

**MINUTES OF COMMUNITY BOARD 11
GENERAL BOARD MEETING**

*April 13, 2026
Paul DiBenedetto – Chair*

PRESENT AT MEETING

CB 11 Staff:

Joseph Marziliano – District Manager
Christina Coutinho – Community Associate

Elected Officials and/or Representatives:

Michael Carlier	Representing Queens Borough President Richards
Kate Boehme	Representing Queens DA Katz
Maria DiLeone	Representing Congress Member Meng
Evelyn Mallo	Representing Council Member Paladino
Lucia Paredes	Representing Council Member Ung
Jess Mueller	Representing Assembly Member Braunstein

The meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chair, Paul DiBenedetto.

Mr. DiBenedetto led the audience to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Lucia Paredes spoke regarding upcoming events.

Jess Mueller spoke regarding upcoming events.

Evelyn Mallo spoke regarding upcoming events.

Kate Boehme spoke regarding upcoming events.

Michae Carlier spoke regarding upcoming events.

Maria DiLeone spoke regarding upcoming events

The new Board Members introduced themselves and the Board welcomed each one that attended.

ROLL CALL

Members Present

Nelson Beltrand, Jessica Burke, Sharon Chin, Paul DiBenedetto, Dilicia Erazo, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferzzoli, Michelle Fields, Jack Fried, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, C. Kevin Green, George Guan, Rosemarie Guiduce, Tim Hao, Melanie Harster, John Hon, Richard In, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Nicholas Kammerer, Zhengyu Kang, Kelly Ke, Helen Kyrillidis, Jena Lanzetta, Matthew Mamak, Karen Mazza, Eileen Miller, Stephen Pivawer, Megan Rha, David Ro, Christina Scherer, Lydia Scotti, Jyothi Sriram, John Sullivan, David White, Sam Wong

Members Absent

Victor Dadras, Elias Fillas, Vanessa Guest, George Hadjiconstantinou, Herb Hochard, Travis Kessel, Fleur Martino, George Mihaltses, Amesh Sarecha, Sandra Walters-Young,

ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES

A motion was made to accept the minutes of March 2, 2026, by Joan Garippa. The motion was seconded by Michelle Fields. A correction was made by Jena Lanzetta. A vote by show of hands resulted unanimously in favor. The minutes were approved with correction.

(In-favor - Nelson Beltrand, Jessica Burke, Sharon Chin, Paul DiBenedetto, Dilicia Erazo, Henry Euler, C. Omarr Evans, Mario Ferzzoli, Michelle Fields, Jack Fried, Joan Garippa, Michael Golia, C. Kevin Green, George Guan, Rosemarie Guiduce, Tim Hao, Melanie Harster, John Hon, Richard In, Laura James, Mohan Jethwani, Nicholas Kammerer, Zhengyu Kang, Kelly Ke, Helen Kyrillidis, Jena Lanzetta, Matthew Mamak, Karen Mazza, Eileen Miller, Stephen Pivawer, Megan Rha, David Ro, Christina Scherer, Lydia Scotti, Jyothi Sriram, John Sullivan, David White, Sam Wong)

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

On Friday, March 3, I was invited by State Senator John Liu's office to attend a public service event at the United Methodist Church on Bell Boulevard in Bayside, where Department of Finance representatives were on hand to review constituents' questions about tax assessments to their property. I would encourage our Board Members and the public to speak to your local elected officials or the CB11 office to assist you with making a connection with the agency to review your concerns.

On Wednesday, March 25, the CB11 Landmarks Committee met to review applications within the Douglas Manor Historic District. As Chair of CB 11 and Chair of the Landmarks Committee, I would like you all to know that we have assembled a very strong group of Committee members to help preserve the landmarks district.

On March 25, Mr. Marziliano and I inspected our CB 11 office to see if it has been properly cleaned and detoxified since the fire that occurred in the basement there last July. We are concerned that eight months after the fire, we still don't have a new community board office. The City has yet to find us a new space that works, so we took it upon ourselves to inspect the former location and see if it was safe for habitation. Unfortunately, it is not. We found that the air filters were not yet cleaned, water is leaking from bathroom fixtures and through the ceiling, etc. etc. Also, we both wound up checking up with one another after the meeting to say we were experiencing sinus and throat issues from our time there. Mr. Marziliano has been following up with DCAS to get the landlord to finally do a proper cleaning so we can temporarily move back into the office until our lease is up next April. We will report back next month to see if the city is doing the necessary work to get us back into an office.

On Thursday, March 26, Mr. Marziliano met with the Anchor Inn Community Advisory Board to discuss the future of that motel as a shelter for homeless women.

On Saturday, March 28, the Bayside St. Patrick's Day Parade took place down Bell Blvd. It was very well attended. If you haven't been to this parade, it is an excellent yearly event, so be sure to look out for it next March.

On Tuesday, March 31, I was invited by State Senator John Liu's office to attend a public service event at the United Methodist Church on Bell Boulevard in Bayside, where Con Edison agents were on hand to review constituents' questions about their electric and gas utility bills. I also managed to get one of the representatives to commit to revisiting us at CB 11 in the near future.

This past month, Bayside Historical Society, completed our 25th annual Winter Art Show. It was one of our most successful art shows to date, with over 60 artists from all over Queens, plus an additional grouping of Bayside High School art students. It's a yearly event so, if you're an artist or just a lover of the arts, come back next year to show your work or simply enjoy the great wealth of talent that quietly flourishes in our local artist community. Thank you CB11 Board Member and Parks Committee Chair, Laura James, for her masterful management of the show and our own Mr. Marziliano who won Honorable Mention in the sculpture category. Bayside Historical has many cultural events coming up between now and the end of the year so please be sure to visit the website www.baysidehistorical.org for information on these and other exciting happenings. We have a special concert coming up in our ballroom of Persian Traditional and Folk Music on Sunday, April 26th. In light of the plight of Iranian citizens who are struggling to have free, democratic elections, this concert promises to be a particularly poignant performance. And, something that is dear to me, Donna Gentle Spirit Barron, a local Matinecock author and genealogist of her family's history will be doing an Author Talk at BHS on Thursday, May 14. Donna's family has resided on the same plot of land in Little Neck since 1635 (documented) and her ancestors from before recorded history in N. America. Please visit the website to get tickets for these events.

BOARD MEMBER NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Miller spoke regarding a follow up with CM Lee's office and DOB regarding the ongoing construction and stop work order at 53-08 212 Street.

CB11 Library Committee Chair, Megan Rha requested drafting a letter for follow up on the construction of the Douglaston/Little Neck Library.

Jessica Burke will forward updated flyer with new times for the Urban Park Rangers Night Hike.

CB11 Public Relations Committee Chair, David White, spoke regarding new videos for get to know your community. He also asked for Board Member volunteers to help table information stand at John Golden Day (July 11).

Jena Lanzetta stated that her civic, Northwest Bayside Civic, will be distributing flyers regarding Propel Engery's grid proposal along Northern Blvd. and the Clearview Expressway vicinity. This construction will disrupt traffic and quality of life. Discussion ensued on environmental concerns and how this will not help the residents of Queens (North Queens).

Mr. DiBenedetto stated that he tried to schedule the NYC Dept. of Buildings Commissioner to attend one of the CB11 General meetings and was not successful. Instead, Sam Schechter, DOB Intergovernmental Liaison, will be attending the May or June meeting.

Mr. DiBenedetto stated that Mr. Marziliano will follow up with the Dept. of Parks regarding missing benches around the baseball field at John Golden Park.

COMMITTEE REPORT

Environmental - Henry Euler, Committee Chair introduced, Urban Planner, Rafael Santos, who spoke regarding flooding remediation solutions specifically examining the feasibility of permeable pavements and rain gardens along Bell Blvd. from 42 to 47 Avenue and Northern Blvd. from 213 to 214 Street. Over the years, flooding is a major concern in areas of Bayside. Mr. Santos flood map presentation pointed out the areas in need. The presentation was included in the Environmental Committee report of February 25, 2026. A motion was made to examine the flooding along the Bell Blvd. corridor from 42 Avenue to 47 Avenue and Northern Blvd. from 213 to 214 Streets and to advocate for tree pits along the areas by Kevin Green. The motion was seconded by Jena Lanzetta. A roll call vote was taken and resulted unanimously in favor. The motion carried.

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The meeting was adjourned at 9:12 PM.