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**BOROUGH OF THE BRONX**

**COMMUNITY BOARD #5**

**Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President**

**Chairperson  
Dr. Bola Omotosho**

**District Manager  
Kenneth Brown**

**Community Board Five**

**General Board Meeting Minutes**

**November 18, 2020**

**Virtual by Webex Video Conference**

- **Community Board Five Board Members**
- **Attendees:** E.Acosta, B.Akumah, B.Siraj, P.Blanco, Dr.M. Brown, T.Bushby, A.Caballero, C.Camara, J.Curiel, A.DeJesus, P.Dominguez, M.Estrella, R.Gonzalez, N.Graham.Jr., A.Hernandez, B.Lawrence, G.Medina, E.Morris, Dr.B.Omotosho, J.Parra, D.Perry, F.Ramos, M.Rosado, S.Rudolph, C.Shorter, P.Stewart, C.Westbrook,
- **Absent/Excused**
- M.Heath, H.Esteban, T.Mims, B.Moore, R.Owusu, L.Reyes, C.Rosario, R.Whetstone.

**Welcome:**

- **Opening Prayer** by Council Member Fernando Cabrera.
- **Quorum: 6:38PM**
- **Approval of Minutes:** No Minutes
- **Chairperson's Report Dr. Bola Omotosho:**
  - **Proceedings:**
  - We're working very closely with 46th Precinct. We had meetings with the 46th Precinct every week in the last several months since we got looted in June. The

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46th Precinct provided updates on crime stats every week. I would like to say a big thank you to 46th Precinct that assists us so much in our community board five.

- This week is the holiday season, Thanksgiving next week, and followed by Christmas. But even more importantly, the police department has been able to stem this tide, which is the tide of the rise of COVID-19 in our district, by enforcing social distancing, closing some of the restaurants and bars where people congregate, the schools are now shutting down. I brought the group of people from the Montefiore Hospital from Monday to update the possibility of vaccines.
- It is conducting strategy as training is the one that is doing the study on which will allow for a community like ours to get a vaccine on a trial basis for free. And between there and now. You've also had any news in the last two or three days that Pfizer will become now available online very soon.
- Moderna is coming available online very soon as we ignite to 5% if it can see a 94.5% efficacy, and politically, you've had the governor who said the question concerning distribution in a community of color.
- The last time I checked, which is as recent as this morning, because there was a conference call this morning on COVID-19.
- We stood at 5.2%. While the city now averages at 3%. As of this morning, we stood at 5.2%. And neighbors when I say neighbors 10457 at 3.9%, 10467 stood at 3.6%
- So, we have our uptake a district, but please, there are three. There are four core things that we need to know about social distancing, wear your facemask, if you're sick, stay away, stay at home. And please avoid a public gathering. So, this is very important.
- We have 13 standing committees on this board. I'll quickly run through every each of them as follows:
  - Land Use (*Chairperson: Pablo Blanco and Co-Chair: Cheryl Westbrook*)
  - Jerome Avenue Oversight (*Chairperson: Cheryl Westbrook and Co-Chair: Dr. M. Brown*),
  - Cultural Affairs (*Chairperson: Denise Perry and Co-Chair: Pablo Blanco*), Health and Human Services (*Chairperson: Annette DeJesus and Co-Chair: Carlos Rosario*),
  - Housing (*Chairperson: Dr. Bola Omotosho and Co-Chair: Anthony Hernandez*),
  - Economic Development (*Chairperson: Angel Caballero and Co-Chair: Anthony Hernandez*),
  - Parks and Recreation (*Chairperson: Robert Whetstone and Co-Chair: Pooi Stewart*)
  - Municipal Services, (*Chairperson: Nero Graham, Jr., and Co-Chair: Anthony Hernandez*)
  - Youth, (*Chairperson: Anthony Hernandez and Co-Chair: Bobby Akumah*)
  - Education, (*Chairperson: Jaqua Curiel and Co-Chair: Dr. M. Brown*)
  - Immigration, (*Chairperson: Pooi Stewart and Co-Chair: Belinda Lawrence*)
  - Veteran Affairs (*Chairperson: Roxana Gonzalez and Co-Chair: Juan Parra*)
  - Governing Committees (*Chairperson: Belinda Lawrence and Co-Chair: Pooi Stewart*)

