



# Community Board 12

## The City of New York

### Borough of Queens

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**Donovan Richards**  
 BOROUGH PRESIDENT

**Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs**  
 CHAIRPERSON

**Michael Carlier**  
 DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY BOARDS

**Katherina N. Thompson**  
 DISTRICT MANAGER

**Minutes of the General Meeting**  
 Wednesday, January 21, 2026  
 7:00pm

Members Present - 30		
Mohammed Ali	Pamela Bluford	Jacqueline Boyce
Cassandre Cadet	Manuel Caughman	Jonnel Doris
Nurul Haque	Jolander Headley	Rene Cheatham-Hill, Treasurer
Crystal Isaac	Khondokar Tarikul Islam	Audrey Lee Jacobs
Sharmayne Jenkins	Chantel Johnson	Al-Hassan Kanu
Bilal Karriem, 1st Vice Chairperson	Latoya LeGrand	Sharon Maynard
Abdus Salaam Musa, Parliamentarian	Jean Rqandolph-Castro	Krystal Roberts
Amit Shivprasad	Christopher Smith	Rev. Carlene O. Thorbs-McGee, Chairperson
Toni Totten	Shenna Vaughn	Lisa Wade
Khari White, 3 <sup>rd</sup> Vice Chairperson	Jeanette Wilson	Patricia Wooden
Krystal Roberts		

Members Absent/Excused- 18		
Sophia Abel	Wanda Best	Jennifer Delatour
Marcia Francis	Glenn Greenidge	Vishal Hardowar, Esq.
Frankco Harris	Leonard Jacobs	Frederick Jah
Bernadette Logan	Benjulkys Martinez	Donald Murphy
Akther H. Rahman	Sharon Sweeting- Lindsey	Linette Townsley
Andrew Wilkins		Christopher Smith

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

#### **Chairperson's Report – Rev. Carlene Thorbs**

- Announcements:
  - Chair Thorbs read local announcements for upcoming month.
- Attended Chancellors Samuels town hall
- Worked on the Annual MLK pop up food pantry with Elite Hair Salon
- Attended Dunkin Donuts ribbon cutting on Liberty Ave.
- Attended CM Ty Hankerson's inauguration
- Congratulations to CM Dr. Nantasha William on being appointed Deputy Speaker
- Welcomed new District Manager, Katherina Thompson
- Announced the passing of Mr. James Henry, StepFather of Dr. Anthony Andrews, and Mrs. Ethel Miller, mother of former Council Member I. Daneek Miller

#### **District Manager's Report – Katherina N. Thompson**

- DOT: 23% decline in traffic deaths, 40% decline in car fatalities and 32% decline in motorcycle deaths in Queens. No specifics to CB 12
- DOB: Sidewalk shed permits are now limited to 90 days. Any shed permit not renewed by January 26, 2026 will be in violation
- DOF : Notice of property Value (NOPV) will be mailed out to homeowners. Also, please be reminded that all tax exemption forms (STAR, Enhanced STAR etc.) must be submitted to the Dept. of Finance by March 15, 2026

- **Post office:** Unveiling for Muhammad Ali stamp is forthcoming, please stay tuned for the date.
- **Community Board Applications:** Reminder! All those who are interested in joining the Community Board, must complete an application via the Queens Borough Presidents website at [queensbp.nyc.gov](http://queensbp.nyc.gov). Community Board 12 does not process any applications. Board Members must also reapply via the website.

### **Acknowledgement of elected officials**

Renee Taylor- CM Brooks Powers office

- Buses to Albany caucus from several locations
- State of the District
- Tax services in office

Michael Carlier- Queens Borough Pres

- 2.23 Lunar New Year celebration at Queens Borough Hall
- 2.25 Black History Month Celebration
- RSVP at [queensbp.nyc.gov](http://queensbp.nyc.gov)
- CB Applications are exclusively online. Please reach out to chair and DM to
- Shuhbra Datta introduced as new CB Liaison

Pamela Bluford- AM Alicia Hyndman

- 2.14 Bus trip to Albany departing from District office. SCA QR code
- 1.22 Mobile office @ Robert Couche
- 1.29 Allen Senior Center
- 2.2 SNAP Brookville

Kate Fenton – CM Williams

- State of the District 2.7 @Shekinah
- Discretionary funds workshop 1.21- Please reach out to office
- United in healing Q&A @ black spectrum 2. 28
- DSNY hiring emergency shovelers
- Looking for interns
- Heartshare is offering up to \$200 in utilities
- Community Captains initiative- Kenny Morales
  - o Volunteer programs help elevate community concerns and participate in meetings. Housing, youth engagement, illegal dumping, tenants' rights
  - o Candace Duncan in Nans office

Hidelkis Nunez– Sen Sanders

- It takes a village children's events 1. 22 @ 12-3 Springfield church of the Nazarene
- Trip to Albany Rochdale Library and District office RSVP- Lunch included
- 2.13 Reparations workshop @ Hilton Albany
- 2.14 MWBE workshop at Legislative Office Building
- 3.22 Women's History Month- Rochdale Ballroom focus on Women in Armed Forces

