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Bryan J. Block
Chair

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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES May 22, 2023 Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Angela Augugliaro; Bryan Block; Maximus Barton; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Bobbie Cole; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Stephanie Delia; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keeffe; Cinnamon Paltoo; David Pecoraro; Latchman Persaud; Sandra Persaud; Anup Ramnauth; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Ronald Summers; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Jackie Wilson

Absent:

Robert Alleyne; Rachelle Antoine; Alain Berrouet; Alexandra Brathwaite (R); Barbara Clements; Derrick DeFlorimonte (R); Nicholette Emptage; Robert Glover; Bonnie Huie; Jaslin Kaur; Antony Kuncheria (R); Jonathan Logan (R); Kangel Moore; Lenroy Pascall; Nagassar Ramgarib; Peter Richards; Ashok Satkalmi; Steven Taylor; Perminder Thiara (R); Koshy Thomas; Pritpal Singh Walia

Meeting called to order at 7:30 PM.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Board Member David Pecoraro.

Chair calls for a Moment of Silence for the passing of former Board Member Lloyd Hicks.; Fortune Williams and Jim Brown.

Chair's Report

The Chair details the events/meetings attended since the May General Board meeting. Motion to approve, BM David Pecoraro, seconded, BM Richard Hellenbrecht

Queens District Attorney Melinda Katz:

- Has served 3 ½ years.
- Speaks about some of the new bureaus she formed in her office –
 - Human Trafficking Bureau.
 - Violent Criminal Enterprise Bureau.
 - Forfeiture money being used to fund non-profits.
 - Bureau of Housing & Worker Protection.
 - Prevailing wage cases.
- Focus has been on getting guns and illegal drugs off of the street.
- Illegal Cannabis Sellers (trucks)
 - Illegal cannabis stores – over 400
 - Some are around schools.
 - Another factor in buying illegal cannabis (not from a licensed dispensary) is it could be laced with fentanyl.
- Grandparents' scams – money being sent to out-of-town family members.
 - Trust but verify.
- The DA's Office will NEVER solicit money!
- Do not give money to anyone you do not know.
- Email: katz@queensda.org

DDC Time-Lapse Video of the Construction of the 116 Precinct.

DM Report (written)

BM David Pecoraro motions to accept DM Report with necessary corrections. Seconded by BM Bess DeBetham. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

April General Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve Minutes as submitted by BM Kyle Bragg, seconded, BM Bess DeBetham. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

Elected Officials

Nathaniel Hezekiah – **Congressman Gregory Meeks' Office**
Khaleel Bragg – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richards' Office**
Jess Mueller – **Assembly Member Edward Braunstein's Office**
Rasha Kadir – **Council Member Nantasha William's Office**
Lois Marbach – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**

Roll Call

Committee Reports

Land Use Committee – Committee Chair Michael Mallia:

- Department of City Planning Senior Borough Planner Scott Solomon spoke on the Citywide Text Amendment for Carbon Neutrality.

Public Safety Committee – Committee Chair Michael O'Keeffe:

- Listed establishments with letter of support for liquor licenses.

Transportation – Committee Chair Moh Ishmael:

- Listed complaints received at the meetings.

Nominating Committee – Committee Chair Corey Bearak:

Recommendations:

- Chair – Bryan Block
- First Vice Chair – Richard Hellenbrecht
- Second Vice Chair – Marcia O'Brien
- Executive Secretary – Rhonda Kontner
- Treasurer – Mohamood Ishmael

All the recommendations are the incumbents.

A call for nominations from the floor:

- Chair – None
- First Vice Chair – BM David Pecoraro nominates BM Tanya Cruz, who declines nomination.
- Second Vice Chair – None.
- Executive Secretary – None.
- Treasurer – None.

Nominations for Executive Committee closed.

Parks – Committee Chair Fay Hill:

- Will be sending the written report to the board office.

New Business

- Board Chair Bryan Block makes a motion to stop all Ad Hoc Resolutions, seconded by Board Member Michael Mallia.
 - Discussion:
 - BM David Pecoraro states the Chair's motion violates the bylaws.
 - BM and Parliamentarian Corey Bearak states an item does not have to be discussed and voted upon.
 - Question: can there be a vote on Chair Block's motion?

- Chair Block withdraws his motion. Both proposed resolutions will go back to the Youth, Education & Libraries Committee for discussion and possible recommendations.
 - BM Lorraine Gittens-Bridges' Resolution can be fast-tracked with a meeting with the Committee Chair and District Manager at the earliest possible meeting time before the legislative session ends.

Resolutions:

- **(by BM Lorraine Gittens-Bridges)** - Resolution to establish a Citywide Leadership Team (CLT) to ensure shared decision-making at the citywide level for NYC Public Schools.
- **(by BM David Pecoraro)** – Resolution opposing co-location of Charter Schools at NYC Public Schools within Queens Community Board 13 district lines.

Meeting adjourned @ 10:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
District Manager
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