- **Board Members Introduction**

1. Bah, Siraj – Yes, good evening, everyone. My name is Siraj Bah, Assistant Director of Excessive College; follow on happy to be a part of this Community Board. I recently moved to the area. About a year ago, and I look forward to getting involved and working as well. Thank you,

2. Dominguez, Priscilla – **Not Available**

3. Estrella, Marisa – **Not Available**

4. Hernandez, Anthony – Lifelong resident of Community Board Five and I am happy to be a part of this.

5. Morris, Ellen – **Not Available**

6. Casey Camara - I'm excited to be on the community board and come to work as a researcher at a public policy lab. So happy to get to know you all.

- **District Managers by Ken Brown Report:**

- Good evening, everyone. First, thank you to my excellent staff, both Lashawnda and Alva; they are responsible for pumping out all the torrents of emails that we send out, so thank you very much to both.
- Chairman Board meeting, I believe one of the board members asked about it. We can get in a count of shelters in the district. So far, we've received zero adult family shelters; there is one adult family shelter. There are three single adult shelters, zero adult community hotel shelters. There are 12 families with children clusters, no family with children hotels, and family getaway with our children hotels is six. The public information was made available from the mayor's office.
- In addition, to the COVID testing sites that people are mentioning. I want to let everyone know that our extraordinary Morris heights Health Center do a walk-in COVID testing at 85 Burnside Avenue; they have walk-in on Tuesdays and Thursdays. 8 am to 4 pm.
- And the way it works is they will have you see a primary doctor there for general screening and then send you over for specifically the COVID screen.
- They have done exclusive COVID testing, and they found that there were some other health concerns. 85 Burnside Avenue at their site, 25 Third Street, they have the regular walk-in COVID testing, and that is Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 330 pm.

- Con Edison confirmed that there would be no shutoff notices no shutoffs done during the COVID emergency that generally, there are no shutoffs by Con Edison. From November through February.
- You should be receiving the agenda for our weekly Monday. Police community merchant meetings go out tomorrow the schedule.
- We're going to have someone from the Department of Sanitation Commission talking about the snow removal plan.

## **Voting Item:**

Letter of Support: Baez Place by Samuel Wells

## **Reports:**

We appreciate the feedback that you guys have given us.

We are incorporating it into our project. We filed at the Department of Buildings they're reviewing our drawings. We applied for capital funding from one of the New York State agencies at JP, and we're hoping to close on construction financing in February or March of next year. And then you know once construction gets going, there's going to be, you know, jobs available for members of the community below five for community's district members, and we will share with you the contact information for the hiring managers for those construction jobs and then also for the active jobs during the building. During the operations of the facility later. I also know that we're potentially interested in some community meeting space. So, we have been working on a design for a unique and exciting room. That will be on the top floor of the building, which will let me go through the remarkable aspects of it. It's going to be a greenhouse on the, on the ninth floor, which will have a two-story glass wall on it that to where you can see the sky and a view and a view of the neighborhood from the window, from there's going to be a two-story green wall that had plants growing up one side facing the window. There are going to be herbs and aromatic plants, so it'll smell nice. There's going to be dining working and relaxing spaces dwarf trees like a, like Meyer lemons and Ficus trees, it'll kind of feel like the house conservatory at the New York Botanical Garden, like with the big greenhouse at the new potential garden, it's going to be like a miniature version of that. At the top of the building for the residents and for community meetings in that room.

We drafted and sent it to you guys earlier today. We included that community; the community room was one of the bullet points, and then the availability of jobs for members of a community that will work together with the community to make sure that everybody knows about what jobs are available and everyone can apply easily. The third piece is that a building will have many affordable housing units for families and individuals, and one-half of that 50% will be set aside for

members of community board files that are residents living there. So, with all that, that's in MOU, and you know we had promised these things verbally.

### **Q & A:**

**Roxana Gonzalez:** I have a question for you. I'm sorry. Before we make the motion, this particular project was not discussed with the executive. Or were they presented? I don't recall us reviewing this motion or the other project.

**Dr. Bola:** Suppose this project was even presented to the entire board. In September, when we were about to take a vote on it. That was when we asked them for an MOU. So, it was the MRU that was between us taking a vote that once they come up with the MRU, then we chose based on everything they told us, initially, so we that's why we are not taking up a complete presentation again.

**Cheryl Westbrook:** When the MRU distributed to the board members?

**Dr. Bola:** The MOU we received it today. We've not signed. That's the information, and the MOU is what he does, what we asked for about job-guarantee job, a set aside for the community, Community Center, and a community room. And those are the four things that are in the MOU. I'm guessing that we have a motion to avoid these now that he had the MOU, and then we can proceed with the sign of the MOU, which I will sign on behalf of the board. Once we move forward with it, moving forward with it, there is nothing too lovely to sign on.

**Angel Caballero:** To our attention in September, everybody should have gotten this copy. Okay, as you said, I motion to have Bias Place at 330, East 170 Sixth Street project. Move forward.

**Nero Graham:** Seconded this motion.

**Dr. Bola:** Any further discussions now we can have it briefly before I do the roll call vote, any questions, or classifications.

**Jaqua Curiel:** The MOU and this is for Sammy. How will we have some community oversight that shows that when the jobs post and the 50% satisfied, how will we have accountability that prioritized?

**Samuel Wells:** We will send everything directly to the community district to Ken and anyone else at the Community Board. And then, you know, whatever the process works that works best for you guys are the process that we'll use.

**Dr. Bola:** Someone else is hearing more; your team will be hearing more from us through the Oversight Committee chair, which Westbrook chairs. And given those, and she has a Co-Chair Dr.

Brown, but the committee is open to everybody in on this board, and even the Constantine shero will be eyes and nose in everything that they do to make sure that these things. The more you that you authorize the chairperson to sign. She is the one money frame the execution phase successfully. And already what is more important, and especially for the set aside for the community.

**Samuel Wells:** I agree 100% and I'm looking forward to working with you, sir. Thank you.

- 26 Yea / 5 Nay.
- Motion carried.

#### **Voting Item:**

Vote on Community Board 5 recommendations for Fiscal Year 2022:

- Cheryl Westbrook made a first motion
- Angel Caballero seconded this motion.
- 26 Yea / 0 No
- Motion carried.

#### **Veteran's Reports:**

- My name is Juan para. I'm a veteran of three branches of service. I just retired in 2017 from the Air Force. And I'm happy to be here.
- Good evening. Welcome aboard. My name is Roxana Gonzalez. I am a 20-year-old veteran. I'm from the US Navy, and I am excited to have another veteran on board. Our committee time and date will announce so you could join us. And I look forward to hearing about your experience and helping our veterans and Community Board Five. Thank you.
- Marisa Estrella: I have been honored to be honorary. For those of you that don't know, I'm when I'm mopping right naval history, I've had a book published some articles and that kind of thing. And during my writing. I was in touch with various groups related to the Navy. And somewhere I'm going to find it. I have an email that says I'm an honorary too; I'm an honorary by Lieutenant JG. To be a Navy veteran, and I do have a card in my wallet, I am a member of the naval order the United States, and I did not make it at Staples.

## **Public Session**

- **Sallie Smith is resident of CB5-** Good Evening everyone. I have seen some improvements in the community. Years ago, the Grand Concourse was not improved, but now there are some improvements to the community by cleaning around Grand Concourse and opening around that area. And I am hoping that the business will come back as usual. Thank you.

