



Community Board 12

The City of New York

Borough of Queens

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BOROUGH PRESIDENT

Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs
CHAIRPERSON

Michael Carlier
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

Yvonne Reddick
DISTRICT MANAGER

Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, December 11, 2024
7:00pm

Members Present - 35

Sophia Abel	Ahnaf Alam	Mohammad Ali
Angela Allen	Pamela Bluford	Maxine Brannon
Kenny Carter	Jonnel Doris	Glenn Greenidge
Vishal Hardowar, Esq.	Frankco Harris	Nurul Haque
Rene Cheatham Hill, Treasurer	Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs
Celeste James	Sharmayne Jenkins	Chantel Johnson
Bilal Karriem, 1st Vice Chairperson	Al Hassan-Kanu	Marcia Francis
Dawn Kelly	Latoya LeGrand	Bernadette Logan
Donald Murphy	Krystal Roberts	Amit Shivprasad

Christopher Smith	Rev. C. Princess Thorbs-McGee, Chairperson	Toni Totten
Linette Townsley	Khari White, 3 rd Vice Chairperson	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey
Abdus Salaam Musa, Parliamentarian	Patricia Wooden	
Members Absent/Excused- 14		
Wanda Best	Jacqueline Boyce	Manuel Caughman
Jean Randolph-Castro	Jennifer Delatour	Jolander Headley
Crystal Isaac	Leonard Jacobs	Clementine James
Benjulkys Martinez	Akther H. Rahman	Andrew Wilkins
Shah Nawaz	Jeanette Wilson	

Rev. Thorbs welcomed attendees and called the general meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

Chairperson Thorbs read the announcements of upcoming events in the community.

Rev. Thorbs focused on community wellness and the importance of unity and prayer. The attendees were encouraged to spend time with their families and rest during the holiday season.

Rev. Thorbs read various announcements, including a booklet on protecting homes from deed theft and a newsletter from the district attorney's office. A toy drive was also discussed, with several locations provided for donations. The conversation ended with a reminder to register for a holiday event on Eventbrite

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Reddick stated that Con Edison Customers who receive qualifying government assistance benefits, can receive a discount of up to \$173 per month on their energy bills, through the Energy Affordability Program (EAP). Customers receiving Medicaid, Veterans Disability or Survivor Pension, Federal Public Housing Assistance, or Lifeline telephone Program benefits one of Con Edison's Walk in Centers.

Most customers receiving certain benefits, like supplemental Security income, Home Energy Assistance Program and Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits, are automatically enrolled in the E.A.P.

Con Edison offers a wide array of Payment Plans. Customers can find the terms that are right for them by logging into MyAccount to see options including:

- Budget Billing
Helps customers avoid seasonal price spikes by spreading energy payments out evenly across the year.
- Payment Extension
Gives customers up to 10 days of extra time to pay their bill.
- Payment Plan
Allow customers who have fallen behind on their bills to pay down the outstanding balance in manageable, monthly installments.

District Manager's full report filed in the district office

Bilal Karriem made a motion to open the Business section, seconded by Chantel Johnson. The motion was second and passed.

Business Session

Bilal Karriem made a motion to accept November 20, 2024, minutes with corrections, seconded by _____. The motion was second and passed.

RE-ELECTION/INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS: Angela Allen, Nomination Committee Chairperson

- There was a total of 30 ballots submitted to the Nomination Committee
Slate:

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| • 1 st Vice Chairperson: Bilal Karriem | 30 Votes |
| • 3 rd Vice Chairperson: Khari White | 30 Votes |
| • Treasurer: Rene Hill | 30 Votes |

The 2024 – 2026 Term Officers were sworn in by State Senator Leroy Comrie, 14th S.D.

- 1st Vice Chairperson: Bilal Karriem
- 3rd Vice Chairperson: Khari White
- Treasurer: Rene Hill

Committee Reports

Angela Allen, Chairperson, Nominating Committee

Discussed the community members being reinstated to leadership positions on Community Board 12 in Queen, and the importance of community participation in the nomination process for the upcoming elections. Bilal Kareem, the current 1st Vice Chair, Kari White, the current 3rd vice Chair, and the Treasurer, Rene Hill, were nominated for re-election. State

Senator Leroy Comrie will swear in the reinstated board members at the end of the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:13 pm as there was no other business.