



Community Board 12

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Borough of Queens

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Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs
CHAIRPERSON

Michael Carlier
DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

Katherina N. Thompson
DISTRICT MANAGER

Minutes of the General Meeting

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

7:00pm

Members Present - 31		
Pamela Bluford	Kenny Carter	Manuel Caughman
Charmell Cooper	Vanessa Duah	Shelia Flores
Felicia Galy- Hypolite	Asm Goni	Glenn Greenidge
Vishal Hardowar	Courtney Heyward	Rene Cheatham-Hill, Treasurer
Audrey Lee Jacoobs (V)	Chantel Johnson	Al-Hassan Kanu
Bilal Karriem	Sheryl Leverett	Sharon Maynard
Abdus Salaam Musa Parliamentarian	Jean Randolpoh Castro	Krystal Roberts
Ammit Shivprasad	Sharon Sweeting-Lindsey	Janifer Taylor
Carlene Thorbs McGee, Chairperson	Toni Totten, 2 nd Vice Chair	Shenna Vaughn
Lisa Wade	Khari White, 3 rd Vice Chair	Jeanette Wilson

Patricia Wooden		
Members Absent/Excused- 17		
Mohammed Ali	David Aiken	Wanda Best
Jacqueline Boyce (excused)	Cassandre Cadet	Jonnel Doris
Marcia Francis	Nurul Haque	Jolander Headley
Crystal Isaac (excused)	Frederick Jah	Clementine James
Sharmayne Jenkins	Latoya LeGrand	Latoya Lindsay
Donald Murphy	Mia Rodie	

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

Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs

- Chair deferred reading her report

District Manager's report

- DM Thompson read her report
- **Acknowledgment of Elected Officials**
 - Sen. Comrie- Jayda Sealy
 - DA Katz- Marlong Palacios
 - Borough President Richards- Shuhbra Datta
 - AM Hyndman – Ola Omodunbi
 - CM Hankerson- Mark Ogbuehi
 - Public Advocate- Norris Johns
 - NYC Comptroller- James Mongoluzo
- **Precinct Reports**
 - **Captain Nigel Fenton 103rd Pct**
 - **Lieutenant Zach Flaiz 116th Pct.**
- **Public Forum**
 - Antonio Whitakker- Dept. of Sanitation (DSNY)

- Starting June 1, 2026, an official NYC trash bin **MUST** be used to set out the garbage in Residential homes with 1-9 units. Garbage cans must be 55 gallons or less.
 - There will be a grace period starting June 1st and ending September 8th extended to homeowners.
 - During the warning period (June 1st-Sept 8th) residents who are not using the official NYC trash bin will get a warning, but they will **not** get a summons until the warning period ends for using non-NYC trash bins to containerize their trash.
- Joseph P. Addabbo Center
 - Ruben Flores, Community Outreach manager brought greetings on behalf of the organization
- Presentation
 - Adjoa Gzifa- Certified Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - Importance of preparing a “Go Bag” for everyone in household, including pets, with copies of important documents, medication etc.
 - Must know where evacuation site is for our area
- **Business Session**
 - Motion was made by Bilal Karriem to move into business session, 2nd by Kenny Carter
 - Motion made by Bilal Karriem to adopt the minutes. 2nd by Glenn Greenidge.
 - **Vote on Approval for DeMapping of Atlantic Avenue**
 - Vishal Hardowar stood in for Land Use Chair Amit Shivprasad.
 - Recommended that the board approve the DeMapping until Community Board obtains more information.
 - Motion was made by Vishal Hardowar to approve the demapping, 2nd by Glenn Greenidge.

YES	NO	ABSTAIN
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- Motion carried
 - Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm

