

ATTENDANCE

Rosamond Alvaranga
Sallie Viola Bennett
Barbara Bieber
Gardy Brazela
Melba Brown
James Buchanan
Salvatore Calise
Lucina Clarke
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Amar Dyal

Reeves Eisen
Maria Garrett
Ian Gaynor
Joan Gilbert
Stuart Heier
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Michael Ien
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Jean Joseph
Leon Kizer
Judy Newton

Mitchell Partnow
Anne Richards
Viole Roberty
Jeff Rodus
Michelle Sealey
Nancy Walby
Sylvia Whiteside
Bishop Nathan Williams
Valerie Woodford

SPECIAL MEETING of COMMUNITY BOARD #18

Chairperson Ian Gaynor, Nominating/Election Committee, opened the Special Meeting of Community Board #18 at 6:45 P.M. He explained that the purpose of the Special Meeting of the Community Board is to conduct the Election of Officers for 2021. Nominating/Election Committee Chairperson Gaynor reported that, since there were no additional nominations at the December 16, 2020 Community Board Meeting, the Slate Officers for 2021 is as follows:

Chairperson – Michael Ien
1st Vice Chairperson – Saul Needle
2nd Vice Chairperson – Jean Joseph
Secretary – Barbara Bieber

Board Member, Jeff Rodus informed the board that at last month's Community Board Meeting he mistakenly seconded Saul Needle's opponent for First Vice Chairperson and stated that Saul Needle is a very dear and old friend of his who he would never think about voting against or seconding anyone against the long time Past Chairman Saul Needle. He also stated that he is supportive of Saul Needle and the position that he is running in and that the second that he made was done in error partly because of the technical issues and background noise.

Board Member, Tomas Hernandez, Jr., who was nominated for the position of First Vice Chairperson, informed the Board that he shared the same sentiments as Board Member Rodus and that Saul Needle is a dear and longtime friend of his and he would never run against him or would have accepted the nomination. He also thanked everyone who nominated him for the position of First Vice Chair, but he withdrew his name from consideration for the position in an email to the board, stating that he did not want to run against long time Past Chairman Saul Needle.

Board Member, Maria Garrett asked if Saul Needle accepted the nomination for First Vice Chairperson because the board needs to know if he even accepted. Board Member Rodus stated that he does not know if he did at the last meeting, but he spoke with him and knows that he does want the position. Board Member Garrett stated that the board needs to hear Saul Needle's voice stating that he accepts the nomination. Board Member Barbara Bieber stated that it was hard to hear people, so he could've done it. Board Member Rodus stated that we're assuming he didn't when it's very hard to hear people. He also stated that people are also having trouble getting on the call and not sure if

that's condition of him accepting the position.

Board Member, Nancy Walby informed the board that she shared the same sentiments as Board Member Rodus and mistakenly seconded Tomas Hernandez as Saul Needle's opponent for First Vice Chairperson because she didn't hear Saul Needle accept the position and thought the position was open for the same reason.

Chairperson Ian Gaynor thanked everyone for clarifying what took place at the last meeting but stated that there was a slate of nominees that all agreed to run so there is no question on whether they accepted the nominations. He also stated that Board Member, Tomas Hernandez, Jr., who was nominated for the position of First Vice Chairperson, notified the Board that he withdrew his name from consideration for that position, stating that he did not want to run against long time Past Chairman Sol Needle. He does, however, wish to be considered for a position on the Executive Board in the future. He also stated that Board Member, Eugene Burshtein was deemed ineligible because he did not have a sufficient amount of time on the community board to run pursuant to the By-Laws.

There being no additional nominations for Chairperson, Michael Ien, Second Vice Chairperson, Jean Joseph and Secretary, Barbara Bieber, Committee Chairperson Gaynor asked Secretary Barbara Bieber to cast one ballot for the presented slate of officers for 2021. Secretary Barbara Bieber casted one ballot for the presented Slate of Officers for the year 2021.

Committee Chairperson Gaynor made a Motion that the Special Meeting of Community Board #18 be adjourned at 6:58 P.M. Board Member Mitchell Partnow seconded the Motion and the Motion passed unanimously with 31 Yes Votes.

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