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**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**November 24, 2025**  
**JEAN NUZZI INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL 109**  
**213-10 92 AVENUE, QUEENS VILLAGE**

**Attendance**

**Present:**

Maximus Barton; Sheila Beverly-Skinner; Bryan Block; Latanya Collins; Sylvia Cothia; Bess DeBetham; James Delaney; Sequoyah Douglas; Noreen Eltabakh; Charles Farruggia; Lorraine Gittens-Bridges; Robert Glover; Richard Hellenbrecht; Bonnie Huie; Mohamood Ishmael; Rhonda Kontner; Sophia Mighty; Laura Morand; Michael O’Keefe; Lenroy Pascall; David Pecoraro; Latchman Persaud; Sandra Persaud; Nagassar Ramgarib; Anup Ramnauth; Ronald Summers; Osban Thompson

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**Absent:**

Genevieve Appolon; Angela Augugliaro; Corey Bearak; John Boyd; Ella Caynes; Barbara Clements (E); Bobbie Cole; Marissa Cronin; Delroy Dawkins; Derrick DeFlorimonte (E); Fay Hill; Leonard Hookum; Brian Ellis-Gibbs; Vernal Holder; Shahriar Hossain; Michael Mallia; Curlene Nelson; Loleta Nicholson; Marcia O’Brien (E); Cinnamon Paltoo; Steven Taylor; Lourdes Villanueva-Hartrick; Jackie Wilson

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The meeting was called to order at 7:30 pm by Chair Bryan Block.

**Pledge of Allegiance** led by Chair Block.

**Captain Douglas Moodie, Commanding Officer, 105 Precinct:**

- He reflects that the last time he was on this stage at this school he was in a “Spelling Bee” as a kid.
- Overall crime in his precinct is down 15.7% over the past 28 days.
  - Only Grand Larceny is up.
- This coming Saturday (November 29) is the 105 Precinct Christmas Tree Lighting.

### **Lieutenant Chavret, 116 Precinct:**

- Crime statistics for the precinct have been up for the past 28 days.
  - Grand Larceny and Grand Larceny Auto is driving up the numbers.
    - Honda, Toyota and Acura are targeted for GLAs.
- At the 116 Precinct "Turkey/Chicken Giveaway," 350 families received a bird.
  - "Thank you," to AT&T and other sponsors.
- Deputy Inspector Beauvoir is leaving to serve in another precinct soon.
  - There are going to be community interviews for successor candidates on December 3 at 116 Precinct.
- On December 20, there will be a "Toy Giveaway" in front of the precinct.

### **Chair's Report**

- Lists meetings and events attended since last General Board Meeting.
- At this point there is no quorum; so, no motion to accept.

### **District Manager's Report** (written)

- No quorum; written report emailed to all board members.

### **October General Board Meeting Minutes**

- A quorum is finally achieved.
- Motion, BM Bess DeBetham, seconded, BM Bob Glover.
- Vote: 26 Yes. 1 No. Minutes are approved.

### **Voting item:**

- **ULURP Project #250252 ZMQ – 240-56 90 Avenue Rezoning** – A zoning map amendment from an R4-1/R4 to an R4 to facilitate a new two-floor two-family residential building totaling about 1,200 square feet, is being sought by Philip Mathai at 247-56 90 Ave, in Bellerose, Community District 13, Queens.
  - Land Use Committee voted 7 yes, 0 no to support.
  - No vote: ULURP item timed out.

