

CB#1 FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA updated 1/6/26

Tuesday, February 10, 2026 – 6:30 P.M.

In Person – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue

SESSION OPENING Pledge of Allegiance, Call to Order, Roll Call Attendance, Acceptance of Minutes, Public Session

PUBLIC SESSION: Agnes McBeth, Antoun Sawires, Victoria Carstensen, Nicole Brooks, Mario Buonviaggio, Jermaine Williams, Prince Cobbina, Terry Troia, Peter Levine.

- First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino
- Second Vice-Chairman, Catherine Schiavone
- Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe
- Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell
- Treasurer, Sunny Jain
- Chairman, Nicholas Siclari
- Parliamentarian, Catherine Schiavone
- Sergeant at Arms, John Guzzo
- District Manager, Joan Cusack

FUNCTIONAL COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Land Use, George Turner – No Land Use
- Waterfront, Joseph Ahlstrom
- Public Services, Sunny Jain
- Youth Services, Kathleen Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna
- Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino & Kathleen Coen (Co-Chair)
- Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino
- Transportation – Catherine Schiavone
- Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino

AD HOC COMMITTEE

- Labor, Robert Holst
- Cultural Affairs, Anthony Sgarlato
- Health and Human Services, Fran Reali

AREA COMMITTEE REPORTS

- New Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff
- West Brighton, Randall Manor, Anthony Cosentino & Kathleen Coen (Co-Chair)
- Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Joe Ahlstrom
- Rosebank/Ft. Wadsworth/Shore Acres, John Guzzo
- Mariner’s Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner
- Stapleton/Clifton/Concord/Park Hill, Peter Lisi

Old Business / New Business / Adjournment

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please e-mail Loretta Cauldwell,

lkcauldwell@gmail.com or Linda Maffeo, lmaffeo@cb.nyc.gov. You can also call the Board Office prior to the meeting, 718-981-6900.

Community Board 1 Full Board Meeting, Tuesday, January 13, 2026 – 6:30 P.M. – St. Mary’s Episcopal Church, 347 Davis Avenue

Nicholas Siclari, Chairman Excused – Acting Chair Anthony Cosentino, 1st Vice Chair

Meeting started at 6:30 PM

Members

Joe Ahlstrom
Michelle Akyempong ab
Vincent Atkinson
Dora Berksteiner
Doreen Berksteiner
Dolores A. Brennan-Pritchard
Allison Brown ab
Telee Brown ab
Christopher Campbell
Loretta Cauldwell
Andre Ciprut
Katheleen Coen
Christopher Corbo ab
Anthony Cosentino
Christine DeHart
Michael DiBartolo
Claudette Duff
Salvatore Fabozzi
Samir Farag ab
Selina Grey ab
John Guzzo
Robert Holst ex
Anthony Illardi
Sunny Jain
Linda Juarbe
Lillian Lagazzo
Matthew Lesieur
Peter Lisi
Mohan Radhakrishna
Friday Ogbewele
Francine Reali ex
Joshua Renta
Tatiana Sabatelli
Cindy Salzillo
Catherine Schiavone ex
Anthony Scutari ex
Anthony Sgarlato
Sean Sheil ex
Nicholas Siclari ex
George Turner
Steven Williams ex

Office Staff

Joan Cusack, District Manager
Linda Maffeo, Community Coordinator

Guests:

Agnes McBeth & Jillian Wolf (DA's office), Meaghan Dicks (for Jessica Scarcella-Spanton), Marie LaFrancesca (BP's Office), Prince Cobbina (CCRB), Hanane Dhajat (for Sam Pirozzolo), Elena Brady (for David Carr), Sergey Chuprik, Mario Buonviaggio, Joseph Caruso (DSNY), Pam Silvestri, Michael Morrell, Andrew Dorman, Neil Anastasio & Cathy Anastasio, Eric Patterson, Cara Buoninconti (for Nicole Malliotakis), Ricia Augusty, Gabrielle Lerner (Charles Fall's office), David Cavagnaro, Bruce Lauria, Jennifer Rodriguez (Coned), Edwin Hernandez, Justin Rivera, (City Planning), Samantha Bright, Vincent Gugliardi, Charles Roland, Keith Gerard.

