



## Public Hearing & Regular Meeting Minutes

February 18, 2026, 6pm

Hope Gardens Older Adult Center (195 Linden Street) and Zoom  
Chairperson: Robert Camacho | District Manager: Celestina León

**Meeting Start: 6:05pm**

### Public Hearing

- 1) **Crystal Jalloh, Intergovernmental Affairs Liaison, NYC Buildings** – presenting on Local Law 152 for [Periodic Gas Piping System Inspection](#).

Crystal introduced herself and her colleagues, indicating that Kevin, Rafael, and David would deliver a presentation about Local Law 152 (periodic inspections of gas piping systems).

- The team attempted to share slides via Zoom. Multiple board members tried to guide screen-share and “full screen” functions:

Celeste asked to make the presentation full screen so in-person attendees could see better.

- Despite several attempts, the slideshow remained difficult to see. After repeated delays:
  - Celeste asked the board whether to keep trying or table the item.
  - Parliamentarian Jo-Ena Bennett moved to table the presentation; motion was seconded by Annette Spellén.
  - The board voted to table the DOB presentation.

Chair Robert Camacho requested that DOB:

- Email a copy of the presentation, so CB4 can distribute it to members.
- Ensure community members can review it at their leisure and avoid similar delays in the future.

- 2) **CB4 Leadership** – board governance and process follow up discussion.

This was a follow-up discussion requested by the board at a previous meeting, concerning:

- Internal committee conduct and a contentious recommendation (on policy/zoning issues).
- Whether the committee acted within its advisory mandate.

- Accuracy of minutes, especially around the claim that a recommendation was “unanimous.”

### **Chair’s Reading of Borough President Counsel Letter**

Chair Camacho summarized a letter from the Borough President’s General Counsel, responding to his concerns about CB4’s December 17, 2025 meeting.

Key points of the letter as read/ summarized:

- The Borough President’s Office does not typically get involved in:
- Internal deliberations, individual votes, or parliamentary issues.

Their role is structural:

- Ensure boards meet charter mandates, hold required meetings, follow procedures, and fulfill advisory functions.
- Issues raised by the Chair were characterized as internal procedure and discriminatory decision-making concerns, not charter compliance failures.

Therefore, it does not rise to the level of an office investigation.

Chair Camacho expressed disappointment and noted:

- In the past, the Borough President’s Office did intervene (regarding a Permits & Licenses dispute about a license recommendation).
- He felt it is “disheartening” that intervention is now deemed inappropriate while the board is still held to high standards.

He intends to write back to clarify his view that:

- He acted within his role as chair to prevent committee overreach and protect the board from liability.
- The committee, in his view, acted beyond its advisory scope and engaged in quasi-legislative behavior.
- Community input and outreach obligations were not adequately met.

### **Chair’s Substantive Concerns**

Chair articulated several specific grievances:

#### **Violation of Advisory Mandate**

He cited City Charter §2800 (CBs as advisory) and argued that the committee: “Approached dangerous legal procedures by attempting to act as a legislative body rather than an advisory board.”

#### **Failure of Public Outreach**

He referenced Community Board Handbook / Charter guidance (section numbers paraphrased) requiring substantial public outreach.

- Claimed the committee moved ahead without the necessary community voices.

#### **Failure to Consider District Needs**

Argued the committee acted without sufficient input from affected areas in the district.

#### **Representation and Inclusivity**

Called attention to:

- The changing board composition (“board is changing”).
- Need to ensure representation across zones and homeowners vs. renters.

- Concern that actions were being driven by personal agendas and not community needs.

Chair urged members who:

Voted “no” or abstained on the contentious recommendation (previous month),  
But whose votes were not captured as such, to contact the district office so records could be corrected.

### **District Manager’s Governance Framing**

Celeste framed the governance concerns as two main issues:

Accuracy of records:

Whether the previous month’s recommendation was truly unanimous.

She reiterated: “If there is any board member that was not in agreement, please send me an email and we will correct the board’s records. This is the last time I will say this.”

Standards for community engagement:

Whether committees are using appropriate outreach practices for especially sensitive issues.

Suggested the board:

- Develop differentiated standards by committee / issue type.
- Consider formalizing this in bylaw revisions.

## **Q&A/Discussion**

### **Board & Public Discussion on Outreach, Capacity, and Representation**

Door-knocking, leafleting & town halls

**Chair Camacho** recalled past practice:

- District staff and volunteers leafleted and held town halls on sensitive issues.
- Emphasized seniors and non-digital residents often miss online notices.
- Urged returning to inclusive outreach, not just social media and email.

**Anne Guiney** (Housing/Land Use Chair):

Supported the importance of community engagement, but stressed:

CB4 is a volunteer board.

Capacity is limited: “If I’m being asked as chair to knock on every door... is it one block? 18 blocks?”

- Staff is under-resourced; board cannot realistically canvass the entire district for every item.
- Cautioned against unrealistic standards that set the board up to fail.

**Courtney Henley** (board member):

Echoed logistical concerns:

- Who prints flyers?
- How many blocks per person?

Called for clear, realistic protocols if door-to-door is to be expected.

- Board process & parliamentary clarity

**Jason Gers** (board member):

Thanked leadership for addressing parliamentary confusion.

Proposed aligning CB4's structure with some other boards:

For contentious items:

- Presentation,
- Board discussion,
- Public comment,
- Board vote — all in sequence on the same agenda item.

Rejected the assertion that the committee overstepped:

- Noted many NYC community boards pass broader policy resolutions and advocacy requests.
- Pointed out CB4's own Permits & Licenses stipulations go beyond strict legal requirements, as an example of legitimate advisory advocacy.
- Asked for specific bylaw / charter citations if there is a claim that the committee acted illegitimately.

Emphasized:

Board members are appointed to represent the community, not just a narrow interest group.

The full board, not just one committee, voted on the controversial recommendation.

**Ben Tocker** (board member):

Highlighted that full board meetings are the primary venue where the public actually shows up.

Suggested:

- For especially contentious issues, consider full board presentations and hearings, not just committee level.
- Or hold both committee and full board hearings to maximize outreach.

### **District Manager's operational suggestions**

Celeste suggested Every Door Direct Mail (EDDM) as a possible tool:

- Could target specific blocks for sensitive hearings (e.g., homeless shelter siting).
- Not affordable for every SLA or routine item, but potentially for high-impact issues.
- Public comments on representation & nightlife saturation

**Lola** (business owner):

Joined the board motivated by the desire to represent the full community (homeowners, renters, business owners, etc.).

Expressed:

- She still does not fully understand the December issue — which indicates a need for clearer communication.
- Emphasized the mission of the board is to represent everyone's voice, not just a subset.

Other residents (including Alex Otero, long-time resident, and Valerie Lebru, former CB member):

Criticized the perceived dominance of "new" board members not rooted in the neighborhood's history.

Raised serious concerns about:

- Over-saturation of bars and nightlife venues.
- Noise, public urination/defecation, fights, quality-of-life impacts.
- Loss of churches, long-time institutions and Black/brown homeowners.

Valerie called for re-establishing block associations and merchant associations as outreach vehicles, recalling 1980s–1990s organizing that helped stabilize Bushwick.

## Regular Meeting

### 1) First Roll Call

**Present:** Isa Abney, Jo-Ena Bennett, Robert Camacho, Felix Ceballos, Alan Gamboa, Jason Gers, Christopher Graham, Anne Guiney, Courtney Henley, Luisa Jose, Giovannies Justiniano, Cindy Lebron, Kristine Malden, Cirilo Nuñez, Pablo Rivera, Eliseo Ruiz, Annette Spellen, James Steward II, Christian C. Tate, Savannah Thais, Ben Tocker

**Present via a remote waiver:** Andrew Choi, Tanesha Honeygan, Virgie Jones, Romicka Nichols-Barnes, Zulma Novoa, Jerry Valentin

**Excused:** Zachary Hendrickson, Nancy Keith, Josue Salazar, Milagros Sandoval, Juan Serra, Bee Spiderman

**Absent:** Stephanie Anderson, Freddy Fowler, Joanna Fuentes-Singh, Elaine Hamilton, Deborah Hicks, Barbara Jackson, Tara Jones-Thomas, Shray Richardson (informed the district office), Raul Rubio, Linda Whitfield

21 board members were in attendance, which did not constitute quorum. Mr. Camacho moved to provide informational updates starting with the Parliamentarian's note.

### 2) Parliamentarian's Note – Jo-Ena Bennett

Led a brief moment of standing recognition for Rev. Jesse Jackson, reminding members "I am somebody."

