



Donovan Richards
Borough President

Kahleel Bragg
Director of Community Boards

Queens Community Board 13

219-41 Jamaica Avenue
Queens Village, NY 11428
718.464.9700
qcb13.org



Bryan J. Block
Chair

Mark McMillan
District Manager

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES September 18, 2023 Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance

Present:

Maximus Barton; Corey Bearak; Bryan Block; Kyle Bragg; Bobbie Cole; Sylvia Cothia; Marissa Cronin; Tanya Cruz; Delroy Dawkins; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Fay Hill; Vernal Holder; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Michael Mallia; Sophia Mighty; Kangela Moore; Marcia O'Brien; Michael O'Keefe; Cinnamon Paltoo; Lenroy Pascall; David Pecoraro; Latchman Persaud; Sandra Persaud; Nagassar Ramgarib; Steven Taylor; Jackie Wilson

Absent:

Robert Alleyne; Rachelle Antoine; Angela Augugliaro; Alain Berrouet; Barbara Clements; Stephanie Delia; Nicholette Emptage; Bonnie Huie; Jaslin Kaur; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Beckett-Nicholson; Anup Ramnauth; Peter Richards; Ashok Satkalmi; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Ronald Summers; Koshy Thomas; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Pritpal Singh Walia

The meeting was called to order at 7:29 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Chair Bryan Block.

Chair Block asks for a Moment of Silence for the passing of long-time Board Member Seymour Finkelstein.

Chair Block expressed wishes for a Happy Rosh Hashanah.

Chair's Report

The Chair details the events/meetings attended since the last General Board meeting. It was a busy summer as he attended many meetings on the "migrant" issue.

BM Jackie Wilson was inducted into the Johnson C. Smith University Basketball Hall of Fame. (1964-1968)

Motion to accept, BM Bess DeBetham, BM Charlie Farruggia seconded. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

DM Report (written)

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

June General Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve with necessary corrections, BM David Pecoraro. Seconded by BM Bess DeBetham. Unanimous "yes" voice vote.

Roll Call

Elected Officials

Kahleel Bragg – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richard's Office**

Rasha Kadir – **Council Member Nantasha William's Office**

Committee Reports

Public Safety Committee – Committee Chair Michael O'Keeffe:

- Listed establishments with letter of support for liquor licenses.
- Inspector Pinkhasov, CO of the 105 Precinct, spoke about the HERCC on the Creedmoor campus.

Transportation – Committee Chair Moh Ishmael:

- PowerPoint Presentation by the DOT Freight Mobility Unit on safety on Hillside Avenue from 241 Street to the Nassau County line.
- Listed complaints received at the meetings.

Seniors & Special Needs – Committee Vice Chair Tanya Cruz:

- New York Foundation for Senior Citizens – funded by DFTA
 - Home Repair Program

- Next month's meeting: someone to speak about pantries and food insecurity.

Financial Report – Treasurer Moh Ismael:

- Reviewed the written report sent to the members.
- Objection by BM David Pecoraro wanting more specifics.
- The treasurer responded that this is the way this board has always addressed the finances of the board.
- BM Kyle Bragg stated the report was more than adequate, especially given the low amounts stated for the expenses.

Public Speaking

- James Richmond spoke of speeding and accidents on 130 Avenue between Francis Lewis Boulevard & the Laurelton Parkway. He has petitions from the residents is requesting speed reducers installed along this stretch of roadway.

Motion to adjourn by BM Richard Hellenbrecht, seconded by BM Bess DeBetham.

Meeting adjourned @ 9:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan
District Manager
Queens Community Board 13