Acceptance of Minutes

Loretta Cauldwell – Quorum Present

Public Session – Agnes McBeth, Community & Youth Liaison, Office of DA McMahon introduced Jillian Wolf, ADA – 2025 Reduction in violent crimes on Staten Island. Three years in a row with NYPD. Only 2 murders in 2025. Lowest in recorded history. Youth & Juvenile crime climbing. 2026 will be a top priority. Shred Event in April. Catalytic Converter Event coming soon. Pet Calendar is ready, please take one.

Meaghan Dicks – Covering for Makeda Campbell of Senator, Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office. 2025 Update, 11 Bills signed into Law. Governor Hochul will sign Bill on Medical Aid in dying. Thousands of dollars for the Council of Arts including Alice Austen House and St. George Theatre. Department of Finance at the St. George Library on February 12th to help constituents with Homeowner Exemption.

Prince Cobbina – CCRB – Annual Report for last year. Youth Advisory Council meets monthly with NYPD. Go to CCRB.Gov.

Hanane Dbajat, Assemblyman, Sam Pirozzolo's office – Introduced herself.

Sergey Chuprik, NYC Comptrollers' office – Mark Levine is the new NYC Comptroller.

Mario Buonviaggio – BESS – Warwick NY Fire. Dangerous situation. We have sent two dozen emails to Elected Officials with no response. (Note: On January 23, 2026, Press Conference with BP Vito Fossella regarding the dangers of BESS in residential areas of Staten Island.)

DSNY – Joseph Ottomanelli Q&A on Pails/Bins etc.

Vendor Website is presently offline Customer Service 212-291-1220, Monday-Friday. If you did not purchase a NYC Pail, go to Home Depot. Use the voucher you received in the mail and receipt from Home Depot for a refund. If you purchased online, you will receive a refund. Go to the Department of Finance website for more information.

Composting is back as of January 5, 2026. Resumed violations. If you don't have compost, you don't have to put out an empty pail.

Q&A

Answers to questions asked.

Send all concerns about excessive trash and sidewalks to DSNY.

A black bag cannot be put out without a garbage pail for residents with 1-9 units. For overflow of bags, wait until the next pickup.

Leaves should be put in compost bin.

Metal is for recycling days of pickup. Trees for recycling days.
Street sweeping schedule is usually weekly.
Brook Street, illegal dumping. Reach out to DSNY.
For illegal dumping of electronics, Special Waste Dumping Site, Muldoon Avenue Exit off the South Bound West Shore Expressway.
Website here: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dsny/what-we-do/programs/special-waste-drop-off.page>

We will issue a violation for any excessive trash left in front of the house.

Fear of retribution for putting in complaints, we can investigate.

Recycling can be in a regular plastic bag without a bin.

Joan Cusack said we are under mass engagement with the new mayor. Strictly enforcing Charter Rules. With board members and quorums. Need to enforce these rules. You need to come up to the front of the room to speak with a microphone.

Officers' Reports in the packet.

First Vice-Chairman, Anthony Cosentino – CB1 is doing well. Looking for better attendance at our meetings.

Second Vice-Chairman – Catherine Schiavone – Excused

Third Vice-Chairman, Friday Ogbewe – No report.

Secretary, Loretta Cauldwell – Email me, lkcauldwell@gmail.com for excusals to our meeting especially after Linda Maffeo retires beginning of April 2026.

Treasurer, Sunny Jain – Report in the package.

Chairman, Nicholas Siclari – Excused

Parliamentarian, Catherine Schiavone – Excused

Sergeant at Arms, John Guzzo –

District Manager, Joan Cusack –

Functional Committee Reports:

1. **Land Use, George Turner** – Henderson Avenue Project – First in person meeting since Covid. Hillside Preservation. Large site for 4-single family homes with ADU's (City of Yes). These are for grandparents or young adults of the family starting out.
Land Use Vote: 13 yes, 1 no.

Motion to approve application as presented.

Full Board Vote: 26 yes, 1 no.

Waterfront, Joe Ahlstrom – No meeting in December due to the holidays. January 27th meeting. Agenda: JFK-Pier 1 extended to original length. Brooklyn Ferry is running smoothly. Inviting EDC to our February meeting for updates.

Public Services, Sunny Jain – No major issues with snow removal. Let us know if there are issues with a particular street.

Youth Services, Katherine Coen & Mohan Radhakrishna – The 120th Holiday party was a success. Each child received pajamas, a toy and picture with Santa. The generosity of CB1 was great. Thank you to Loretta Cauldwell for getting the word out. Meeting on January 28th with NYC Law Delinquency Unit Family Court. Thank you Agnes McBeth for making that happen. This year one focus is mental health of our youth. March 2nd World Teen Wellness Day, Zoom Presentation.

Rules & Legislative Affairs, Anthony Cosentino/Katherine Coen – No Meeting.

Budget & Finance, Anthony Cosentino – Preparing a Statement of Needs for next month.

Transportation, Catherine Schiavone – Excused. No meeting.

Labor, Robert Holst – Excused.

Parks & Recreation, Anthony Cosentino – Ball Field has been renamed for Norman Light a former Board Member and Parks Chair who passed away. It has been approved with ceremony to follow sometime in the future. Thank you Nicole Brooks for working on this. The February joint meeting with Silver Lake and West Brighton will feature a presentation about Revere Street Park Renovation.

Cultural Affairs - Anthony Sgarlato – Excused.

Health and Human Services, Fran Reali – Absent.

New Brighton/St. George/Tompkinsville, Claudette Duff - JFK Pier 1 Issue discussed. 70+ people were in attendance. No meeting in January.

West Brighton/Randall Manor, Anthony Cosentino – No agenda, no meeting. Thank you to Katherine Coen.

Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Grymes Hill/Westerleigh/Willowbrook, Joe Ahlstrom – Excused.

Rules & Legislative: Anthony Cosentino & Katherine Coen -

Rosebank/Shore Acres, John Guzzo – No meeting.

Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond/Elm Park/Arlington, Selina Grey & Dora Berksteiner – No Meeting.

Stapleton/Clifton/Concord, Peter Lisi- No Meeting. Next meeting 1/22/26 Hybrid. Flooding issue on Bay Street near Chase Bank. Need all the agencies to fix this, DDC, DEP, DOT. Bay Street and Prospect Street MTA Bus Stop Flooded. Work is being done on Bay Street and Canal but now stopped. "Love Your Park" We now have a fountain at Tappan Park. Bathroom facilities need to be up and running. North Shore Action Plan is developing. People who passed who should get a street naming: Nilsa Cruz, Olivia Brennan, Cynthia Mailman.

"Never Giving Up" story – Harland David Sanders – Kentucky Fried Chicken.

Old Business/New Business

Adjourned 7:36 PM

CB1 Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes for January 28, 2026

Attendance: Agnes McBeth (RCDA), Elleana Deschamps (Diversion/Community Coordinator for Family Court), Daniel Costello (Assistant Borough Chief, Family Court), ACC Ashlyn Pendergraft, Katheleen Coen, Radhakrishna Mohan.

The meeting began, via Zoom, at 5:30.

Ms. Deschamps had prepared a slide presentation regarding the process of adjudicating youthful offenders in the criminal justice system. The treatment of cases is very specific to the age of the individual, the nature of the incident, the impact to the victim(s) and the available support system to the accused.

Daniel Costello explained that a consideration of those factors will determine whether an individual is prosecuted in Criminal Court or Family Court. There is a presumption of removal to Family court up to the age of 18. Mr. Costello continued that the goal of Family Court is to do what is in the best interest of both the accused AND the community.

Ms. Pendergraft discussed the strict confidentiality that is mandated in Family Court cases.

Agnes McBeth brought up the issue of the "Raise the Age Law". She noted that juvenile crimes are exploding across NYC. The legal definition of "adult" in criminal prosecutions has been raised from 16 to 18 since 2018. Crime on city buses, attacks on students taking public transportation to get to school, violence at the Staten Island Mall, among other issues are increasing.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Coen

CB1 Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 29, 2026
6:30 p.m. Zoom

Attendees:

Committee Members

Catherine Schiavone, Chair
Christopher Campbell
Anthony Cosentino
Kate Coen
Sean Sheil, Exc
Mohan Radhakrishna, Abs

Voting Non-Board Members

Charles Olson, Abs
Lindy Peter Crescitelli, Abs.