Reiterated:

- Members should always identify themselves when speaking.
- Her goal as Parliamentarian is to keep meetings moving while being fair.
- Long meetings and late hours particularly burden youth, seniors, and members who rely on Access-A-Ride or have next-day obligations.

Stated that more public hearings at full board will lengthen agendas and meetings, which must be balanced with accessibility.

### 3) 83rd Precinct Report — Deputy Inspector Thomas Maffei, Commanding Officer

DI Maffei reported:

- Bushwick Avenue is not a truck route, though trucks may go off route within three blocks for pick-up/delivery.
- The precinct ran two enforcement operations:
  - 30 trucks stopped,
  - 23 (77%) found off the truck route improperly and summonsed.

Noted:

- Additional signage is needed to clearly mark the corridor as non-truck route.
- Enforcement alone will not fully solve the issue.

Comment/Question:

Ben Tucker, who lives on Bushwick Ave and serves on the Transportation Committee, noted:

- The problem is 24/7/365 and has been raised repeatedly.
- Crashes cluster near the Flushing Ave/Williamsburg side.
- Asked for a long-term plan.

DI Maffei:

Acknowledged enforcement alone is insufficient.

- Suggested engineering solutions:
  - Possible speed humps or physical design changes discouraging trucks.
  - Stated he will look at crash data and specific hot spots and coordinate with DOT.

Chair Camacho and a commercial truck driver resident Alex Otero raised:

- Google Maps may be routing commercial trucks down Bushwick Ave.
- Asked that PD and DOT engage Google to correct routing data.

### **Crime Trends**

Since last meeting:

- No firearm violence was reported.
- Down: assaults, GLAs (Grand Larceny Auto).
- Up (vs. last year): robberies, burglaries, grand larcenies.

However, compared to pre-2025 baselines, the command is still doing relatively well.

Juvenile robberies:

- Occurring after school.
- Believed to involve youth from the 104th Precinct (Queens) crossing into the 83rd and returning.

Response:

- Coordinated robbery plan between 83rd and 104th.
- Deploying youth officers into hot-spot zones, particularly where youth are avoiding school posts.

Grand larceny / package theft:

- Many GL incidents linked to bars & clubs (unattended property).
- Package theft remains a concern.
- Noted the rollout of DOT “package locker” pilot, with several secure lockers in Bushwick where packages can be delivered instead of open lobbies.

Burglaries:

Question from Annette Spellon on where burglaries are occurring.

DI Maffei described:

- Non-traditional burglaries: rooftops, basements, abandoned units.
- Incidents involving former roommates or tenants re-entering illegally.
- Package thefts partially treated as burglary or grand larceny.

Reiterated that DOT’s locker program is part of the mitigation strategy.

### **Internal “Accidental Firearm Discharge” at the 83rd**

DI Maffei briefed:

On February 9 at about 5:30 pm, there was an incident now being called an “accidental firearm discharge” inside the precinct.

- It is under investigation by Force Investigation Division, an outside NYPD unit.
- No serious injuries reported.

As it is an open case, he could not provide further details.

**Chair Camacho's later context (Chair's report):**

He first learned of the incident via social media, not from NYPD directly.

- When he called, he was initially told it was an "internal" matter, and felt the precinct was not transparent with the community.

At the 83rd Precinct Council, elected officials raised concerns, after which:

- The CO had Community Affairs issue a community notification.
- Chair expressed that this was unacceptable in a community that has historically worked closely with its commanding officers.

**Bars & Clubs, Noise, Quality of Life**

DI Maffei recognized that nightlife saturation is a major 83rd precinct issue:

Identified a "club zone" roughly:

Jefferson → Willoughby, Wyckoff, Star, Troutman, Knickerbocker.

Counted:

~17 bars/clubs within that small zone.

~90 bars/clubs precinct-wide (acknowledging data may undercount).

Deployment:

Approximately 18 officers (new cops plus 2 senior + 1 sergeant) on foot posts in the club zone.

- They work nights and weekends up to ~4:30 am.

Tools:

Cure Program:

Refers problematic bars to outside agencies for compliance coaching.

If cooperative, it stays advisory; if not, triggers inspections (capacity, unlicensed security, underage service).

