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Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday October 28, 2025 7:00pm

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

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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.

PUBLIC HEARING / PUBLIC SESSION:

Chair Scavo called upon the first presenters of the evening:

Brooklyn Public Library – Gerritsen Beach Library Updates (located at 2808 Gerritsen Avenue). A Marisa Kuras from the library announced it was re-opening on November 12, 2025 at 10:00am. She stated they had closed in July 2024 to make necessary repairs and are looking forward to reopening their doors with exciting programming for people of all ages. She invited everyone to the Grand Opening.

New York City Council Planning and Land Use Division – Ballot Proposal Presentation

Chair Scavo invited Frank Julca from the City Council's Land Use Division to speak. He laid out what the proposals on the upcoming ballot would be and what the proposals 2, 3, and 4 would signify for Communities should their local Elected Officials be prevented from weighing in on land use items going forward. He explained these proposals are supposed to Fastrack the Land Use Process, but the truth is it's the Environmental and Pre-Certification Process that takes up to two years that impedes the progress, not the review process. These proposals would place future land use decisions in a Mayor's hand-picked Commission hands, who don't know the Communities well enough to make these decisions and will no longer have the Communities' best interests at heart. He cautioned that your local Elected Officials know your

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Communities best and are in a position to negotiate with developers what the Community needs are and what would best fit in the Community. Local Electeds would help to create truly affordable housing. The City Council has successfully negotiated and approved 130,00 units of Affordable Housing Units since 2022. The City Council currently holds Public Hearings, so Members of the Community can address concerns and all that will be lost. So, when you flip the Ballot at this upcoming Election, please heed the Charter Revision Proposals and vote for what you think is in your Community's best interest.

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

Chris Greif from the NYC Transit Rider's Council spoke about an upcoming ADA Accessibility Transportation Forum coming up on Thursday, November 20, 2025, 5:00pm-7:00pm at the Brooklyn Heights Library located at 286 Cadman Plaza West. It's a hybrid event and will be available on Zoom. He provided flyers on the front table for more information.

Martin Gangursky spoke about the need for Affordable Housing and how bad the bus service is, despite the MTA seeking a fare increase. He closed with please go out and vote, our Elected Officials work for us.

Allen Rosen shared his concerns over the forthcoming Brooklyn Bus Redesign initiative, he has reached out unsuccessfully to the Borough President's office and that none of his calls have been returned. He followed up to see if the Community Board requested a second draft of the plan as requested at the last Board Meeting and Chair Scavo answered that the Community Board did make the request.

Jennifer Faucher, District Leader for the 41st AD, stated she has two announcements to make. First, is that the Thomas Jefferson Democratic Club is having a Champagne Buffet Brunch on Sunday, November 16, 2025 from 11:00am-2:00pm and their Woman of the Year honoree is the deserving Chairperson Theresa Scavo. She stated please attend to acknowledge her many achievements on behalf of the Community and she provided flyers on the front table with further information. She then announced it's the 24th Annual Toys for Tots Holiday Drive coming up, so please be generous and help support families in need. She added they are working in conjunction with the Be Proud Foundation, so it is truly a Community effort and they will have a grand finale with the Marine Corps in attendance on Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:30pm-8:30pm at the 41st AD Democrats Club located 2952 Avenue R. She placed flyers on the front table with more information.

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Izzy Weiss, representing Council Member Inna Vernikov stated the Council Member has a couple of events coming up that he wanted to announce, basically the second Monday of every month from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM the Council Member is offering Veteran's Services. The Office will help you file claims and get the benefits you are entitled to. The second event is on Thursday, October 30th, the Council Member arranged for a no cost Mammogram Truck from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM. Please call the office for an appointment (718) 368-9176. He added on one last note obviously it's Election Season so I would hope that everybody go out and make their voices heard.

Salim Cadet representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke stated that we are dealing with a Government shut down right now, but he does have business cards with his information should anyone need assistance.

Nancy Lulu representing Brooklyn DA, Eric Gonzalez, extended greetings from the Brooklyn DA. She added the DA's top priority is the safety of our Brooklyn Communities and Public Safety is a shared responsibility. If there is anything you would like to address with the DA's office please call the Action Center 718-250-2340.

Solomiya Momot representing Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office stated the Senator introduced Legislation known as the Ellie Parker Levy Law which will ensure that the Commercial Health Insurance policies in New York cover medically necessary Transvaginal Ultrasounds. She added the office is now accepting art, essays and poems for a Thanksgiving Showcase the Senator is sponsoring and encourages all students to participate. Please reach out to the office for guidance. The office once again is located in the DMV building on West 8th Street and open business hours 9:00am-5:00pm, Monday through Friday. Lastly, she stated this will be her last meeting as the CB 15 representative, a new representative will be attending meetings going forward, but Solomiya stated she will remain working for the Senator handling Constituent issues at the office so feel free to reach out to her directly via email or calling the office.