## **Elected Official's Reports**

- **Honorable Ruben Diaz, Jr., Bronx Borough President**
  - *The Representative is Ish Gonzalez*
  - I have two quick announcements; I want to thank everyone for the new Community Board members attending this evening. I would also like to thank them for attending the community board orientation last Monday; The Borough President's report was sent out to the board or Ken Brown, so you should have that it's available on our website if you don't have it. The up-to-date information regarding COVID19 centers information or detail is available on the Borough President's website. And with that, that's all I have. I wish everyone a very safe and warm holiday season, and I hope to see you guys soon.
- **Honorable Council Member Vanessa L. Gibson's Office District #16**
  - *Good evening. Thank you to our District Manager, all the members of the fine many of our community residents and elected officials, my colleagues, and staff; it's great to be on once again at your monthly General Board Meeting.*
  - *I'm Vanessa Gibson of District 16 in the West Bronx. And I'm grateful to be on this Sunday. Once again, I am thankful to all of you for everything you've done over the last several months.*
  - *And indeed, I pray that you and your families are all healthy and safe during this Covid 19 pandemic.*

- *Unfortunately, we see the second wave that we anticipated. I think it's a reminder of the work that must continue.*
- *The PPE distributions that we work with the city officials, Department of Health, Health and Hospitals, the testing team, and making sure that we recognize high rates of positive cases that we're seeing.*
- *The City-wide seven-day figures have risen recoding percent is why the mayor announced closing schools starting tomorrow.*
- *I understand that thousands of our constituents are working parents who now must figure out where their children will go.*
- *While they're learning remotely, it is going to be a challenge. And so, I asked the community board if you get any parents that are reaching out that need assistance to please let us know how we can help them navigate.*
- *Many of these parents are working; they cannot lose their jobs. They must go to work. But we also know children must continue to learn as well.*
- *We don't know how long this will be in place in terms of the shutdown of schools. But we certainly are doing our very best working with Morris Heights. And all of the healthcare partners on distributing facemask and sanitizers and reminding people as best as we can get the mandate of indoor gatherings less than ten people because we're trying to make sure that we limit indoor activities, the large groups, and many of those we see across the Bronx.*
- *Our communities are the reason why the Covid 19 pandemics are spreading in addition to travel. So, all these things are factors that we must consider. The last time I was at Community Board, I believe it was last month.*
- *We talked about cleanup efforts working with our partners at Wildcat and fat cap and many organizations making cleanup that will move into snow removal and other cleanup efforts now with the winter season here.*
- *If there is an area of need in our district, please let us know. We can put that on our list of the flag.*
- *Specifically, the Parks Department and sanitation, because of the enormous cuts they took in the July adopted budget. We hope that with the new administration and a new president and a new vice president going into the White House, we will get a stimulus package that will bring relief to you to support our businesses, public housing and put more money into the city's general fund.*
- *We are going into the new fiscal year in January, a new budget year with a \$5 billion deficit. And that number will grow if we don't get federal support.*
- *We have been able to fund several schools like Assemblywoman Joyner mentioned.*
- *We represent school District Nine; we cover a part of history. And we have been allocating money to many schools for the technology itself for the purchase.*
- *We've put in much money around the capital as well; although there's been a delay in the capital, we're trying to push a lot of these capital projects out.*
- *Community Board five committee was for all of you were very supportive of the neighborhood plan that we passed back in 2017. So, you know, we're getting a brand-new school in school district 10.*
- *And in school district nine, I'm grateful for that. We're getting our elevators, our ADA Access at some of our subway stations, but millions of dollars and parked on Davidson*



*and Jerome Avenue, Parks, we are excited about that. We need these projects to move and a lot of the other components that were in the Jerome Neighborhood Plan.*

