



**MINUTES OF THE
MONDAY, JANUARY 3, 2022
COMMUNITY BOARD VIRTUAL MEETING**

In Attendance:

Members Present: Babatunde Awoke, Leah Asha Allen, Anthony Buissereth, Michael Catlyn, Evelyn Collier, Taina Evans, Carroll “Rusty” Fields, Richard Flateau, Sharon Forbes, Keith Forest, Ivy Gamble-Cobb, Nicole Greaves, Mary Jemison-Head, Oma Holloway, Everett Hughes, Keisha Jerryman, Jada John, Edna Johnson, Dr. Kerliene Johnson, Dr. Debra Lamb, Hardy “Joe” Long, Dovie Matthews, Ellen Miller, Christine Parker, Santana Payton, C. Doris Pinn, Melissa Plowden-Norman, Simone Pratt, Robert Providence, Annalee Reid, Carolyn Richburg, Miari Roberts, Wendy Robinson, Suzette Sheppard, Alicia Walton, Rev. Dr. Robert Waterman, Douglas Williams

Members Absent/Excused: Felicia Alexander, Monique Antoine, Dr. Kim Best, Marc Abou Faissal, Shia Greenfeld, Victor Iroh, Kenneth Mbonu, Karen Rhau, Abitzel Robinson-Hobson, Jamella Swift, TJ Wilson

Elected Official/Reps: Hon. Stefani Zinerman – 56th Assembly District, Nadeen Gayle – Hon. Latrice Walker, Hon. Antonio Reynoso – Brooklyn Borough President, Hon. Chi Osse’ – 36th Council District, Hon. Crystal Hudson – 35th Council District, Hon. Lincoln Restler – 33rd Council District, Shelton Jones – Hon. Eric Gonzalez, Darryl White – Hon. Letitia James, Henry Butler – 56th Assembly District Leader, Kenesha Traynham-Cooper – 56th Assembly District Leader

OPENING REMARKS FROM THE CHAIRPERSON – Anthony Buissereth

The new Chair of the Board, Anthony Buissereth read the agenda into the record and gave his remarks.

He announced the names of the new officers and informed that Gregory Glasgow has resigned from the Board and Lisa Lewis has resigned also to begin her new role as Civil Court Judge. In addition, he mentioned the passing of Franklin A. Thomas, one of the founding fathers of Bedford Stuyvesant Restoration Corp.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS & GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

Borough President Reynoso stated that he looks forward to working with the Boards and supporting them in their efforts.

Council member Chi Osse informed that he will be continuing the Wellness Wednesdays Program started by Council member Cornegy in partnership with Bed-Stuy Campaign Against Hunger.

- He announced the State Housing Funding Program is open. To apply, go to www.nyhomeownerfund.org or call 844-776-9423.
- In addition, Discretionary Funding and Participatory Budgeting process is open.

- Adrian Straker will be his office manager and Naomi Hopkins will be his Chief of Staff. He will be using the office on the 5th floor previously held by Council member Cornegy however, it is being cleaned. In the meantime, he can be reached at d36scheduling@council.nyc.gov

Council member Crystal Hudson can be reached at district35@council.nyc.gov

Council member Lincoln Restler can be reached at lrestler@council.nyc.gov or 718-875-5200.

Darryl White can be reached at Darryl.white@ag.ny.gov or 718-560-2040.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM COMMUNITY PARTNERS

D. I. William Glynn – 81st Precinct, Det. Conrad Narcisse – 81st Precinct, P.O. Sharon Holmes – 81st Precinct

Nicole Bryan – Macon Branch/Public Library

Sunday service is suspended at all Brooklyn Branch until further notice. COVID testing is being offered at the Macon branch.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Henry L. Butler

Mr. Butler informed the members that the office is closed this week because there is no internet/phone service. Please contact us via email.

He reported that there will be COVID-19 Testing and Vaccine at 485 Throop Avenue on January 3-7, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

I. INFORMATIONAL PRESENTATION

A. Health & Social Services Committee

Ms. LaRay Brown, Chief Executive Officer, One Brooklyn Health Center and President & CEO, Interfaith Medical Center gave an update on the progress of work at the hospital.

Ms. Brown informed that there are several Capital funding projects that is being done at the hospital. Currently they are in the design phase of the for a new Emergency Room. There are five phases of this project which is scheduled to be completed in 2024. There will be an upgrade to the ambulatory services which is scheduled to be completed in May 2022. The three Psychology units is being upgraded while the hospital is being operating.

Ms. Brown announced that a testing site will be setup at Harmony Park between Troy and Atlantic Avenues, Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. She added that over the last year Interfaith has distributed over 40,000 vaccines.

Questions were asked and answered.

II. PUBLIC HEARING

A. Health & Social Service Committee

Edna Johnson introduced Dr. Julian Watkins who gave an update on the Impacts of COVID-19 Omicron Variant, Testing, Vaccination & Boosters

Dr. Watkins stated that the Omicron variant is spreading rapidly because it is spread through respiratory droplets. 80% of people have gotten their first shot. There are 20,000 positive test per months and a rise in hospitalization. There is a national shortage on test kits so there are no plans to

distribute the kits presently. He added that cloth mask is not effective. He suggested that it is best to use N95, KN95, and surgical masks or double up masks.

There were questions and answers.

III. COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS & PUBLIC COMMENTS

Ms. Johnson informed that Woodhull Hospital has closed several departments because of COVID.

IV. ROLL CALL

There were 37 members present and 11 absent.

V. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT – Anthony Buissereth

Chair Buissereth informed that he can be reached at abuissere@cb.nyc.gov

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS, UPDATES & RESOLUTIONS

Douglas Williams announced that the Civic & Public Safety Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, January 4th. The Veterans Committee will meet on January 26th. In addition, Veterans can get the vaccine at the VA.

VII. ACCEPTANCE OF THE DECEMBER 6, 2021 MINUTES

A motion to accept the minutes were made by and Edna Johnson and seconded by Richard Flateau.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next regular meeting is scheduled for Monday, February 6, 2022, most likely it will be virtual.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Richard Flateau and seconded by Hardy “Joe” Long. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Beryl Nyack
January 10, 2022