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Chairperson

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District Manager

**COMMUNITY BOARD 13
BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Date: Wed, April 22, 2026

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Loc.: SBH

Present:

Deborah Carter
Jennifer Dublin
Taj Graham.
Barbara Guervil
Jacqueline Johnson
Yelena Makhnin
Christian Molieri
Robbin Paraison
Milagros Quiles
Fran Schwartz
Svetlana Zelinskaya
Dennis Vourderis
Andrey Tikhomirov

Charlene Davis
Olga Fort
Ronald Greenberg
Thomas Hoefel
Jeanny Hernandez
Minnie Mankita
Allen Newman
Nodira Pirmukhamedova
Sam Rinkovsky
Tatyana Segal
Annette Wesley
Fanya Vasilevsky

Lolita Divilova
Roman Gitis
Yuriy Krasner
Maxim Ibadov
Melissa Mai
Mark Mernyk
Pat O'Brien
Joan Weiss
Jeff Sanoff

Absent:

Anitrius Bleau
Marion Cleaver
Maria Montalvo
Victoria Krugolets

Lakeisha Bowers
Selina Grant
Angela Kravtchenko
Jacqueline Johnson

Roman Gitis
Sheila Smalls

Guests: Judi Barreca, Tamisha Johnson(BBP), Olga Fiore(SSSscarcella-Spanton), Alefsei Postuikov(BCS), Adriana Mitchell(BPL), Jasmin Simon, Latoya Hamilton, BC Michael Mandala(FDNY), D. Prince

Staff Present :

Eddie Mark, District Manager, Barbara Santonas, Community Coordinator

District Manager Eddie Mark announced that the meeting is being recorded and anything in the comments could be FOILED at a later date.

Dennis Vourderis led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance

Presentation: Patricia Roman, Senior Associate Director of Community Affairs and Engagement, South Brooklyn Health presented an information report on the Ambulatory Care Unit at South Brooklyn Health.

Pat Roman welcomed everyone at the meeting to the new South Brooklyn Health. She explained how many things have changed in the last few years. South Brooklyn Health is now focusing on keeping people healthy and making sure that the community has direct access to Primary Care physicians in real time. The rehabilitation area and gym have both been redone. Ida G building has been expanded into a new space in Coney Island, and takes its place with several other off-site locations for patient services. The Dental facility has top-of-the-line

equipment and dentists who care about their patients. OB/GYN unit has been moved. The area has been redesigned. Each room is single, and rooming in is suggested. There is a new Emergency Department with state-of-the-art equipment. In the coming years, there will be continued expansion throughout the SB campus.

Appointments can be made 24/7 by calling the Hotline 844-692-4692.

The floor was opened up to questions.

A question was asked- Does the facility attest to gender affirming care? (Yes)

A question was asked about geriatric medicine being practiced. (Yes it is. All the doctors on that team are dedicated to the practice of geriatric medicine). The hospital provides seamless intervention throughout disciplines – from primary care to hospitalization, if needed. The hospital accepts every insurance and if necessary, Social Services will assist in obtaining the correct insurance through NY Insurance. SBH is a Safety Net Hospital

SBH is a teaching hospital. Many of the interns and residents come from the St. George School. The hospital does not discriminate.

The hospital does have an Endocrinology Unit and has had one for 20+ years. The Unit has doctors on call 4 days a week.

A problem that was brought up was the long wait at the Pharmacy. Pat answered that this is a problem that they are working on and hopefully it will get better...

There were no further questions. Pat said that she was available should anyone have a problem, they should not hesitate to call her. She gave her cell phone number to those in attendance.

PUBLIC SESSION:

Adriana Mitchell- BPL (Brighton Beach, Ulmer Park and Coney Island).

- On 4/29 BBL will have a meet the author, Pavel Laversky.
- BBL has "We Speak NYC"- Intermediate Level. They have Community Hours and Immigrant Hours.
- Ulmer Park has English classes, and on 4/24, they will have Teen Take-Over.
- If interested in other events, check the online calendar.
- All libraries are preparing to be cooling centers during the warm weather. Their cooling centers are aligned with the city regulations.
- The BBL also has outdoor seating during the nice weather.