Guests

Anisa Bekteshi, NYC Department of Transportation
Christopher Lee, Director Government and Community Relations, Port Authority
Matthew Paugh, Port Authority Traffic Engineering
Captain Rubel, PANYNJ
Sergeant Freeman, PANYNJ
Neil Anastasio, Forest Regional Civic Association

The meeting began with discussions about the Staten Island St. Patrick's Day parade, focusing on public safety concerns and the need for portable bathrooms along the parade route. Traffic safety updates were provided regarding speed bumps and stop signs, along with confirmation of successful changes at the ferry terminal. The Port Authority and local stakeholders presented collaborative efforts to address traffic congestion issues around the Staten Island port and bridges, including improvements to truck processing, traffic management, and infrastructure upgrades.

Next steps

- [Anisa \(DOT\): Reach out to MTA about how to trade in old MetroCards for OmniCards and report back to Neil.](#)
- [Anisa \(DOT\): Take another look at the Fort Place/Belmont Place intersection, and if no further improvements are possible from DOT's perspective, reach out to NYPD to request stepped-up enforcement at that location.](#)
- [Port Authority \(Chris/Team\): Share congestion day notices and ship/empty container updates with Community Board 1 for distribution to local civic associations.](#)
- [Port Authority \(Chris/Team\): Continue to send traffic/congestion notifications to Community Board 1 and consider making notifications more user-friendly \(e.g., color-coded likelihoods\).](#)
- [Port Authority \(Chris/Team\): Proceed with installation of two additional cameras near Forest Avenue intersection and Gulf Avenue outbound section for improved traffic monitoring, as referenced in the presentation.](#)

- [Port Authority \(Chris/Team\): Begin rehabilitation of Outerbridge Crossing as per 10-year capital plan, including overnight lane closures and necessary operational impacts, with updates to community as work progresses.](#)

Summary

Traffic Safety Updates and Improvements

Anisa provided updates on two traffic safety issues. She reported that Forest Avenue speed bumps near Silver Lake and Victory Boulevard are functioning as designed, though the pavement markings will be refurbished soon. Regarding the Fort Place and Belmont Place intersection, Anisa acknowledged concerns about the staggered stop signs causing confusion and traffic backups, and agreed to investigate potential improvements while also consulting with NYPD about enforcement. Anisa also confirmed that the transition to a single OmniCard vending machine at the ferry terminal has been successful with no reported issues.

Traffic Management Improvement Updates

The meeting focused on traffic management improvements in the Port Liberty area, with Anisa reporting that commercial operators were warned against blocking entrances and exits, and temporary cameras and BMS boards were installed by PANYNJ to address traffic congestion. The Port Authority team, including Chris Lee and Matthew Paul from Traffic Engineering Operations, along with Captain Rubel and Sergeant Freeman from the Port Authority Police, presented updates on their successful mitigation plan involving traffic lights and painting work with the DOT. Captain Rubel has transferred off Staten Island. Sergeant Freeman confirmed that the new captain would continue the ongoing support for residents and businesses in the area.

Gulf Community Traffic Congestion Solutions

The Port Authority and local stakeholders are collaborating to address traffic congestion issues in the Gulf Community area, particularly around Gulf Avenue and Goethels Road North. Chris explained that the Port Authority, as a landlord port, has worked with their tenant to implement several improvements, including opening the terminal earlier and hiring additional labor to speed up truck processing. The Port Authority, NYPD, and DOT have been working together to manage traffic flow and divert trucks away from congested areas, with the DOT approving signage upgrades and allowing the installation of cameras and signs. Sgt. Freeman highlighted the cooperation between PAPD and NYPD in managing traffic and resources in the area, particularly at busy intersections like Forest Ave and Goethels Road North.

