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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Community Board 2
BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes
February 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC of Staten Island
1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314
[https://youtube.com/live/ HN5WOPqxcw](https://youtube.com/live/HN5WOPqxcw)

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

Staff Present:

Debra A. Derrico, District Manager.

Elected Officials' Representatives Present:

State Senator Andrew Lanza: Bill Matarazzo

State Senator Jessica Spanton-Scarcella: Paul Matrecano

Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis: Sherry Diamond

Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo

Continued: Elected Officials' Representatives Present:

Assembly Member Michael Reilly: Denise Pacheco

Assembly Member Michael Tannousis: Amalia Kostalas

Councill Member David Carr: Elena Brady

Borough President Vito Fossella: Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca

Richmond County District Attorney Michael McMahon: Sophie Selwood

City Council Member 51: Frank Rapaccioolo

Guests Present:

Over one-hundred area residents

Staten Island NYPD Ambassador: Jermaine Williams

NYC Parks Departments: Jennifer Miller

Mark Moss: Harisch Studios

Patrick Tumoney: CTV

Steve Clohessy: Staten Island Borough Coordinator for CERT

NYPD Officer Gricel Cruz

NYPD Detective Kelly

Thomas Backis

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 the January 21, 2024, 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. 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

No Report

Public Speakers' Session:

Anthony Santamaria of Ninedot Energy

- Expressed that Ninedot Energy is focused on bringing clean energy to New York City neighborhoods.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo

- Sam Pirozzolo gave a lengthy report to why we shouldn't have battery energy storage system in our community.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Sherry Diamond of Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis' office

- Sherry Diamond expressed the congress members' opposition to the battery energy storage system.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Marie Carmody- LaFrancesca of Borough President Vito Fossella's office

- Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca voiced the borough president's opposition to the battery energy storage system.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Elena Brady of Council Member David Carr's office

- Elena Brady expressed Council Member Carr's opposition to the battery storage energy system.

- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Paul Matrecano of Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's office

- Paul Matrecano reported that even though the Senator is not a part of the district where these batteries will be placed, she is still opposed.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Steve Clohessy, Staten Island Borough Coordinator of the Community Emergency Response Team.

- See attached article <https://www.silive.com/news/2025/02/take-your-battery-projects-elsewhere-staten-island-residents-confront-energy-developer-at-heated-community-board-meeting.html>

Frank Moreno

- Frank Moreno discussed why he opposes the battery energy storage system.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Bill Matarazzo of Senator Andrew Lanza's Office

- Bill Matarazzo expressed the Senators opposition to the battery energy storage systems.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Amalia Kostalas of Assembly Member Michael Tannousis' office

- Amalia Kostalas read a statement from Michael Tannousis' regarding his opposition to battery energy storage systems.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Fred DiTommaso

- Frank DiTommaso discussed his opposition to the battery energy storage system.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Shawn Abraham, Secreatary of Community Board 2

- Secreatary Shawn Abraham had multiple questions for Ninedot Energy about the battery energy storage system.

Chief Tommy Currao of Fire Prevention

- Chief Currao Reported on the FDNY's responsibility regarding the battery energy storage system.

Chief Matthew Quinn Hazmat Operations

- Reported on the FDNY's responsivity regarding the battery storage systems.

Sadia Malik, Owner of Manor Plaza and Residential Property on Westwood Avenue.

- Sadia Malik condemned the battery energy storage systems.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Jessica Pinto

- Jessica Pinto condemned the battery energy storage systems.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Janie Ho, Former Deputy Editor at the New York Daily News

- Jaine Ho condemned the battery energy storage systems.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Sophie Selwood, representing Richmond County District Attorney Michael McMahon, was joined by the associate Karina Lipman

- The co-defendant in the 2021 music studio crime was sent to 15 years in prison.
- At the end of January Michael McMahon met with other district attorneys to discuss the commitment to end the Discovery Reforms of 2019. The reforms resulted in defense attorneys using the reforms to dismiss criminal cases based on technicalities.
- The office has partnered with Uber for the St. Patrick's Day Parade to prevent drunk driving. Uber is offering two \$10 credits to any user on Staten Island to ensure safety of those who are celebrating.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

George Todorovic, Deputy director of NYC Department of City Planning, Staten Island Office

- The office has a temporary office space at 60 Bay Street on the fourth floor.
- The city of yes for housing opportunity has had significant modifications. Transit oriented development within half a mile of the Staten Island Railway stations now exclude R1 and R2 zones; there's no more low density in the proposal.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Jennifer Miller representing the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation

- The Dongan Hills Playground reopened to the public after
- At Midland Avenue and Father Capodanno Boulevard on March 1st there will be a meditation activity. The urban park rangers are going to lead a guided exercise at 11:00 A.M.
- Staten Island Recreation will host a She's on Point event in celebration of national girls and women in sports day at 11:00 a.m.

- Lifeguards are being hired currently; the last opportunity to take the test is March 10th at Curtis High School. Registration is on the NYC Parks Department website.
- To hear her report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

Jermaine Williams, Staten Island Ambassador for the NYPD

- The NYPD has adopted the Safe Home program. Individuals are going to be assigned to someone who has dementia, Alzheimer's, or a disability. People will be located by a wrist band with an identifying number. A missing squad personal will be able to locate the person to the best of their ability. If interested call 212-694-7781.
- To hear his report click: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z6L0IU64dH8>

That concludes with the Public Speakers' Session.

Standing Committee Reports:

None

Old Business

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully Submitted by Fred R. Guinta, Chair