SLA referrals:

Maffei said the precinct has significantly increased SLA reports, from roughly 3 to ~90, tying incidents to specific licensees.

**Board & Community concerns:**

Kristine Malden (Permits & Licenses Chair):

- Noted there are far more than 17 nightlife establishments in the Wyckoff/Troutman corridor.
- Asked that the policing zone extend at least to St. Nicholas, possibly to Cypress, given the density.

Raised:

- Persistent loitering, lines, and sidewalk crowding outside clubs.
- Repeated noise, trash, and weed truck activity in proximity to nightlife zones.
- Many establishments blame behavior "outside the premises" as not their responsibility.

Asked directly about:

- 311 protocol: what actually happens with noise / nightlife complaints?
- Why some businesses say they never hear that there were complaints.

Maffei's explanation on 311/911 handling:

911 calls take priority; 311 is often answered when patrol has capacity.

To be effective, complaints should:

- Provide detail, not be anonymous whenever possible.
- Allow callback so officers or Q-team can locate exact vantage points and use sound meters.

Anonymous complaints severely limit their ability to:

- Find the exact sound source.
- Build a case for enforcement.

Recommended:

- File 311 to create a record.
- Also contact the relevant sector Q officers (for this nightlife zone: Sector David/Officers Wade & Anil) or Community Affairs.

Q officers can address chronic issues outside of 911 emergency flow.

- Confirmed officers can and do speak directly to businesses, and that the precinct can escalate from conversation to enforcement and SLA actions.

#### **4) Introduction of Elected Officials and Other Representatives**

##### **Elected Officials' Offices**

Assembly Member Erik Martin Dilan  
Representative: Jackie Reyes  
Office Address: 366 Cornelia Street  
Phone: 718-386-4576

Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez (CD 34)  
Representative: Kim Vega  
Office Address: 244 Union Avenue  
Phone: 718-963-3141

State Senator Julia Salazar  
Representative: Maria Valdez  
Office Address: 212 Evergreen Avenue  
Phone: 718-573-1726

Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso  
Representative: Madeline Enlow  
Office Address: 209 Joralemon Street  
Phone: 646-565-9180

Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez (NY-7)  
Representative: Johnathan Betancourt  
Office Address: 266 Broadway (Williamsburg)  
Phone: 718-599-3658

Council Member Sandy Nurse (CD 37)  
Representative: Fran Sanhuesa (District Office)  
Office Address: 56 Pennsylvania Avenue  
Phone: 718-642-8664

District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

Representative: Jonathan Pomboza  
Office Address: 350 Jay Street, Downtown Brooklyn  
Phone: 718-250-2340

### **Citywide / Oversight Agencies**

NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)  
Representative: Venus Scantlebury, Brooklyn Community Coordinator  
Office Address: 100 Church Street, New York, NY 10007  
Phone: 917-742-4098 (direct)  
General CCRB Hotline: 1-800-341-2272

### **Community-Based Organizations & Services**

Bushwick Housing Independence Project (BHIP)  
Representative: Amy Collado, Organizer  
Phone: 929-324-7358  
Email: bhiporganize@gmail.com

NYC Mesh  
Representative: Ash Wolfson  
Email: ash@nycmesh.net

First Cornelia Street Block Association  
Representative: Valerie Lebru  
(Contact info not stated in the transcript.)

Brooklyn Public Library – Washington Irving Branch  
Representative: Juanita James  
(Used general BPL web link for services; no direct phone given.)  
General Info: <https://www.bklynlibrary.org> (tax-help and program info via site)

### **Businesses**

101 Wilson Bar  
Representative: Reid Worrell  
Address: 101 Wilson Avenue  
Phone: 718-497-1098

St. James Libations  
Representative: Lola Memberr  
Address: 269 Stanhope Street  
Email: mgmt@stjameslibations.com

Smilodon / “The Museum”  
Representative: Misha Chavez  
Phone: 954-740-9887

The Preservatory LLC (CPR / First Aid Training)  
Representative: Linda Gass  
(Contact details shared verbally later; not fully recorded in the transcript beyond that she is NYC-based and provides CPR/BLS/First Aid training.)

Bushwick Sports & Recreation  
Representative: Pablo Rivera (also a CB4 board member)  
Office Address: 439 Wilson Avenue  
Phone: 718-628-5486

## 5) Committee Reports

### Permits and Licenses – Kristine Malden

#### Core SLA Items:

1. Smilodon / “The Museum” – 1329 Willoughby Ave  
Type: New on-premises liquor, wine, beer, cider.  
Concept: Natural history museum-inspired bar.  
Hours initially outside CB4 stipulations; applicant amended hours.  
Committee: Voted to support.  
Full Board: Later approved via blanket vote.
2. 101 Wilson Bar – 101 Wilson Ave (alteration)  
Alteration to use rear room as lounge (backyard not included in this application).  
Prior 311 complaints but now clean record since remediation.  
Committee: Voted to support.  
Full Board: Approved via blanket vote.
3. Nunu Delivery Inc. d/b/a Cilantro Club – 108 Central Ave  
The Sampler – 234 Starr St  
895 Bar LLC d/b/a Damballa – 895 Broadway  
All three SLA applicants:
  - Failed to submit required documentation,
  - Failed to attend committee despite repeated outreach.Committee: Voted not in favor for all three.
4. Sura NYC LLC – 31 Wyckoff Ave  
Type: Wine/beer/cider.  
Status: Committee voted to allow them to return next month for full review (procedural).
5. OCM (Cannabis) Item:  
Bashira International Corporation – 133 Wyckoff Ave  
Type: Adult-use retail cannabis dispensary (OCM).  
Hours: approx. 10am–12am.  
Applicant is a long-time area resident; committed to strict ID scanning at the door.  
  
Committee concerns:  
Additional cannabis licenses in a community already impacted by substance exposure.  
However, recognized benefit of licensed vs. illegal operators.  
Committee: Voted in favor, with expectation of community outreach.  
Applicant later submitted ~21 signatures without addresses.

#### Other Committee Notes:

- Update on OCM signage rules (no large cannabis billboards near licensed premises).

- Ongoing difficulties with SLA transparency vs. more responsive OCM.

Noted:

- New SLA license categories (private for-profit clubs, corporate dining rooms, etc.).
- Hospitality Alliance leadership's relation to SLA's new chair; committee will monitor.

## **Environmental Protection/Transportation/Sanitation + Parks and Recreation – Ben Tocker**

### **Passengers United – Bus Network Redesign Counterproposal**

Passengers United (transit advocacy nonprofit) presented a counterproposal to the MTA's Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign.

Emphasized:

- Protecting overnight service transparency.
- Concern that no Brooklyn community board supported the MTA's 2022 draft.
- Called for the MTA to slow down and conduct deeper community engagement.

CB4 EPTS:

- Treated as informational (no support resolution).
- Noted that the MTA's updated "final draft plan" is still pending; MTA has promised further outreach.

### **Package Theft & DOT Package Lockers**

Reiterated that package theft is significant in Bushwick.

DOT's pilot 24-hour package locker program has expanded to five locations in Bushwick.

Recommended residents use lockers if experiencing theft.

### **Green Central Knoll – Ballfield vs. Dog-run Use**

Long-standing conflict:

- Dog owners unofficially use permitted ballfields as a de facto dog run.
- Damage to turf and conflict with permitted youth sports.

Committee recommendation:

- CB4 should request Council Member Jennifer Gutiérrez hold a larger town hall:
- To include all user groups (dog owners, sports leagues, parents, neighbors).
- Modeled on the Irving Square Park dog run process.

### **Ridgewood Rides – Bike Lane Proposal (Decatur or Cooper)**

Community cycling group has proposed a bike corridor connecting Brooklyn's Greenway via Decatur or Cooper Streets.

Competing organizing:

- Supporters from Ridgewood Rides.
- Cooper Street Block Association residents with concerns.

Committee recommendation:

Escalate to a full-board town hall rather than decide solely at committee level.

### **Brooklyn Parks & Open Space Conference**

Ben Tocker to attend on behalf of CB4.

Board was encouraged to submit ideas:

- Volunteer tree-pruning networks (matching certified pruners to needed locations).
- Stewardship programs for DEP rain gardens.

- Lessons from Bushwick’s Portland Loo deployment (although temporarily out of service due to frozen plumbing, per Parks update).

### **Earth Day & Troutman Open Streets**

Committee exploring a CB4 Earth Day activation.

Troutman Open Streets (St. Nicholas–Irving):

- Lacks a current sponsoring partner.
- Cannot return unless a community or nonprofit partner steps up.