- *I heard the question earlier to Councilmember Cabrera, and I do want to answer it on behalf of what the New York Yankees are doing because I had a conversation with them this week to avoid the long lines and the overnight stadium for the one-day distribution of Turkey vouchers that they typically do every year.*
- *The Yankees partner with about 25 different organizations, community groups, food pantries, and soup kitchens in our district, the West Bronx concourse area, Mount Sinai area, and Maurice Heights vouchers to these specific locations, and those locations will give out the turkey vouchers.*
- *The turkey bounces are being picked up tomorrow by several different organizations.*
- *I just wanted to shout out a few that you all may be familiar with*
- *The Bronx Works Heights Senior Center at 200 West stimulants will get turkey vouchers. Get out of St. Edmund's Episcopal Church at 1905 Lawrence Avenue is also going to be getting turkey vouchers.*
- *Yes, during this, I will get you the list as well. The Yankees will publicly announce this on the date of so that we avoid the long lines. Most of these locations I named that you know have already existing food pantries and soup kitchens. And so there's already an audience. There's already a clientele at these locations. In addition, and this is on the west side, but I do want to shout it out.*
- *We are working with a couple of churches in Highbridge as well as bridge builders on Ogden Avenue.*
- *We're going to be giving them additional turkey vouchers as well. We will share this list with all of you because it's essential that you get information out to your neighbors and others who may be in need. We understand that the market has always been there. The challenges have always been there. But because it's cold it and the season of Thanksgiving, we know many families are struggling. We all have to do our part to make sure that we help as many families as possible. The final thing I want to say is the Bronx testing site for COVID-19. The antibody the rapid testing and self-testing are at several healthcare clinics hospital.*
- *Help centers and some of the pharmacies, so I wanted to shout out a couple for all of you to send folks over the Health Care Center trademarks 1920 Webster Avenue; they are open Monday through Sunday from 8:00 am to 4:00 pm.*
- *They do COVID at antibody testing St James Rec Center, open Monday through Sunday, 9:00 to 7:00 pm, 1302 Grand Avenue. 2019 Grand Avenue and they are also doing trying this Friday, November 20, from 10 am to 4 pm. Those are the sites that I identified in Community Board Five or close to CB five, but we encourage all of you to share this information because we must do our part to contain and prevent this virus from spreading.*
- *The final thing I'll say my Nereida Gomez is on the call. She's our point person for CB Five if you have any issues, comments, concerns, or anything you may need.*
- *Well, we are working on the turkey distributions as well as groceries. We have several events coming up in our district, and we're also working with elected officials and others outside of the community because there is a great need, so I know that some of you may have already reached out to the 46th Precinct.*
- *This Sunday, the 46th Precinct will be giving away turkeys.*

- *Happy Thanksgiving to everyone; during the season of being thankful for life and good health, I pray that you and your families have a wonderful and blessed holiday season. We're here to help you in any and everything that you and your families may need. God Bless.*
- *Stay safe. Be blessed, and I look forward to our continued work.*
- ***From Nereida Gomez:** I hope everyone has a beautiful, wonderful holiday, Miss Sally Smith; I hope you have a wonderful birthday. And as always, my information is in the chat; whatever you need, please reach out; I will work with the member to ensure that you will have the knowledge that she shared today via email.*

- **Honorable Fernando Cabrera, Council Member District #14**

- *I oversee the governmental operations committee and the City Council, which has oversight over the election board. And I tell you, I would be just so delighted to see 1.1 New Yorkers and sit in New York City to come and vote.*
- *I spoke to Mike Ryan, the Director of the Department of Education, to have most sites available for New Yorkers to come in to vote early using school sites as a station to vote available.*
- *I wanted you to know that a couple of bills I have put in, such as preparing to sell hookah 1000 yards away from a house of worship. Community land trust is an opportunity for our people to own this one thing to read. There's nothing like when you hold on to your property. And I have a bill that would enable the city to give us funding to this community land trust and many other nonprofit organizations.*
- *With the funding from the office allocated and through a private grant, we've been able to get a substantial number of turkeys, over 1000 turkeys, to be given out to their families. That otherwise would not have had turkey next week, and it's so lovely to say wherever to get turkeys and food.*
- *The Devoe Park is right one block across from Community Board Five. Many people from Community Board Five walked across the street to clean up a significant number of hours. Parks Department is starting to stabilize in terms of clean up—a challenge throughout the blocks and the streets. Be we have fewer pickups by the sanitation department.*
- *We allocated funding through a phase, especially in the Burnside area and CB five, to have clean up multiple times during the week.*

