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Minutes of the Regular Monthly Full Board meeting

April 15, 2025, at 7:00 PM

Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC of Staten Island

1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314

<https://vimeo.com/1076130146>

Chair Fred R. Guinta called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM beginning with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Attendance Roll Call: Rosanne Clift conducted the attendance roll call. A quorum was present.

Shawn Abraham	[P]	Julie Freeman	[A]	Dr. Allan B. Perel	[P]
Olu A. Ajayi	[P]	Roy J. Garlisi	[P]	Florida Qello	[P]
Valerie Aliffi-Maroney	[P]	Andrew Guido	[P]	Leutrim Qoku	[A]
Marc Alvarez	[P]	Fred R. Guinta	[P]	Dr. Ram Raju	[P]
Igor Baboshkin	[A]	Jordan Hafizi	[A]	Gerald J. Ruggiero	[P]
Thomas Backis	[P]	Gurdev S. Kang	[P]	Dr. Donna Seminara	[P]
Rosanne Clift	[P]	Dr. Mohammad Khalid	[P]	Joseph Torres	[P]
Dr. Deborah Cognata	[A]	Michael Lanza	[A]	Stephen W. Zaderiko	[P]
Benjamin D'Amato	[P]	Diane L. McNamara	[P]	Steven J. Zboinski	[P]
Simone DiTrapani	[P]	Mendy Mirocznik	[A]		

Staff Present:

Debra A. Derrico, District Manager.

Elected Official's Representatives Present:

Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis: Lily Zafarannloo

Council Member David Carr: Elena Brady

Mayor Eric Adams: Vanesa Lirnani

Assembly Member Michael Tannousis: Andrew Suarato

Richmond County District Attorney: Ryan Crimmins

Elected Officials: Representatives Continued

Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton: Miranda Garcia-Cassani

Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo: Nick Robbins

Guests Present:

Anisa Bekteshi of Department of Transportation

NYPD Ambassador Jermaine Williams

Jennifer Miller of NYC Parks Department

Keith Bradford

Lynda Thompson

Willin Hans

Robert Oliveri

Peter Dimiceli

Acceptance of the Proposed Agenda.

Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the proposed agenda. A motion was made and seconded. The agenda was unanimously approved.

Acceptance of March 18, 2025 Full Board Minutes

Chair Guinta called for a motion to accept the minutes. A motion was made and seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved.

Officers' Reports:

Chair: Fred R. Guinta: Chair – No report

Gerard J. Ruggiero: First Vice Chair – No report.

Roseanne Clift: Second Vice Chair - No report.

Ben D'Amato: Third Vice Chair – No report.

Shawn Abraham: Secretary - No report.

Roy J. Garlisi: Treasurer - The March Treasurer's report is accurate and complete. A copy was filed in the board office.

Public Speakers' Session:

Peter Dimiceli of Protect our Children

- Peter Dimiceli spoke out against battery storage systems that could cause respiratory issues in children.

Robert Oliveri of Con Edison

- Robert Oliveri introduced himself and said if anyone needs anything they can contact Debra Derrico, and she will contact him.

Ryan Crimmins of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office

- Ryan Crimmins reported the District Attorney's office was able to secure a ten-year prison sentence for an individual who was found guilty of criminal sale of a controlled substance in the second degree. Another individual who was found to have possession of illegal firearms in his home, was sentenced to six years in prison. The office recognized National Crime Victim's Rights Week with a candlelight vigil for the victims and their families. April 26, the office will be having a community clean-up in honor of Community Service Day and Earth Day.

Miranda Garcia-Cassani of Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office

- Miranda Garcia-Cassani reported that the Senate is debating the house budget. Senator Scarcella-Spanton fought for the budget to include community organizations, the JCC Sunrise Day Camp SIEDC, the Staten Island Chamber of Commerce, and the Red Cross of Greater New York. Secondly, the senator helped pass a bill to create a fair and efficient evidence-sharing process. In addition, she passed a bill to restore the twenty-year service retirement for New York City police officers and a bill that makes sure officers receive fair recognition for their dedication by increasing their annual salary. Lastly, the senator is trying to pass a bill that would address the unconsented removal or tampering with a sexually protective device, also known as stealthing.

Jennifer Miller of the New York City Parks Department

- Jennifer Miller of the NYC Parks Department reported on some upcoming events.
- To learn more, click here: <https://www.nycgovparks.org/>

NYPD Ambassador Jermaine Williams

- Jermaine Williams of the NYPD reported on the Kevin and Avonte Program. In addition, he reminded people, if you see a parked vehicle overnight that shouldn't be there call 311.

Andrew Suarato of Assembly Member Michael Tannousis' Office

- Andrew Suarato announced that Assembly Member Tannousis' office will be holding a couple of clean-up events including one on April 22nd from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM for Earth

Elected Officials: Representatives Continued

- Day and one on May 3rd at Oakwood Beach from 10 AM to 12 PM. Lastly, in collaboration with Staten Island University Hospital, the office will be having their 2025 Boardwalk Bash at the Franklin D. Roosevelt Boardwalk on Friday, June 20th from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. The rain date will be June 27th for the same time.

Nick Robbins of Sam Pirozzolo's Office

- Nick Robbins announced the office will be holding a shoreline clean-up behind Clifton Train Shop on Front Street and Edgewater Street.

Anisa Bekteshi of the Department of Transportation

- Anisa Bekteshi announced they will be having a motorcycle training event on Saturday, May 3rd from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The event will be at parking lot number eight on Father Capodanno.

Standing Committee Reports:

Land Use: Ben D'Amato

City Planning Application Number: N 250012 ZCR; N 250013 ZCR, 252 Benedict Road Block 872; Lot 114. Application seeks City Planning Commission Certifications for restoration plans and future sub-division to legalize an existing in-ground pool and cabana in an R1-1 zoning district within the Special Natural Area District (SNAD) in the Todt Hill.
Board Members Vote: In-Favor 21; Oppose 1; 0 Abstain; 0 Not Entitled.

BSA Application No. 2025-07; 1717 Richmond Road, Block 887, Lot 7. Application for a Special Permit to permit on a site with V1-2 (R1-2 zoning district, the operation of an accessory drive-through facility operating in conjunction with an eating and drinking establishment (Starbucks).

“Resolved, that the application be opposed unless and until the following conditions are satisfied”

1. Reconfigure the exit to prevent left-hand turns onto Richmond Road from the drive-through.
2. Garbage needs to be contained, and the exterior cleaned regularly throughout the day.
3. The drive-through area needs to build a line-busting area.

Board Members Vote: 21-In-Favor; 0- Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not Entitled.

Old Business

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Fred R. Guinta

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