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Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday June 30, 2026 7:00pm

Kingsborough Community College, 2001 Oriental Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY
11235, Faculty Dining Room U112

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm, by Chairperson Theresa Scavo. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Chair Scavo, asked that everyone remain standing for a moment of silence for World Peace.

ZONING COMMITTEE:

Chairperson Scavo introduced Mr. Ronnie Tawil, Chair of the Zoning Committee, who explained the procedures for this part of the meeting. Mr. Tawil called up the representatives from 730 Avenue S.

BSA: 154-90-BZII 730 Avenue S – Southwest corner of the intersection of East 8th Street and Avenue S

This application is submitted to request modifications to the variance of the “Original Grant” which allowed the construction of a two-story and cellar with a synagogue with which the premise is currently improved. In 2025, they were granted the addition of a new third and fourth floor. Now they are seeking to add a lobby enclosure at the front of the building.

Questions were asked if the new glass enclosure would impede pedestrians by extending further on to the sidewalk? It was answered that it will not, it will be confined to their existing exterior stairwell footprint. It was asked if they are planning to use impact glass and it was answered that the glass material has not been identified at this juncture but he would bring that suggestion back to the client.

A motion was made to approve by Eli Zami and seconded by Chick Pallotta

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A Committee Vote was taken, 10 yes, 0 no and 0 abstention. The motion passed the Committee.

With a quorum present, a motion was made to briefly go into Executive Session by Ronnie Tawil and seconded by Theresa Scavo to take a Full Board vote.

A Full Board Vote was taken, 29 yes, 0 no and 0 abstentions. The motion passed.

PUBLIC HEARING / PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Scavo opened the floor for Public Session speakers:

Chris Greif from the Transit Riders Council announced it was Disability Pride Month. In honor of Disability Pride Month there will be an upcoming Developmental Disability Resource Fair on Friday July 10th from 11:00am to 2:00pm at the Brooklyn Heights Library located at 286 Cadman Plaza West. He placed flyers on the front table, along with brochures from the MTA with OMNY information. He wished everyone a Happy 4th of July and Summer.

Stanley Kaplan stated his comments were for our Elected Officials ears. He said that just today he read in the news that two 13 year old boys riding a sophisticated type of motor scooter, recently lost control when a car door opened into them thrusting their motorcycle into oncoming traffic and they were struck by a truck. One was killed and the other seriously injured. He added that to his knowledge, no dealership would sell a 13 year old a scooter as advanced as this one seemed, so he cautioned parents who purchased this vehicle to think before making such a purchase for your child. These are not toys. These motorized vehicles pose a serious danger to both young people, motorists, and pedestrians because they don't obey laws and are not being properly licensed. Lawmakers need to do more to protect the public at large.

On another note, he was appalled to read an article on how shockingly low our EMT first responders were paid. He read that a FDNY firefighter in 5 1/2 years' time will make \$109,000 a year, however an EMT in 5 1/2 years' time makes only \$59,000. The City is having difficulty attracting and retaining its EMT force because of the low pay. We need to do better as a City and ensure these highly trained professionals who save lives each and every day are paid a fair living wage. The less EMTs we have, the longer waiting times for an ambulance to arrive and that critical time wasted can make all the difference in saving a life. He closed with, wishing everyone a nice summer, a safe July 4th and perhaps he would see everyone back in September

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David Kupferberg, representing, Passengers United spoke about concerns pertaining to the Brooklyn Bus Network redesign plan. He stated his organization is a 501c3 nonprofit nonpartisan transportation advocacy group and their website is www.passengersunited.org

He spoke about the Brooklyn Bus Network's proposed redesign which was intended to close service gaps to transit deserts without negative impacts. However, he stated their decision to eliminate 1/3 of Brooklyn's bus stops will only increase passengers travel times. There has been no correlation between bus stop elimination increasing service speed or reliability, it just makes passengers have to travel further to get to their bus. This will increase the chances of missing valuable connections to get them to their destination in a timely manner. He stated some facts from Philadelphia's bus network report which puts the average bus speed at less than 12 mph. He concluded that the MTA and NYC DOT are only concerned about bus speed not passenger travel time. They are pretending to make improvements but are in reality cutting service. This is wrong and they cannot be trusted.

A resident from Desmond Court, Aleksander Goldengur came to express that he and his neighbors are concerned about the ongoing parking issues on their block. He stated over the past several months it has become increasingly difficult during evenings and weekends to find parking. They are forced to circle for long periods of time. Local Businesses have opened in the area, which they appreciate but has also increased the need for parking. He is seeking help to give his block a residential parking designation, so that only residents of the block can park. He handed Chair Scavo a petition with signatures in support and asked that the Board speak with the City Council to enact this request.