## **Economic Development + Housing and Land Use – Anne Guiney**

### **DOB NOW – Department of Buildings Portal**

Presenter: Crystal Jalloh (DOB).

Overview:

DOB NOW is a consolidated, user-facing platform for:

- Permit records,
- Certificates of occupancy,
- Violations,
- Application tracking.
- Searchable by address, block & lot, etc.

Noted:

- System briefly offline at time of meeting but meant as a “one-stop shop” for building-related info.
- No formal action; informational.

### **County-wide Cease-and-Desist Legislation**

Presenter: Isaiah Pecou, Office of Assembly Member Stefani Zinerman (AD 56).

Proposal:

- A Kings County-wide “cease and desist” zone where homeowners can opt in to bar unsolicited real estate solicitation (door-knocking, phone calls, aggressive mailers).
- Aims to combat deed theft, harassment, and predatory buying, especially targeting seniors.

EDC/HLU:

Discussed why renters should also support:

- Stabilizing long-time homeowners and preventing displacement benefits the whole community.

Lacked quorum at committee meeting, so:

- Forwarded to Executive Board and full board for vote.

### **NYC Department of Small Business Services (SBS)**

Presenter: Jacques Brounville (SBS).

Services available:

- Legal & permitting assistance, business planning, training.
- Jobseeker matching, merchant association and BID support.
- Mentioned mobile outreach capability.
- Committee is seeking a stronger relationship with SBS to support local small businesses (the majority of storefronts in Bushwick).

Committee Internal Business:

With a 25-page mail packet, the chair committed to:

- Use more concise, bullet-pointed summaries.

Focus on more forward-looking agenda topics:

- Monitoring upcoming rezonings,
- Anticipating development pressures.

Recommendation:

EDC/HLU recommended CB4 support the county-wide cease-and-desist legislation.

- Executive Board endorsed this.

## 6) Chairperson's Report

### **Open Meetings Law and hybrid boards:**

COVID-era virtual allowances are set to expire around June 2026.

- Borough Board is drafting a resolution urging continued or expanded hybrid capability, and more funding for technical support.

### **Concerns from CB5:**

Meeting at 126 Pennsylvania Ave:

- No ADA-compliant access to their meeting floor.
- A CB5 member in a wheelchair cannot attend in person.
- Problem has persisted 4–5 years despite some capital funds being allocated.

Chair Camacho publicly criticized the double standard:

- If this were a private developer, city agencies and activists would be outraged.
- Because it is a city building, the issue lingers.

CB4 echoed support for CB5 in seeking a solution.

## 7) District Manager's Report — Celeste León

Welcomed 16 new public members (midterm appointments); conducted 8 orientations so far.

Met with:

- New high school superintendent.
- Pratt Institute on comprehensive planning and how to build on Bushwick Community Plan.
- Alvaro Lopez, Brooklyn Director of the Office of Mass Engagement (successor to Mayor's CAU).
- BetaNYC for a "Beta Bagels" session on community boards and civic tech.
- Los Angeles Department of Neighborhood Empowerment (EmpowerLA) to share NYC CB structure as LA enters charter review.
- Council Member Gutiérrez's Chief of Staff Frank Hua and Kim Vega on nightlife and cross-border issues with CB1.

Highlighted:

- Volunteer student intern (Sophia Beals, Fordham) working on CBO mapping and mental health / youth topics.
- Independent Budget Office briefing for the Future of Community Boards working group on:
  - Agency headcount,
  - Staffing trends,

- Impact on service delivery (NYPD, sanitation, HPD).

Transcripts from that IBO session are available and will be used during CB4 budget discussions.

**8) Acceptance of the Agenda**

Motion: Courtney Henley made a motion to accept the agenda.  
Second: Jo-Ena Bennett  
All in favor, motion carried.

**9) Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes**

Motion: Courtney Henley made a motion to accept the previous meeting minutes.  
Second: Felix Ceballos  
All in favor, motion carried.

**10) Recommendations**

**Permits and Licenses**

**Blanket Vote on All PLC Recommendations (including Bashira International/OCM applicant)**

Motion: James Steward  
Second: Christian Celeste Tate  
Opposed: 1 – Courtney Henley (objection focused on the Bashir item)  
Motion carried

**Amendment Specific to Bashir International (Outreach Requirement)**

Keep the committee's support but add a directive that the applicant should conduct more robust, properly documented community outreach, including collecting signatures with addresses.