- **Honorable Victor M. Pichardo, Assembly Member District #86**

- *Representative is Steven Ochoa the Community Liaison*
- *Contact: 718-933-6909/Ochoa. [Camachos@nyassembly.gov](mailto:Camachos@nyassembly.gov)*

## **Honorable Latoya Joyner, Assembly Member District #77**

*Representative is Sharon*

*Good evening, Community Board Five members and Dr. Bola.*

- I'm Assemblywoman Latoya Joyner, representing the 77th Assembly District, which includes the Grand Concourse, Mount Eden Morris Heights, High Bridge, and Claremont. So, I'm glad to be here at CB Five.
- My representative shares to the meetings and gets a beep on my behalf.
- COVID-19, we had to shift all our focus to that. We see that the unemployment claims. As you may or may not be aware, the number of claims we were in new date with a realistic amount to over 22 years of the system's unemployment must deal. You can tell, this has just been an extraordinary number of claims.
- My office has been able to resolve and troubleshoot a lot of these Department of Labor unemployment claims.
- If you are any of your family members are still waiting for callbacks or haven't received your benefits, please get in contact with my office, we have been very successful with helping to resolve these claims.
- And we've also been doing during this time, many Park cleanups. PPP giveaway masks and hand sanitizers. Helping with COVID testing sites throughout the west side of the district, and mobile then.
- If there's a particular area that you feel that your neighbors are, let's see, not being service, let us know we can have a mobile COVID Mobile Van come out to those areas as well.
- We're all aware of the food insecurity that's going on during this time. And I've been able to partner with food bank on the number of food giveaway initiatives.
- We've been trying to do as much as we can with the children as well for Halloween. We did a couple of movie nights over the summer. And we're just keeping everything as much as we can, within the guidelines with this whole social distance new era that we're living in. On the west side of my district. I've also been working with a lot of the advocates on increasing pedestrian and cyclist access along the Harlem River and the major Deegan, we have a beautiful Park Bridge that's underutilized because there's no safe way to get there.
- With all the construction that is happening by the Major Deegan, it's unsafe. We're working with different advocates on making sure that state DLT. The city DLT is making sure that it's friendly for our pedestrians and our cyclists in our in our district. We mile office have also partnered with the Citizens Committee.
- We give out local neighborhood grants. with COVID happening, they have to kind of pivot their initiative as well. And they've been focusing on helping our small business owners receive small grants.
- The federal level, they gave out all this money, but it didn't trickle down to our money, our small business owners so they have really stepped up during this time. If you have any questions or know of any other businesses that, may you know, that may require some assistance at this time, please reach out to my office.
- I know someone did mention some turkey giveaways and there will be I will Partnering with many of my colleagues on this initiative throughout the district, I'll put my office number in the chat so that if you are in the office and we advocate where's the closest location, so you that you may be able to go and receive one? And, you know, they didn't call the testing's, right at Edward I Grant 1302.
- I want to just encourage everybody to utilize the space, they had the rapid test, and the PCP test. And, you know, as far as the issue with the school devices, my area is over by District Nine, and been working very closely with the superintendent, and they have an online survey.
- They're encouraging everyone to fill out the survey, we talked to my office as well, we've been able to help a couple of families get these devices. I know, the superintendent in my area said

33,000 students are without devices, it is unacceptable. And in our world, I believe her priority is helping the students in temporary housing first, that's the priority.

- And then we're you know, again, just trying to live through COVID. Everything is, you know, we kind of must shift gears to the best that we can. I would encourage everyone to fill out the surveys and reach out to the superintendent's the principals. And then if that's not working, please reach out to us as your elected official so that we can stay on top of that as well. So glad to be joining you all and that's my quick little update.

