



CITY OF NEW YORK COMMUNITY BOARD 3
MINUTES OF THE
COMMUNITY BOARD MONTHLY MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 2, 2025
INTERFAITH MEDICAL CENTER – 1545 ATLANTIC AVENUE

Members Present: Alex Abarbanel-Grossman, Ricardo Agcauli, Ty'East Alleyne-Bobb, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Anthony Buissereth, Tiffanie Burt, Michael Catlyn, Derrick Chandler, Evelyn Collier, Yvonne Cummings, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Ahsan Habib, Letty Hawthorne, Gerald Huggins, Dr. Jada John-Ali, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Mark Luxama, Ashley Malcom, Maliyka Muhammad, Hassan Naveed, Aboubacar Okeke-Diagne, C. Doris Pinn, Shneaqua Purvis, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Abitzel (Abbi) Robinson-Hobson, Samuel Sklar, Dr. Gail Singleton-Taylor, Aissata Sow, Joseph Sortland, Dr. Adesola Tella, Alicia Walton, TJ Wilson

Members Absent/Excused: Frank Bradshaw, Rabbi Joel Friedman, Shia Greenfeld, Christine Parker, Monique Powell, Suzette Sheppard, Samuel Stern, Asher Tapuchi, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams, Timberly Wilson, Cheryl Wright

Elected Official/Reps: David Lopez – Sen. Jabari Brisport, Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Councilmember Chi Osse, Krista Reilly – Senator Zellnor Myrie, Tendai Watkins – Assemblymember Stefani Zinerman, Catherine Ducketts – Borough President Antonio Reynoso, Erica Turner – Councilmember Darlene Mealy

City Agencies/CBOs: Insp. Khandakar Abdullah – 81st Precinct, D.I. Hipolito Gil – 79th Precinct, Det. Christopher Charles – 79 Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81 Precinct, Venus Scantlebury – CCRB, Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch Library, David Allen – Bedford Branch Library, Jonathan Pogado – Marcy Branch

The meeting was convened at 7:01p.m. by Chair Anthony Buissereth. He read the agenda into the record. Chair Buissereth welcomed the new board members: Samuel Sklar, Derrick Chandler, Mark Luxama, Hassan Naveed, Aissata Sow and Ashley Malcom.

There were 22 members present at the beginning of the meeting and 24 were absent.

Sharon Devonish-Leid, Vice President of External Affairs, One Brooklyn gave an update on the facility upgrade at Interfaith Medical Center which includes 37 new mental health units. For more information, visit www.onebrooklynhealth.org

The hospital will be hosting a health fair on July 19th in the parking lot.

Assemblymember Zinerman gave an update on the 2025-2026 enacted NYS Budget and the local impacts.

Some of the highlights are:

- Anyone between the ages of 25-55 years can attend college for free
- Cellphone ban in schools

Budget Presentation

Jim Morris, Deputy Chief of Staff for Brooklyn Operations, NYC Department of Parks & Recreation gave a presentation on the proposed redesign for the restrooms at Jackie Robinson Playground

Jackie Robinson Playground

A Public Hearing IN THE MATTER OF a private application from Providence House, Inc. for the zoning map amendment from R6B to R6A and a zoning text amendment to Appendix F to map an MIH area in order to facilitate a new 6-story, 31,704 square foot non-profit institution with sleeping accommodations containing 85 transitional housing units at 699-703 Lexington Avenue between Halsey and Hancock Streets.

Danielle Minelli Pagnotta, Executive Director, Kimberly Murphy, Architect and Benjamin Stark, Legal Representative, each gave insight into the proposed plan to build the 85 transitional units.

Providence House

ROL CALL:

There were 38 members present, and 12 members were absent.

Chair's Report:

- The board in partnership with the Bedford Stuyvesant Gateway BID will be hosting a sustainable event. Residents can bring their documents and electronics to the event on June 21st in Marcy Paza from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

ACTION ON PUBLIC HEARINGS:

Recommendation on the NYC Department of Parks & Recreation's Proposed Redesign for the restrooms at Jackie Robinson Playground.

TJ Wilson stated that the committee recommended that the Board support the redesign. A motion was made and seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

ON THE MATTER OF the proposed rezoning of 699-703 Lexington Avenue

VOTE: 35 – In Favor; 1 – Objection; 1 – Abstention

Keith Forest stated the Economic Development Committee recommended the Board support the following applications:

- Kubo LLC – 1013 Bedford Avenue
- Martha’s Cocina Franklin LLC d/b/a Penelope Mexican Bistro – 338 Franklin Avenue
- RC CG Bistro Corp. d/b/a Korkscrew Bistro – 165 Tompkins Avenue
- Rwy Khotr Khotr Inc. – 312 Hancock Street

A motion was made to accept the motion, and it was seconded by Yvonne Cummings.

VOTE: 29 – IN Favor; 7 – Objection; 2 – Abstention

A motion to adjourn the meeting was moved by Wendy Robinson and seconded by Dr. Adeola Tella.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
June 23, 2025