. Policy for CB11
R. Press asked about his F.O.I.L. request for the candidates statements.

vi. George Fernandez, Local 46: Montefiore Expansion Project
G. Fernadez asked that the project be 100% union workers.

vii. Miguel Torres, NYCDCC: Montefiore Hospital
M. Torres stated the project needs to be 100% union workers.

viii. Bret Thomason, Steamfitters Local 638: Montefiore
B. Thomason stated the project need to be 100% union workers.

ix. Kenny Vasquez, Plumbers Local 1
K. Vasquez spoke about the opportunities that the union has given to returning veterans.

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. Robert Press: Juneteenth event
      R. Press complained about Juneteenth, among other items.
6. Committee Reports
   a. Leadership
      i. Draft letter of support request for unionized labor for Montefiore's proposed LSCFD expansion
      R. Reynoso read the letter to Montefiore encouraging the use of all union workers and local contractors.
      Motion by S. Unger, seconded by R. Reynoso, to send this letter to Montefiore.
      PASSED with 2 RECUSALS (H. Norat and H. Santaella).
7. Elected Officials: *Elected officials shall receive an initial, five (5) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time and they may respond to, at most, four (4) questions or comments from board members with a time limit of ten (10) minutes for responses. 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
      B. Stevenson spoke about the recently held Deescalation workshop and that other training will be available to board members, among other items.
   b. Council Member Feliz's Office

C. Kein congratulated the board on an amazing Juneteenth event, among other items.

c. Council Member Aldebol's Office
K. Plasari announced upcoming events.

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

i. U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez's Office

j. U.S. Representative Torres Office
J. McManus reported that anyone needing help should email him.

k. State Senator Bailey's Office
B. Franklin Everson announced upcoming events.

l. State Senator Fernandez's Office
T. Weinstead gave legislative updates and announced upcoming events.

m. State Senator Rivera's Office

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
D. Weinstein announced upcoming events.
C. Rodriguez spoke about Intro 322 and Intro 501.

8. Chair's Report
   a. Discussion of **motions** on the agenda is limited to at most four questions or comments by board members
   b. Hush Cannabis renewal
   C. Rodriguez clarified that Hush Cannabis had not come before the board for renewal before tonight.
   c. Clarifying agenda motions
   d. Strategic planning statement request: draft response
   e. Annual Juneteenth event on 6/13
   f. Thank Full Board meeting hosts
   g. Board member attendance
   J. Warneke reported that 2 Board members had Perfect Attendance. D. Kawalick and S. Unger.
   h. Consider motion to authorize $500 for America 250 event in conjunction with MPBID
   Motion by C. Rodriguez, seconded by H. Santaella, to authorize $500 for the America 250 event.
   UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
9. Treasurer's Report

D. Williams reported that he and J. Warneke made some corrections to the Friends of CB11 account, among other items.

10. Secretary's Report
    a. Review of Meeting Minutes: March 2026 (Veronica error)
       Motion by H. Miura, seconded by D. Williams, to accept the March 2026 minutes as received.
       UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
11. District Manager's Report
    a. DSC minutes: April published
    b. Burns Playground request
       R. Reynoso read the request to add pickle ball at this site.
       Following discussion, motion by D. Kawalick, seconded by L. Soto, to request that the parks Department install QR Codes around the playground, as they do at other locations, for community input.
       UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
       J. Warneke reported that Harriet is the new FOIL Records Officer.
       C. Rodriguez explained the FOIL process.
       J. Warneke suggested renaming Matthews Muliner Playground, providing the history of who the playground was named, in part, after.
12. Committee Reports Continued
    a. Nominating & Elections
       i. Election for
          (1) Chair
              R. Reynoso withdrew his name for Chair.
          (2) Vice Chair
          (3) Secretary

       D. Kawalick reported that all candidate statements have been sent to the Board.
       J. Warneke emailed the ballots to the members.
    b. Bylaws & Ethics
       i. Motion to APPROVE of the following Bylaw proposals
          (1) Shortening the name of the Parks, Recreation, Sanitation & Environmental Protection Committee to Parks, Sanitation & the Environment
              UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
          (2) Clarifying Article VI, Section 13(a)
              Motion by R. Barthel to Clarify Article VI, Section 13 (a)
              UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
          (3) Edit and move Article 3, Section 5(a) to Article VI, Section 10
              PASSED with 1 ABSTENTION (D. Kawalick) and 2 OPPOSED (D. Nasser and N. Pemberton).
    c. Economic Development & Public Safety

i. Motion of NO OBJECTION for the following renewal alcohol license: Golden Corral
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

ii. Motion of OBJECTION for the following new alcohol license: Shaking Crab
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.
H. Miura announced that the National Night Out Against Crime will be held on Tuesday, July 3rd at Loretto Park.

d. Transportation
   i. Metro-North Penn Station Access Update
   ii. Open Streets Applications
      (1) Rhinelander Avenue – 061826
      (2) Barker Avenue between Britton and Allerton Avenues
   iii. Street Activity Permit Applications
   M. Fuchs reported that 2 applications were denied, for Price __ and Grand Stret Summer Bash as they did not show up to the meeting.
   M. Fuchs reported that DOT has denied our request for a right turn on Stillwell Avenue. No response for our request for a blinking light on Thwaites Place and traffic at Pelham Parkway, Boston Road and White Plains Road.

e. Community Development & Budget Priorities
   M. Núñez reported that the committee discussed the budget priorities for FY'2027. D. Williams asked board members to submit their requests for FY'2028 as soon as possible.

f. Education, Culture & Youth Services
   i. Yankee Youth Leadership Award Stipend
   A. Ellefson reported that the board received the checks for the Yankee Youth Leadership Award recipients and it has been increased to $1000

g. Health & Social Services
   S. Unger reported that the committee did not meet.

h. Housing & Land Use
   R. Reynoso reported that the committee discussed the Montefiore Care Pavillon, and the 800 Brady Avenue demolition notice that was received.
   C. Rodriguez reported that 2130 Esplanade Avenue is planned to be a 3-story building.
   K. Plasari announced that plans have been approved for a mix of 2- and 1-bedroom units. They are reaching out to the owners to meet and discuss the plans.
   Discussion took place on that the owners were told that they cannot build there because the trains go under the building. Also discussed that any religious holy books are properly disposed of.

C. Kirka reported that this site has come to the board 3 times and has been turned down due to the vibrations that come from the trains beneath. He also reported that it cannot be built more than 3 floors.

i. Parks, Recreation, Sanitation & Environmental Protection

13. Old Business
    a. Election results
       C. Rodriguez, R. Barthel and D. Taylor won the election for their respective positions. (Click here for individual votes and tallies.)
14. New Business
    a. Next Full Board meeting: Center Light on Allerton

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Minutes by H. Lasky and J. Warneke. To view the attendance sheet, click here.

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