Motion: Annette Spellen  
Second: Jo-Ena Bennett  
All in favor, motion carried.

**Final Adoption of P&L Recommendations (After Amendment)**

After the amendment on Bashira International, the board took a final vote to adopt all PLC recommendations as amended.

Motion: Jo-Ena Bennett  
Second: Felix Ceballos  
All in favor, motion carried

**Executive Board**

**Budget & Baseline Funding for Community Boards**

The Executive Board recommended CB4:

- Authorize the District Manager (Celeste) to draft and send a letter to council members:
- Supporting baseline budget increases and budget adjustments for all community boards.
- Mirroring CB14's letter and advice.

Motion: Anne Guiney  
Second: James Steward

All in favor, motion carried.

**Support for County-wide Cease-and-Desist**

Based on EDC/HLU and Executive Board discussion:

CB4 voted to support Assemblymember Zinerman's county-wide cease-and-desist legislation.

Motion: Jo-Ena Bennett

Second: Ben Tucker.

All in favor, motion carried.

**11) Old Business**

None

**12) New Business**

None

**13) Announcements**

**Anne Guiney, CB4 Member**

March 26 Land Use Training:

- announced a CB4-specific land use training open to board and community members.

**Madeline Enlow, Brooklyn Borough President's Office:**

- Capital funding application deadline (noted as Feb. 19 at 5pm).
- Webinar on borough-wide comprehensive planning.
- Free tax prep at Borough Hall (by appointment).

**Johnathan Betancourt, Congresswoman Nydia Velázquez:**

- Secured over \$15M in community project funding.
- \$1.8M for repaving Broadway (Flushing→Eastern Parkway).
- Upcoming student internship fair at Franklin K. Lane HS.

**Fran Sanhueza, Council Member Sandy Nurse's Office:**

Compost container giveaway.

Veterans' clinic, senior services, tax clinic.

Snow Support Patrol for residents unable to shovel.

**Kim Vega, Council Member Gutiérrez's Office:**

Black History Month celebration with multiple elected officials.

Recruiting PB delegates for District 34.

**Maria Valdez, State Senator Salazar's Office:**

Tenant Support Unit hours, Housing Connect application assistance.

**Venus Scantlebury, Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB)**

Provided complaint hotline and training offerings on civilians' rights in police encounters.

**Amy Collado, Bushwick Housing Independence Project (BHIP):**

Launching a tenant union around repairs & neglect; meeting at 1420 Bushwick Ave, 3rd floor.

**Pablo Rivera, Bushwick Sports & Recreation:**

Free winter youth baseball training (unique 13–17 ballfield dimensions at Green Central Knoll stressed as critical to protect).

**Downtown Brooklyn Star (Reporter Jackie Cardenas):**

Offered herself as a contact to improve local media coverage of Bushwick.

**NYU Graduate Student (Irene Madrigal):**

Conducting oral history project on the 1977 blackout and Bushwick's history; seeking long-time residents to interview.

**14) Second Roll Call**

**Present:** Jerry Valentin, Ben Tocker, Savannah Thais, Christian C. Tate, James Steward II, Annette Spellen, Eliseo Ruiz, Pablo Rivera, Cirilo Nuñez, Kristine Malden, Cindy Lebron, Giovannies Justiniano, Luisa Jose, Courtney Henley, Anne Guiney, Christopher Graham, Jason Gers, Alan Gamboa, Felix Ceballos, Robert Camacho, Jo-Ena Bennett, Isa Abney

**Present via a remote waiver:** Zulma Novoa, Romicka Nichols-Barnes, Virgie Jones, Barbara Jackson, Tanesha Honeygan, Deborah Hicks (sound issues)

**Excused:** Bee Spiderman, Juan Serra, Milagros Sandoval, Josue Salazar, Nancy Keith, Zachary Hendrickson

**Absent:** Linda Whitfield, Raul Rubio, Shray Richardson (informed the district office), Tara Jones-Thomas, Elaine Hamilton, Joanna Fuentes-Singh, Freddy Fowler, Stephanie Anderson

**15) Adjournment**

Isa Abney motioned to adjourn. It was seconded by Courtney Henley. All in favor, motion carried.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:47pm