## Nathaniel Hezekiah – Congressman Greg Meeks

- Acknowledgement of Jackie Boyce on her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday
- Government shutdown in 2025 due to healthcare subsidies. House passed 3 year extension for healthcare subsidies. Now up to US Senate for a vote
- Justice and commerce package Rep secured \$4.1M for the district for local initiatives funding. \$3M for Cuny and \$1M for PAL More information pending
- Immigrant visas are on pause as of today. 75 countries put on pause for immigrant visas
- TPS expires on 2.3. If anyone is concerned about immigration issues, please contact 718-725-6000.
  - o When asked how can residents protect themselves from ICE. Nathaniel advises calling in to the office and set up a buddy system
  - o Chantel Johnson asks at what point should the office be contacted? Nathaniel encourages to spread awareness of phone number
  - o Chair Thorbs enforces that community to have a plan!
- Chair emphasizes that the community attend the Public Safety committee meeting

## Jayda Sealy- Senator Leroy Comrie

- First CB meeting
- 1.29 E waste and textile recycling event event at District office. Will NOT ACs and batteries
- Free Tax prep by appointment only booked online or scan QR code for 90K
- Youth Leadership recognition awards from HS students 10<sup>th</sup> 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grade by 2.25 and MUST apply electronically
- STAR property tax program office is willing to help
- HEAP program to cover heating costs and HEART Share. Assistance by appointment only
- Every Tues and Thurs HRA Specialist in office by appointment only
- 1.28 Roy Wilkin outreach event at York College

## Kathleen Williams- DA Katz

- Takedown on Home Depot Theft
- Major drug trafficking takedown in East Elmhurst
- 32 member gang takedown in SEQ
- More than 60K arrests in 2025. Resolved 44K cases
- 1.31 @ Mt Olivet church gun buyback program
- 2.4 Rochdale ballroom Black history program. Free but please register
  
- CM Ty Hankerson brings remarks
  - o Recently appointed as Parks and Rec Chair
    - § Prioritizing Baisley pond park and local parks
    - § Office hours extended hours Weds. 10-7pm, or Saturdays 10am-2pm
    - § Free Legal advice in DO Immigration, landlord tenant wills trusts and healthcare proxy
    - § Two offices Rochdale village 2d floor and 122-21 111 Ave

- § Neighborhood coalitions are back in the district. East side lead by Mark McQuaine assisted by Kendrick Bonadaire and Amari Johnson and Vaness Sparks Westside Tyler Logan, Jaya Singh, and
  - § Neighborhood resource fair to be hosted in February. Date pending
  - § 35 new trash bins to the district through DSNY along rockaway stohin GRB and Liberty Ave from DSNY
  - § Working with DOT to maintain medians
  - § Meeting with 113, 105, PSA 9 ad PBQS to address crime concerns and CMS group partnership
  - § 2.3 and 2.11 discretionary funding workshop via zoom. Flyers pending
  - § **Congratulations** to new DM and **Happy Birthday** to Jackie Boyce
- o CM Hankerson swears in new E Board
  - § Carlene Thorbs Chair
  - § Bilal Karriem 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair
  - § Abdus Salaam Parliamentarian
  - § Khari White 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair
  - § Rene Hill Treasurer
  - § Toni Totten 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice Chair
- o Concerns were expressed to CM Hankerson regarding FDNY response times
- Nurul Haque mentioned Marconi park. CM responds there will be a new turf renovation
- Senator Leroy Comrie
  - o **Congratulations** to DM Thompson
  - o Ribbon cutting for locust manor LIRR station, has also put in new elevators at St Albans Hollis and Laurelton LIRR stations
  - o Governor put in \$50Billion to improve downtown Jamaica area
- Dave Tanis- Patrick B. Jenkins & Associates, on behalf of Resorts World
  - Three casinos approved. Bronx, Citifield and Aqueduct
  - § SEQ business incubator with RDRC
  - § Intro to Gaming course at York College and CUNY. Free online course open to the public
  - § Table Game dealer school is open. Resorts world will cover the cost for 10 week program. Dealers make up to \$45/hr.
    - Looking to hire 2000 people to work table games
  - § First phase of construction Summer 2026

## **Business Session**

Bilal Karriem made a motion to open the Business Session, seconded by Dr. Abdus Salaam Musa Motion was made to suspend the minutes until February.

## **Committee Reports**

Amit Shrivprasad Land Use chair

- 3 BSA approvals
- 137-25 Jamaica Ave
  - o Changes gas station name from Gulf to Shell and convert convenience store. Adding green space
    - § Land Use recommends yes. Amit makes a to approve, seconded by Bilal Karriem. Motion Passes
- 137-02 Farmers Blvd

- Propose converting auto repair to convenience store with a green space
  - § Open 24/7 and will NOT a smoke shop nor liquor store, and will NOT sell any cannabis items.
    - Amit Shrivprasad recommends that we vote yes, seconded by Jean Castro. Motion Passes
    - Krystal Roberts asks how many other convenience stores within a 5-block radius.
- Popeyes 164-61 Baisley Blvd.
  - Seeking special permit for drive through, with 8 parking spaces
    - Amit Shrivprasad made a motion to fully approve the special form required for drivethrough, seconded by Kenny Carter. Motion passes

- Community Board votes unanimously to pass all BSAs.
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**Approve**  
**30**

**Opposed**  
**0**

**Abstain**  
**0**

Chair Thorbs asked the Precincts to attend the Public Safety Committee Meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm as there was no other business.