- **Honorable Jose Marco Serrano, New York State Senator District #29**

- *Representative is Terrell Brook*
- *Thank you very much. Good evening, everyone. My name is Terell Brooke. I'm a community liaison from Steam. The importance of continuing to follow COVID maintains safety guidelines. This means wearing a mask and washing hands, often carrying social distancing, and avoiding massive activities with people a third of your household indoors. Remember, indoor and outdoor gatherings at private residences are limited to no more than ten peoples. And the center has been holding a series of masks and hand sanitizer distribution events, of course, the 29th district. If you need a cover, face, or sanitizer for yourself or your organization to finish, please reach out to us at 212-828-5829.*
- *Thank you to the District Manager, Ken Brown. Secretary, Pooi Stewart, helps help us to distribute matters to our constituents and community boards. And, on October 21, the senator held an arts and culture roundtables to discuss the impact of COVID-19 on artistic and cultural communities. We are still accepting written statements from artists, organizations, such as businesses that have impacted the pandemic's effects on our cultural sector. You can submit your information by calling us at 212 828 5829. You mentioned that the fall and winter could be challenging for people struggling with their mental health. Please do your best to stay firstly connected to your loved ones; if you need something to finish, remember that you're not alone Europe's support hotline which can connect you with a mental health professional insurance. And like to give a special thank you to Dr. Bola; I remember when I showed it to my speech impediment, he had much difficulty like you're giving like giving a teacher that's including voice, but he's a good buddy, and always made me feel comfortable when I was speaking, which helped me out in all my other public speaking. Thank you for all your help. have any questions, please let me know or email me.*

- **Committee Reports.**

- **Education:**

- Since the Public Schools are closing tomorrow, does that mean the after-school programs closed? No, we're not close; we're open to the public to all children who are needed help or support for the after-school program. We are accepted the community children who need support since the public school is completely closed. Davidson Community Center opens the door for the community residents, including children, although the Public School is closed. Now, I believe we may at least parents can get or have another component.

### **Governing Committee:**

Dr. Bola just gave a preview of the purpose of having the meeting. So, in the current version of the bylaws that we have, as it relates to an election for board, offices, the election should be held necessary annually, so now that we are in an emergency, slash the pandemic. We have to amend the language we have in the bylaws related to the election for the board offices. So, we have a meeting **on the 11th of November**. So, we discussed how we would address this according to the nomination and election manual that everyone has in their package boards that required in-person voting on ballots, two options for their election process being an emergency.

The first option is to amend the bylaws to postpone the election until after the crisis. The second option is to amend the bylaws to allow other means of voting, the board. The committee, we discussed extensively. And we voted on it, and the majority voted that the election was postponed until after the emergency. The other item that we were going to amend in the bylaws was how frequently we should have an election for board officers. There were a few options on the table, every two years, or every three years. We voted on it, and the majority voted for us having board officer's election every two years, these recommendations that we have. They are going to be submitted to the board president also for review and comments. So, whenever we get any feedback from the Bronx Borough Office, it will be given to the committee meeting to inform you about what the input is, and you know if we want to and when it gets approved. We also have an appointment to let everyone know when our recommendations at the pool. I could be on the lookout for the notice to know when they will happen next governing committee meeting.

### • **Old Business:**

### • **New Business:**

- So, in conjunction with testing Trey's Health and Hospitals David, we will be having a virtual seminar **on Wednesday, November 25**, from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm. We're going to have a special guest. From First Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Easterling, he's from the Department of Health, and he's going to be answering questions. We are excited. I'm distributing masks on Burnside Avenue tomorrow and at Riverside Towers for tomorrow.

***The next General Board Meeting will be held on December 16, 2020.***

- ***Adjourned at 8:28 pm.***

***Prepared and Submitted by Ms. P. Stewart.***

***Secretary of Bronx Community Board Five***