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Monthly Board Meeting – Minutes

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

Tuesday June, 24, 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 opened the floor and invited Elected Officials, their representatives, agency representatives and community members to speak:

Board Member Oswalt Heymann shared his concerns with Sanitation failing to pick up all his garbage. He surveyed his neighbors and they agreed with his assessment. He explained that the tall sanitation authorized garbage cans are left with debris and not totally emptied. When he spoke with a supervisor, he was given misinformation telling him to place a clear plastic liner in his garbage bin, which he knows is untrue. Years ago, when he was able to reach a supervisor, that supervisor stated if he was to inspect the condition he was reporting and found it inaccurate, he would issue him a ticket for an unkempt sidewalk, an unnecessary threat. He also shared that the phone number to reach our local garage is no longer valid. There needs to be more accountability. He's encouraging everyone to reach out to 311 and place complaints when your garbage is not fully picked up. There is power in numbers.

Solomiya Momot representing Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office stated she had some legislative updates. The Senator sponsored legislation for 31 pieces of legislation related to safety, utility affordability to assist consumers and veteran's affairs. She proceeded to share several of the highlights of the bills passed. Lastly, she mentioned the Senator is sponsoring a Free Shredding Event on Friday July 18, 2025, 9:00am-12:00pm at

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Liberation Diploma Plus High School Parking Lot, 2865 West 19th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11224.

Steve Zeltser stated he wanted to take this opportunity to introduce himself. He stated he is the new Executive Director of the Kings Highway Beautification Association. It is a nonprofit formed in 2006 to serve the Kings Highway Community including areas from Avenue P to Avenue U between Ocean Parkway and McDonald Avenue as well as the surrounding blocks. Over the years, the Association has tackled everything from graffiti removal and sidewalk power washing to the installation of the antique lamp posts and the creation of urban garden at Kings Highway and East 5th. To put it simply the Kings Highway Beautification Association strives to reduce urban blight and make our neighborhoods better. Our President is also your fellow Community Board Member Eddie Ebani. I'm proud to be working alongside him to strengthen the Association, not only in his beautification mission, but to become a more engaged civic partner in our community.

Alicia Rey- Miller, filling in for Hunter Rabinowitz, sent greetings from Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. She stated Borough Hall, has sponsored several successful events. They just had a Hope Over Hate Concert which is a tribute concert to victims and survivors of gun violence. She added, they are having a Caribbean Heritage Month Celebration happening at the Brooklyn Children's Museum coming up this Sunday so everyone is welcome please spread the word. They are also hosting a Youth Advisory Council, so if you know any young people who might be interested in politics it's a biweekly meeting and it's a really good way to have your voice be heard and influence what people are doing today. Applications are available online feel free to talk to me afterwards if you're interested and also, we are starting a new program for Fashion Designers, it's a onetime thing but if you know any Fashion Designers applications are open until July 7th, they'll have supervision by a very well-known Fashion Designer and a chance for \$5,000 in funds. She closed by saying thank you for having me and happy last session of the year.

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 27, 2025, minutes was made by Debra Greif and seconded by Jennifer Faucher.

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CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT:

Chair Scavo read the Liquor Licenses the Board received:

Liquor Licenses June 2025

Outdoor Cafe License

Tsar Caviar
2584 Coney Island Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11223

Renewal, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC n
DBA – Chipotle Mexican Grill #2407
1325 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Prestige Distribution Inc
1401 1415 Sheepshead Bay Road AKA 2601 E 14th St
Brooklyn, NY 11235

Renewal, Wine, Beer & Cider

FF Pasta House, Inc.
DBA – Knapp St Pizza
2153-2157 Knapp St
Brooklyn, NY 11229

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

JES REN LLC
802-04 Kings Highway
Brooklyn, NY 11223

New Application, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Kosher Sushi Time Inc
DBA – Soze
2950 Avenue S
Brooklyn, NY 11229

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500 Foot Hearing

Izakaya NY Inc
DBA - Izakaya Sushi & Lounge
1629 Sheepshead Bay Rd
Brooklyn NY 11235

Class Change, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Loqma Cafe Corp.
1509 Voorhies Ave.
Brooklyn NY 11235

Chair Scavo stated if you know of any issues with any of these liquor establishments, please let the office know so that we can reach out to the State Liquor Authority. She added that there were no Cannabis Licenses or Dining Out requests made this month for the Board to review.

Public Safety Report:

Public Safety Chairperson Chick Pallotta stated that our Public Safety Committee meeting was held in person at the 61st Precinct on Wednesday, June 11 2025, at 5:30pm. Captain Joseph Antonio was unable to attend, so he assigned Detective Lauren Au, from the 61st's Community Affairs office to represent the 61st Police Precinct.

Public Safety Committee members were forwarded in advance both links to the 61's CompStat Report and the Traffic Stat Report, covering the week of 6/2/25 through 6/8/25 (Volume 32 Number 23).