Goethels Road Traffic Diversion Updates

Matthew presented updates on traffic congestion mitigations along Goethels Road North, focusing on the Gulf Avenue diversion. He explained how trucks are rerouted to reduce congestion at the port, working with PAPD, NYPD, and DOT. Matthew detailed the monitoring system using cameras and data collection to trigger the diversion when traffic thresholds are met. He noted a significant decrease in congestion since implementing these measures. The Port Authority is also installing additional cameras near the Forest Avenue intersection to enhance monitoring and decision-making.

Staten Island Community Board 1
Area Committee Meeting: Silver Lake/Sunnyside/Westerleigh
Minutes of January 21, 2026 Meeting

Attendance: Joe Ahlstrom, Kate Coen, Friday Ogbewele, Michael Morrell, Bruce Lauria, Sunny Jain, Andrew Dormer and Franklin Marra

The meeting was conducted via Zoom and began at 6:30 pm. A liquor license for Dough on Victory Blvd. is up for renewal. Joe Ahlstrom stated that his understanding is that Community Boards no longer have the right of review for liquor and cannabis license applications.

The Committee agreed that further clarification on this matter would be appreciated.

Joe noted that the SI Parks Commissioner is working on an improvement project at the Playground and Tennis Courts in Silver Lake Park.

The Committee will request the OCM to present at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held, via Zoom at 6:30 on Tuesday February 17.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Kate Coen

**Mariner's Harbor/Port Richmond Area Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026, 7:00 PM**

No proprietors or representatives for liquor or cannabis license.

Attendance:

Charlene Burke,
Delores Brennan,
Everette Wattley
Friday Ogbewele,
Katheleen Coen
Dora Berksteiner

DEP Representatives were: Chune Huang, Marlon King, R. Burney, Alicia West, and Mario Bruno.

DEP presented on the upgrades to their plant located at 1801 Richmond Terrace, Staten Island, NY, 10302

Summary of DEP Presentation on Plant Upgrade Plans

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) delivered a presentation to the committee, including a Q&A session, lasting approximately 45 to 50 minutes. The presentation outlined the proposed plan for the plant upgrade, which includes the following key components:

- Expansion of the current office space building, with an additional floor to create a two-story structure.
- Construction of a new interior electrical room for the generator switchgear.
- Interior improvements and minor roof-level work at the Sludge Processing Building (Motor Control Center-C).
- Installation of a new underground duct bank.

Project Timeline:

Construction is scheduled to begin in **August 2026** and finish in **April 2029**.

During the presentation, DEP addressed issues related to **noise levels** and **trucking deliveries** throughout the construction period. Committee members raised concerns about the proposed plan to line up **three to four concrete trucks** along Richmond Terrace, noting that this would cause significant disruptions and negatively impact an area that already experiences heavy traffic congestion.

In response, DEP stated that they are aware of these concerns and will revisit them as the project design and logistics are further developed. DEP also said that they will return to the board to provide updates as the project progresses.

DEP has requested that **Community Board 1 (CB1)** send a formal letter confirming that DEP presented the plant upgrade plan to the board and the board had concerns regarding the significant negative impact the construction will have on traffic in the area during that period.

Adjourned: 7:55 PM

**Community Board 1 - Staten Island
Stapleton/Clifton/Concord/Park Hill Area Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, January 22, 2026, 6:30 pm
Stapleton Library
132 Canal Street and Virtual on Zoom:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85289328780>
Meeting ID: 852 8932 8780**

(Open Agenda Item)

NYC DDC, DEP, MTA, DOT

Ongoing flooding problem on the corner of Bay Street & Prospect Street, in front of MTA Bus Stop. Water stays there every time it rains, then freezes, creating a hazardous condition for pedestrians, vehicles and people boarding MTA buses. Need to know status of new sewer storm drain system promised by NYC on Bay Street between Prospect Street & Canal Street.

Also, Bus stop on Canal Street side of Stapleton library next to CarParts store floods every time it rains and water is left in the street and freezes.

Committee discussed options to get this problem fixed. It was decided that when snow melts away the committee will invite a representative from the following agencies: NYC DDC, DEP, MTA, DOT, to an area committee meeting to finally address this flooding situation and conduct a walking tour of the problem.

Meeting Adjourned