Chair Scavo opened the floor back to invited Elected Officials, their Representatives, and Agency Representatives to speak:

Miranda Garcia, representing New York State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office stated that she wanted to share some upcoming events the Senator was sponsoring on August 20th, there will be a back to school giveaway, at Kaiser Park, in Coney Island, 2519 Neptune Avenue from 12pm-3pm and No Cost Mammogram Van on Saturday, July 18th from 9:00am-4:30pm at 525 Neptune Avenue. She provided flyers on the front table with more information. She mentioned that there are upcoming opportunities for funding for non-profits and community groups she also provided on the front table flyers.

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The Senator helped secure funding so that on the 4th of July a large American Flag can be displayed on the Verrazano Bridge commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the United States. The Senator recently helped pass the State's Budget, so there is a lot of new money going into community groups, some highlights \$140 Million for NYCHA, \$500,000 for CUNY Midwife Program, \$250,000 for the JCCGCI and \$1 Million for (NORCS) Naturally Occurring Retirement Communities. She closed with, if you have any issues or questions, please feel free to reach out to me,

Johanna Miller a social worker from NY Connects Brooklyn which is a program she stated provided through the Department for the Aging. The program provides free information, assistance, referrals, and resources to older adults with disabilities and their caregivers in the Brooklyn area. It is totally free and she provided flyers with more information on the front table. The best way to reach them is by phone Monday through Friday 9:00am to 5:00pm. She added we can help you navigate Medicare and Medicaid, Transportation options to your nearest Senior Center and we would love to visit your organization to provide more information, so please see me after the meeting and request a business card. Have a great summer!

Nancy Lulu representing Brooklyn DA, Eric Gonzalez, extended greetings from the Brooklyn DA. She wanted to share that the DA's Office in partnership with the NYPD, the New York State Attorney General and the New York State Comptroller's Office are holding a Gun Buyback Event, so if you have any unwanted firearms, we would like to take them off your hands. This Event will be held on Saturday July 18th from 10:00am-4:00pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church, 279 Lafayette Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11238. Participants will receive a bank card for surrendered firearms, \$500 for operable handguns, \$200 for ghost guns, \$75 for rifles and shotguns and \$25 for inoperable. She stated that the Community Board has the flyer with any further information you would like. She added if there's anything you want to address with the DA 's office to reach out to the Action Center at 718 250-2340. She concluded with have a lovely and safe summer!

Irina Khlevner, Director of Constituent Services for Councilmember Narcisse, spoke about all the upcoming services and events the Council Member's office is providing constituents this summer. On Thursday, July 23, from 4:40pm-7:00pm the Councilmember is sponsoring a Hiring Fair at the office located at 5827 Flatlands Avenue. She added they have weekly food pantry, providing two bags of organic food on a first come, first serve basis . They have Veterans Services, Immigration and Citizenship Application assistance, OMNY card services, free Legal Consultations, and assistance in filling out benefit forms. She provided flyers on the front table. She

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concluded with you can call to make an appointment. She invited all to please contact the Council Member's Office for any additional information and to reach out for any help you may be seeking, 718-241-9330, Have a Healthy Summer!

Chair Scavo asked if anyone else would like to speak? With no one coming forward she moved on to Executive Session.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

A Roll Call Attendance was taken by Secretary Douglas Luback, with a Quorum present, a motion to adopt the May 26 2026, minutes was made by Dr. Alan Ditchek and seconded by Al Smaldone.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Scavo stated at the Borough Board Meeting, the Borough President decided that Community Boards need a Code of Conduct and so he provided materials as guidance. The Boards may adopt, modify, or decline them at their discretion. She added she found them insulting and that our Board is not a bunch of children that do not know how to behave. She pointed out how you can hear a pin drop when a guest or speaker is at the podium speaking. She believes this Board consistently shows courtesy and is not in need of a Code Of Conduct. She added if we are all on the same page, I would like to recommend we decline the Code of Conduct guidance. She stated some Boards may benefit from it, but she did not see the need for it at Community Board 15 and the members in attendance were all agreement with her to decline adopting it at this juncture.