Based on the 7 major crime categories, a year to date, comparison with 2024, overall, the 61st was down 11.13%. We have had 1 murder thus far recorded in 2025. There have been 8 rapes thus far in 2025. No changes on both year-to-date, crime categories. Robberies are down 25.7%, 52 robberies in 2025, compared to 70 robberies in 2024. Felony Assaults are up 3.7%. 113 in 2025, compared to 109 in 2024. Burglaries no change: 72 so far in 2025, compared to 72 in 2024. Grand Larceny, the 61, is down 21.5% with 230 crime complaints in 2025, compared to 293 in 2024. And finally Grand Larceny Auto, is up 3.9%; 107 crimes in 2025, compared to 103 in 2024.

In the category listed as "Hate Crimes", we're down 44.4%; we had 10 crimes in 2025, compared to 18 crimes in 2024.

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Some statistics from the Traffic Stat Report under the broad category “Hazardous Summonses”; Right of Way to pedestrians, summons given in 2025, 455 in 2025, compared to 434 in 2024. Tinted Windows, summonses given in 2025 were 285, compared to 160 in 2024 which is up 78.12%. Disobey Signs, 419 summonses given in 2025, compared to 351 in 2024, that’s up 19.37%.

Lastly, other topics raised, enforcement of 4th of July Holiday, especially in regards to fireworks, and what is being done in relations to “ghost cars”.

Transportation Committee:

Oswalt Heymann, Chair of the Transportation Committee stated that the Transportation Committee Meeting held on June 16th with the DOT updating the Board on the progress of the planning process for the reconstruction of four bridges on the Belt Parkway. They are over Sheepshead Bay Road, Ocean Avenue, Bedford Avenue and Nostrand Avenue. In addition to reconstructing the decaying bridges, which were built in the 1940’s, the project will widen the lanes roughly between Sheepshead Bay Road and Nostrand Avenue, add a breakdown lane and restore the landscaping which will be under the direction of the Parks Department. The cost of the fully funded project is projected to be \$320 million. The timetable is that late this calendar year the “design to build” team will be chosen (that includes the contractor), construction will begin in fall or winter of next year with completion scheduled to be in 2031.

He added in terms of some potential bumps in the road being smoothed over, that’s figuratively speaking, the NYC Public Design The Commission gave the project a preliminary approval and the design approval document for the project has been approved by both NYS DOT and the Federal Highway Administration.

In terms of construction impact to all of us, working our way from the ground up: One lane of street traffic and one side of pedestrian traffic will be maintained at all times and the Bedford Avenue bike lane will remain functioning throughout the project. On the topside of the project all lanes of the Belt Parkway will remain open. However, there could be closures for short durations when construction activity mandates. Some of the 3,500 trees in the area will have to be removed for the lane widening and also to improve the drainage system. As I previously mentioned, the Parks Department will restore the landscape. Also, DOT is aware that the project is in a flood zone and is taking that into consideration.

In terms of benefits in addition to bridges that won’t collapse

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from age, we'll have wider highway lanes, a better line of sight for drivers, a breakdown lane, the beams holding up the bridges will be removed providing us with a nicer street scape and lighting will be improved under the bridges. The highway will be paved with concrete, have state of the art lighting and clearance from the roadway below to the bottom of the new bridges will be 14 feet six inches. Two additional concerns are that there will be rat abatement throughout the project and there will be some sort of speed reducer in the breakdown lane to discourage drivers from using it as a through lane when traffic is heavy.

DOT claims to be striving for transparency. They will brief us before construction starts and throughout the project. Once construction starts there will be a community liaison office, the contractor will have to hold public information meetings and all materials will have to be available in English, Spanish, Russian, Mandarin, Cantonese and at the suggestion of our District Manager Laura they are looking into adding Turkish.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer's Report June 24, 2025:

Jack Erdos the Treasurer of Community Board 15 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 written report in June to the Board on all expenditures and pay increases made by the Board Office.

The Report was read as follows:

General Condition:

FISCAL YEAR 2025 – TOTAL ALLOCATED BUDGET \$276,449.00

PS (PERSONNEL SERVICE) BUDGET - \$230,263.00

OTPS (Other than Personnel Service) \$46,186.00

In September 2025 we hired our new Community Assistant Jacob Aronson.

Recent purchases: Office Supplies, paper, folders, pens, batteries etc.
Monthly Equipment Rentals -Postage Machine, Copier Rental, Office Phones. The purchase of monthly Meeting Refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS:

Several topics were brought up by those in attendance, which ranged from concerns for police response to 911 calls, being delayed and closed out because of long response times. An example is the unlicensed motorized mopeds running rampant and haphazardly through the streets. It was

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suggested that people take video if they can, to assist the police in locating these individuals. Another suggested we invite Sanitation representatives to our September Board Meeting to discuss the sanitation concerns in the neighborhood. Gerritsen Beach reported that a homeless encampment near the Saint John's playground was removed. Gerritsen Beach also reported concerns for their satellite post office closing. It was announced that it is the 35th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) being passed into law and there will be celebrations planned commemorating that occasion. Concerns for the vacant store fronts on Nostrand Avenue in Sheepshead Bay. Why are they being warehoused, what development will be taking place? Lastly, can the Community Board Office provide Board Member lists to Kingsborough Community College Security to expedite entrance to meetings during college session times.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Alan Ditchek and seconded by Debra Greif. The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

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