Hunter Rabinowitz sent greetings from Brooklyn Borough President, Antonio Reynoso. He stated he wanted to wish everyone a Happy Italian Heritage and Polish Heritage Month. He went on to say the "Brooklyn" pin contest is still accepting art work for their pin design competition, which will close on November 2nd, remember it's open to anyone that lives in Brooklyn, especially students. The Borough President is sponsoring an upcoming Housing Legal Workshop on Thursday, October 30th. He stated you can receive legal advice from a Housing Attorney about your rights as a tenant and how to fight displacement and harassment that will be between 6:00 PM

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and 7:30 PM, at 590 DeKalb Avenue. On November 1st, join us for a Day Of The Dead Family Celebration at Greenwood Cemetery featuring family-friendly activities music and performances honoring the holiday that will be between 4:00 PM and 7:00 PM and On November 12th there will be Brooklyn Workforce Development Program where you can learn how to prepare for the next generation of career success. That conference will be between 11:00am and 2:00 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall in downtown Brooklyn and finally on November 13th, Thursday from 6:00 PM- 7:30 PM at Brooklyn Borough Hall there will be a People 's Money Workshop to brainstorm ideas for how part of the city budget can be spent on programs and service in Brooklyn. He placed flyers for these events on the front table.

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 September 30, 2025, minutes was made by Debra Greif and seconded by Jennifer Faucher.

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Scavo read the Liquor Licenses the Board received:

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

Sweet & Favorite Cake Shop Inc.
2109 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Renewal, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

The Lights of Baku Inc
2707 86th St
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Masuta Japanese Fusion Inc.
DBA – Mitoushi Japanese Fusion
1712 1714 Sheepshead Bay Road
Brooklyn, NY 11235

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Renewal, Wine, Beer & Cider

Osaka GL Inc.
DBA – Osaka Japanese Restaurant
2805 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Maisushi Inc.
DBA – Mitoushi
1221 Quentin Road
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Kosan Asian Fusion Inc.
DBA – Nagoya Sushi
1657 Sheepshead Bay Road
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Chair Scavo read the Cannabis Licenses the Board received:

Retail Dispensary

The Upscale Smoker, LLC
1601 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Brooklyn Buds Dispensary Inc. (Not Lease Holder)
1601 Ave U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Green Room Dispensary LLC
2253-2267 Emmons Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Chair Scavo read the Dining Out Licenses the Board received:

Memo Shish Kebab
1821 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Commemorative Street Co-Naming Committee Report:

Chairperson Doug Luback stated that the Committee met virtually on Webex October 22, 2025, at 6:00pm. We reviewed an application for **Fannie & Pete Pompilio's Gothic Press Way** (The Northwest Corner of Avenue Z and East 14th Street)

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With a quorum present the Committee voted unanimously to recommend the Board support Fannie & Pete Pompilio's Gothic Press Way.

A motion was made to approve by Debra Greif and seconded by Hanna Glikman.

A Full Board Vote was taken by a show of hands it was unanimously passed. The motion passed.

Environmental Protection & Sanitation Committee Report:

Chair Scavo read the report, she stated the Environmental and Sanitation Committee met on Monday, October 20th, 2025 via Webex. The Chair stated that the Committee previewed a presentation by Beyond Plastics presented by Natalie Russianoff. The organization is asking for a resolution in support of: Senate Bill 1464 and Assembly Bill A-1749 Beyond Plastics is trying to make recycling easier moving forward. The Committee was presented with that 15 million tons of plastic are floating in our oceans. Micro plastics are in our bodies—causing health impacts. NYS spends ½ billion a year on waste exports and 40% of NYC waste is plastic and packaging.

A motion was made to approve by Dr. Ron Biondo and seconded by Al Smaldone.

A Full Board Vote was taken by a show of hands it was 34 yes and 2 no. The motion passed.

Health Committee Report:

Dr. Alan Ditchek, the Committee Chair spoke about the Open Enrollment Period for Medicare enrollees and how they are being bombarded with Medicare Advantage plans advertising via television ads and newspaper ads. He spoke about the benefits for those with the abilities to keep their Medicare Plans in the original forms and some of the pitfalls for the allure of Medicare Advantage Plans. He stated the many of the Advantage Plans do not cover your existing doctors, medications and require referrals. He stressed it's so important to read the fine print before signing up for a plan because the cost in the end for out of pocket expenses may prove more costly.

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Public Safety Report:

Public Safety Chairperson Chick Pallotta stated that our Public Safety Committee meeting was held in person at the 61st Precinct on Thursday, October 16 2025, at 6:00pm. Representing the 61 was its Commanding Officer, Captain Joseph Antonio. He was recently promoted from the rank of Captain to that of Deputy Inspector and our collective Best Wishes go out to him! Well-deserved Congratulations for his hard work, dedication, and effort. Also present from the Community Affairs office was the 61's Police Officer Colleen Abbate.

Public safety Committee members were forwarded in advance both the CompStat Report (Volume 32 Number 41) and the 61 Traffic Stat Report, covering the week of 10/06/2025 through 10/12/2025. Based on the 7 major crime complaint categories, a year-to-date comparison with 2024, we had 2 murders compared to 1 in 2024; there have been 11 rapes in 2025, compared to 15 rapes year-to-date in 2024. Robberies were up 3.7%, 112 in 2025, compared to 108 in 2024. Felony Assaults, defined as an attack that involves a dangerous weapon or results in serious physical injury, were up 4.6%, 227 thus far in 2025, compared to 217 in 2024. Burglaries were down 3.3%, 117 crime complaints in 2025, compared to 121 in 2024. Grand Larceny was down 2.9%, with 462 recorded in 2025, compared to 476 in 2024. Grand Larceny Auto, was down 9.5% with 181 thus far in 2025, compared to 200 in 2024. In a subcategory labeled "Hate Crimes," we're down 45.8% - 13 thus far in 2025, compared to 24 in 2024.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Hanna Glikman and seconded by Dr. Ron Biondo. The meeting was adjourned at 8:19 p.m.

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