Chair Scavo read the June Liquor Licenses the Board received:

New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

VNE Tavern LLC
1602 Gravesend Neck Road
Brooklyn, NY 11229

New Application and Temporary Retail Permit, Wine, Beer & Cider

Q Ball Corporation
2570 E. 17th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11235

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Shonkris Corp.
ARTHOUSE
2717 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

World Cup Notification

Oriental Blvd 111 Food Corp
111 Oriental Blvd
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Renewal, Wine, Beer & Cider

Marani Corp.
1103 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11229

2317 OMIYA SUSHI INC
2317 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Renewal, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

722 Foods LLC
DBA – BHI Thursdays
722 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11223

2415 Just Healthy Corp
2415 Coney Island Ave
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Aeon Hospitality Inc.
DBA – Terra
1716 Sheepshead Bay Road
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Masakari Japanese House Inc
Masakari Japanese Fushion
1631 Sheepshead Bay Road
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Corporate Change, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

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Dessert Palace Bosc Inc
DBA – Emmons Palace
2265 Emmons Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Chair Scavo read the Cannabis Licenses the Board received:

Retail Cannabis Dispensary

New Retail Dispensary

212 Partners LLC
DBA - Stashmaster
1414 Avenue Z
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Myrtle 2 LLC
922 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11223

License Renewal, Retail Dispensary

Kushmart NY, LLC
DBA – Kushmart
1413 Kings Hwy
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Chair Scavo read the Dining Out Licenses the Board received:

Dining Out

Wake Up Coffee Shop
1202 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Chair Scavo shared if you know of any illegal activity or want to share any concerns regarding a liquor license, please contact our office.

Public Safety Report:

Public Safety Chairperson, Chick Pallotta stated that the Public Safety Committee meeting was held in person at the 61st Police Precinct on Wednesday June 10, 2026 at 6:00pm. Representing the 61 was its Executive

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Officer, Captain Jose Guzman. He explained that he took the place of the 61's commanding officer, Deputy Inspector, Joseph Antonio. Detective Lauren Au and P.O. Colleen Abbate from the Community Affairs Office both could not attend. In their place, P.O. Gene Polyak was assigned.

Public Safety Committee members were forwarded in advance the CompStat Report (Volume 33 Number 23), the 61 Traffic Stat Report, and the Quality-of-Life Stat Report, with all reports covering the week of 6/01/2026 through 6/07/2026.

According to the CompStat Report year-to-date comparisons with 2025, the 61 was down 3.79%. There was 1 murder thus far in 2026, compared to 1 murder in 2025. There were 10 rapes so far in 2026, compared to 8 in 2025. We've had 54 robberies so far in 2026, compared to 51 in 2025. Continuing with our major crime complaint categories, Felony Assaults, 107 in 2026 compared to 113 in 2025. Burglaries, 52 compared to 73 year-to-date in 2025. Grand Larceny was up 16.3%, 264 in 2026 compared to 227 in 2025. Grand Larceny Auto, was down 34.6%, 70 so far in 2026 compared to 107 in 2025.

In a subcategory labeled "Hate Crimes," the 61st Precinct reported 7 in 2026. Compared to 9 hate crimes in 2025.

He shared that the 61 conducted a successful, joint operation with the Traffic Enforcement Division on June 9th. They targeted chronic 311 complaints in four areas within the Precinct: Manhattan Beach, Emmons Avenue, Coyle Street, and Avenue P and Bedford Avenue. Some 31 vehicles were towed and 20 barnacles were used to immobilize illegally parked vehicles.

Chair Pallotta reported that Captain Guzman mentioned that the elderly should be aware of jewelry theft scams on the street. Also, discussed was drag racing taking place in Manhattan Beach in the early morning hours.

OLD BUSINESS:

Treasurer Report:

Chair Scavo called upon newly Elected Treasurer Marc Cohen who gave the report.

He stated as per our By-Laws : Article IX, Section 3C- the Treasurer shall render a statement of the condition of the current fiscal year's finances of the Board on the annual basis at the June Meeting of the Board and submit a

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written report in June to the Board on all expenditures and pay increases made by the Board Office.

General Condition: FISCAL YEAR 2026 – TOTAL ALLOCATED
BUDGET **\$276,449.00**

PS (PERSONNEL SERVICE) BUDGET - \$230,263.00
OTPS (Other than Personnel Service) \$46,186.00

He added that this year the Office's Printers became obsolete with some having physical printing issues so at the recommendation of our OTI liaison the office purchased 3 new Brother Printers. The office also purchased a new office sign to reflect the name of the current Mayor. Recent purchases: Office Supplies, paper, folders, pens, batteries, water, garbage bags a vacuum cleaner and cleaning supplies etc. Monthly Equipment Rentals -Postage Machine, Copier Rental, Office Phones. The purchase of monthly Meeting Refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Al Smaldone and seconded by Dr. Alan Ditchek. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

*This is not a verbatim account of the meeting but a synopsis of the main points. *