**Roll Call:** 27 members present, 19 absent; 2 excused.

## **Elected Officials**

Nathaniel Hezekiah – **Congressman Gregory Meeks' Office**  
Georgia Katsalis – **Queens Borough President Donovan Richard's Office**  
Sharein Morgan Hill – **State Senator James Sanders Jr.'s Office**  
Alisha Ali – **Assembly Member Khaleel Anderson's Office**  
Daniel Sparrow – **Council Member Linda Lee's Office**  
Clothilde Hakuna – **Council Member Nantasha Williams' Office**

## **Treasurer Mohamood Ishmael's Report**

- Handout given that shows FY 2025 PS (Personnel Services) and OTPS (Other Than Personnel Services) expenses and totals.
  - FY26 total Budget Amount and percentage increase (1.8%) from FY 25.
- He explains the payment process for the community board:
  - Any vendor paid must be registered with the City of New York.
  - The payments are processed at the Queens Borough President's Fiscal Office.
  - The office has no community board checks, nor petty cash.
- A board member complains about the money left over.
  - Response: If all the budgeted money is not used, it does not decrease in the next fiscal year.
  - All community boards in NYC have the same total budget.
- Motion to accept report by First Vice Chair Richard Hellenbrecht, seconded by BM Sophia Mighty.
  - Vote: 26 Yes; 1 No; 0 Abstentions.

## **Committee Reports**

**Parks & Environment Committee** – Committee Vice Chair Max Barton:

- Presentation by DDC on the construction of Public Restrooms in Brookville Park.
- Discussion on possible siting for "Dog Run" in Brookville Park.

**Health & Hospitals Committee** – Committee Chair Bonnie Huie:

- PowerPoint by Dr. Cristal Gonzalez Nunez, Queens Hospital Center Resident, on: "A Better Bite, A Better Life," on how to take care of your teeth whether they are your teeth or not.

**Seniors Committee** – Committee Vice Chair Sheila Beverly-Skinner:

- The second in a 4-part series in conjunction with Jamaica Hospital Medical Center: "Pre-Diabetes: Snack and Chat." Presented by Gabrielle Yarru, MD, and Alliya Shafi, MD.

## **Public Speaking**

- BM Sylvia Cothia states the Laurelton Library needs a temporary location because of its construction upgrade.
  - This creates various issues affecting its services.
  - She will be attending the next Youth, Education, Libraries & Special Needs Committee to address this in more detail.
- Maureen Hossain:
  - She is an EMT and fentanyl is a real problem.
  - Asks for support of Int. 1179-2025 – Increasing Awareness of Availability and Use of Fentanyl Test Strips Across NYC.
- Michael Badoo:
  - Owner/Director of A-Z Pre-school on Jamaica Avenue, site of the proposed 12-story building.
  - He speaks about the impact having to move because of this building will have on the 200 families who have children in his pre-school.
  - He requests help from the community board in finding an alternative location.
  - Nevertheless, he supports affordable housing.
- Horace Cudjoe:
  - QCB13 has its committee meetings on Zoom; he would like the General Board Meetings on Zoom to encourage more community participation.
- BM David Pecoraro:
  - He disagrees with the board policies.
  - Wants money spent on another board employee.
  - He wants the board to do its business differently – hybrid meetings, more social media.
- BM Bess DeBetham:
  - She speaks about the big difference in attendance with in-person vs Zoom meetings.
  - There is one board member who insists on quoting law.
  - She wants to keep the community informed.
  - One board member is getting in the way.
  - She will write a letter to the Board Chair to go to the Borough President about this one board member.
- Bobby Sher:
  - Challenges BM Pecoraro's interpretation of the Open Meetings Law.
    - States it is his interpretation of someone else's interpretation.
  - He wants the board to meet via Zoom, out of decency for all in the community.
- BM Sandra Persaud:
  - It must be made easier for board and community members to come out to meetings.
  - The board's goal is to serve the community.
  - She does not enjoy the conflict that occurs at every meeting.
  - She wants to meet via Zoom.

- Board Chair Bryan Block:
  - QCB13 follows all applicable procedures, rules, regulations and laws.
  - A 3-time failed candidate for community board executive office seeks to impose his will by threats and uncalled-for remarks to media and others who find no merit in his point of view.
  - His attempts to dominate board proceedings discourage board members from maintaining their involvement.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark McMillan  
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Queens Community Board 13