ELECTED OFFICIALS/REPRESENTATIVES:

Tamisha Johnson – representing Brooklyn Borough President Reynoso –

- The State of the Borough Address will be online.
- The BP's Graduation Awards for Grades Pre-K to 12 should be submitted no later than June 1, 2026
- Teen Dating Week – Workshop at BH 10 a.m. on May 4th

Bridgette Purvis-Williams – representing AM Alec Brook-Krasny

- AM celebrated women on March 27th at Liberation High School with his Women of Distinction – 14 honorees and posthumous award for Margaret Williams.
- On April 14th in honor of Infant Mortality Week, Alec had his 2nd Annual Baby Shower, which was well attended and new moms and moms-to-be.
- June 19th the AM, in collaboration with other community elected officials, and the Brooklyn District Attorney, will have The 4th Annual Juneteenth Celebration at Kaiser Park, from 10-2 P.M.

Olga Fiore – representing State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton

- The Senator had S3518 – Fentanyl Abuse Task Force, S5400 – Law Enforcement FD vessel operations on State waterways.
- The Senator is having an Earth Day Contest for grades K-12. Students can either submit artwork or poem about recycling or waste reduction.
- If you are a NYCHA resident and need help, fill out the form and submit to the Senator's office.
- The Senator had the mammography bus at the Coney Island Gospel Assembly. There will be four additional dates between June and December. Call the office for an appointment.

MINUTES:

Motion made by Allen Newman, seconded by Mark Mernyk to accept the minutes of the March 25, 2025 board meeting as submitted.

VOTE: In Favor: 33 Opposed: 0 Abstention: 1 Recuse: 0
Motion carried (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. Office

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Jeff reported that Borough President Reynoso will have a Thank You Reception on April 29th for those board members who will not be able to seek re-application for board membership in 2027 (Michael Silverman, Joann Weiss, Marion Cleaver, Sam Rinkovsky, Lakeisha Bowers, Annette Wesley and Olga Fort). We greatly appreciated their service. I have suggested that during the next year, they mentor the newer board members. Anyone interested in being a mentor, please let the office know. The Borough President's office will be sending the list of new appointments/re-appointments by the end of April. We have lost another board member, Natasha Franklin, who resigned from the board. She will be working for CM Santosuosso full-time.

Angela and Jeff spoke at the Scoping Meeting for Shorecrest. Shimon attended on Zoom, but did not testify. Jeff was very disappointed that no other board members attended the meeting. It is not too late to submit comments on that issue to DCP.

The office sent out a letter to all concerned about the annual embargo on construction in the amusement area. This takes place from May 15 to Sept. 15 on Surf Avenue. The official beach opening will take place on Tuesday, May 19th at 10 a.m. in front of the Wonderwheel. All are invited to attend this annual event.

Our next board meeting will be on Wednesday, May 20th. It has been changed from May 27th in respect of EID Al Ahad.

Jeff wished everyone a Happy Mother's Day.

Jeanny Hernandez – At last month's Borough Board there was a presentation on Energy Efficiency and Con Ed Community Program, which consists of their Energy Affordability Program, which is income-based, and the resident can be enrolled through the Con Ed website. Customers can also enroll on-line in the Storm Outreach Program for customers who have life-saving equipment in their residence. She wished everyone a Happy Earth Day and Happy Mother's Day for those who celebrate.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Eddie attended the Blessing of the Rides at Deno's Wonderwheel Park. All the rides at both Denos and Luna Park are open on weekends until Memorial Day, and then they are open daily.

He also attended the Coney Island Creek Restoration Project workshop at the Aquarium. There will be another workshop in July.

He attended the Public Hearing about the Neptune Avenue Subway Station Renovation. He spoke about installing the elevator at that station. The comment period for this project is open until April 29th.

Arbor Day will be celebrated at Kaiser Park this Saturday from 10-2 P.M. All are welcome to attend. On Saturday, May 16th from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. there will be the Brooklyn Half Marathon. The Nominating Committee will meet in May as will the Transportation Committee and perhaps the Housing Committee. Time and Dates TBD.

Eddie wished all who celebrate a Happy Mother's Day.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Milagros Quiles

- Family Day – May 3, 2026 12-3 p.m. Asser Levy Playground
- Family Day – May 17, 2026 12 p.m. Shorefront Y – 3300 C.I.A.
- Happy Mother's Day!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Yuriy Krasner, Treasurer

The report can be requested by contacting the office.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Public Safety Committee

Joann Weiss, Chair

Joann asked Capt. Abborano about the Summer Detail. He said there would be 100 in the detail. 90 officers from precincts throughout Brooklyn South and 10 officers from within the 60. They will start two weeks early, on May 11th. There will be extra details on holidays and hot weekends. Capt. Abborano reported the PO Chris Cannizaro, Crime Prevention Officer, has joined the staff of Community Affairs because PO Fahy has decided to extend her Child Care Leave for an additional year. Chris will continue assisting with Crime Prevention until a new officer is appointed to the position. The Capt. answered several questions from the members of the committee and community members in attendance, both in person and on Zoom.

Transportation Committee

Lolita Divilova, Chair/Angela Kravtchenko, Vice Chair

- The committee is working to expedite the installation of the elevator at Neptune Avenue
- Discussion of how to improve safety at the W. 8th St. train station.
- AM Colton asked for a Letter of Support for his Assembly Bill A2010-A which was passed in the Assembly and will soon go to the Senate for consideration. If this legislation passes, it will amend the Public Authority Law to require that the Community Planning Board, elected officials and other local officials receive an advance written notice of no less than 30 days when significant changes to bus or rapid transit services are scheduled to occur. This will make sure the local community boards, and impacted communities have adequate time to review proposed changes, to assess potential impacts, and to be able to provide meaningful input before these changes take effect.

VOTE: In favor: 34 Opposed: 0 Abstentions: 0 Recuse: 0

Motion passed unanimously (quorum present) Roll call on file at C.B. office.

Nominating Committee:

Mark Mernyk, Chair

Mark reviewed how a board member could self-nominate for one of the five available positions.

- Send by 5/1 attention bsantonas@cb.nyc.gov a cover letter, short bio, and a statement of why you want the position.
- Committee will meet on 5/6 to review the information received.
- Floor will be opened for nominations at the 5/20 board meeting. The nominated individual must accept each nomination. They must submit the same information, and that information must be received by 5/29. After the nominations from the floor are submitted, the nominations are officially closed. Depending on the number of submissions, the Nominating Committee might meet again before the June meeting. All the information received must be submitted to all board members before June 24th board meeting.
 - At the June board meeting, if there is more than one nominee, each nominee will be asked to give a 3-minute speech about why they want the position
 - After that, the ballots will be given out. One name for each position must be checked and the member who is voting must sign the ballot.
 - The Nominating Committee, Mark, Nodra and Fayna will then count the ballots.
 - If there is a tie, there will be a run-off.
 - The winner of each office will assume the position as of July 1st.

License Committee

Yelena Makhnin, Chair / Olga Fort, Vice Chair

Yelena first said that Hanna does great work. She is on NYSLA LAMP several times a week. Yelena said that the establishment had been approved previously but our office never heard from anyone. The post office is not giving us the best service and the attorney has not called us either. Before SLA gives a permanent license, the would have to come before us to answer questions, if there were any. The owner has other restaurants in the area. The restaurant in question, which is located at 3100 Ocean Parkway, is called Bar Duck. It was originally called Gambrinus. Yelena thanked the committee for their hard work. The license was approved unanimously.

GOOD & WELFARE:

- Fanya Vasilevsky-Is there any update on the reapplication to the boardwalk? Has there been a selection of a company? Yelena said that Channel 12 interviewed Marty Maher. He said that starting in May, carpenters will begin patchwork. The real work will not begin for at least two years.
- Robbin Paraison- The flyer for the Flood Preparedness Workshop is not only for religious leaders, it is also for community residents. Happy Mother's Day.
- Christian Molieri – As a member of the Polar Bear Club, he encourages to join the New Year's Day swim. The Plunge is used as a fundraising tool.
- Maxim Ibadov- On May 31st it is the 10th Anniversary of the Brighton Beach Pride Parade. He is very proud of the fact that he is involved with this organization. He also reminds everyone to be care of scams, especially on-line. He was scammed and taken for quite a bit of money.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

This is not a verbatim account of the meeting. It is a synopsis of the discussions held.

