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THE CITY OF NEW YORK
Community Board 2
BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND

Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes

June 17, 2025, at 7:00 PM.

Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC of Staten Island

1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314

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<https://youtube.com/live/lG6jRxcEjY>

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

Staff Present:

Debra A. Derrico, District Manager

Elected Officials' Representatives Present:

State Senator Andrew Lanza: Robert Birkhead

State Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton: Miranda Garcia-Cassani

Elected Officials' Representatives Present Continued:

State Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo: Nick Robbins

State Assembly Member Michael Tannousis: Amalia Kostalas and Ian Yandi

Mayor Eric Adams: Vanesa Limani

City Council Member David Carr: Justin B.

Staten Island Borough President Vito Fossella: Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca

Richmond County District Attorney: Ryan Crimmins and Domenick Torchio

Guests:

NYPD Staten Island Ambassador Jermaine Williams

Jennifer Miller, New York City Parks Department

Keith Bradford, New York Public Library

Mike Matteo, Staten Island Advance

Mike Stanton, CTV Production Staff

E. Granatelli

Deborah Quintano

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 May 20, 2025, at 7:00 PM, Full Board Minutes

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

Presentation: NYC Department of Transportation will showcase their Proposed Victory Boulevard and Safety Improvements- **Delayed to September.**

Public Speaker Session:

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

- Miranda Garcia-Cassani reported that the Senate passed 31 bills, in addition to the budget, sponsored by the senator. 33 veterans' bills were passed, 3 public safety bills, 3 affordability bills, and 3 public health bills.
- To hear her full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Amalia Kostalas of Assembly Member Michael Tannousis's Office:

- Amalia Kostalas announced that the Assembly Member's office will hold their annual boardwalk bash on June 20th. It is the office's health and resource fair. The fair will be from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM and it will be located at the Franklin D. Roosevelt boardwalk, near parking lot 8 and the turtle fountain. If anybody has any issues with any statewide agencies feel free to contact the office.
- To hear her full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Staten Island Borough Director to Mayor Eric Adams, Vanesa Limani:

- Vanesa Limani, who previously worked for State Senator Scarcella-Spanton, announced that she just joined the mayor's office and if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact her.
- To hear her full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Assistant District Attorney Domenick Torchio of the Richmond County District Attorneys' Office:

- Domenik Torchio announced that if anyone has any questions or concerns feel free to contact him.
- To hear his full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Ryan Crimmins of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office:

- Ryan Crimmins reported that recently, the office secured a 22-year prison sentence for Adam Kamagate, who was responsible for the death of his 18-month-old child. During the proceedings, Kamagate submitted documents to his attorneys that were laced with illegal drugs. Fortunately, the substances were identified before anyone was harmed.
- About a year ago Obadiah Lashley struck an older Jewish man on the back of his head with a metal bat, after saying anti-Jewish rhetoric. The office was able to secure three and a half years for this crime.
- To hear his full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Jennifer Miller of the New York City Parks Department:

- Jennifer Miller announced some upcoming events. Click here to watch her full report <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>
- Staten Island Beaches are open for swimming and lifeguards will be on duty from 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM. There will be red flags posted when there is no lifeguard on duty or if

it's unsafe to swim. NYC public pools will open Friday, June 27. They will be available from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM, with an hour break, then reopen from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM
Public Speaker Session Continued:

- You can help shape the future of the urban forest in New York City by taking a community questionnaire at <https://inform.urbanforestplan.nyc/>

NYPD Staten Island Ambassador Jermaine Williams

- On July 16th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM there will be a harmony day with activities, food and interactions with NYPD officers
- August 5th is National Night Out from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM, in lot number 8 at the Midland Beach Boardwalk.
- To hear his full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Nick Robbins of Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo's Office

- Nick Robbins shared that the office's third annual family fun day will be taking place Wednesday, August 20th from 11 AM to 2 PM at Willowbrook Park. There will be dozens of community organizations present that are going to have resources, giveaways, activities, and the carousel will be free.
- To hear his full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Justin B. of Council Member David Carr's Office:

- Justin reported that the council member funds something known as the cleaning teams. If you notice that there's trash or overgrowth, contact the office and they will come and take care of it.
- If you're somebody who is elderly or has a disability and cannot bring their e-waste to the Staten Island DSNY e-waste site, you can contact the office, and they will send somebody out there to come and take it just as long as you can get it outside of the house.
- To hear his full report click here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IG6jRxcEJrY>

Officers' Reports:

Fred R. Guinta: Chair

- Menachem 'Mendy' Mirocznik has served as a Court Attorney to the Hon. Orlando Marrazzo, Jr. in various Civil Courts since 2009. Since 2020, he has supported Justice Marrazzo in presiding over Richmond County's Supreme Court, Civil Term. He conducts legal research and analysis, reviews cases, and drafts decisions. Between 2001 and 2008, he supported various Housing Court Judges for New York City's Civil Court. He began his career in 1997 as a Legal Intern for Main Street Legal Services, representing indigent

clients regarding public assistance benefits and benefit termination. Mirocznik is a graduate of Touro College, from which he obtained a Political Science B.A. He received his J.D. from CUNY School of Law and was the President of the Jewish Law Students

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Association. He has been an active member of Community Board 2 since 2010, a board member of the Jewish Community Center of Staten Island since 2014, and President of the Council of Jewish Organizations of Staten Island since 2012. Fred R. Guinta invited Mendy to speak and expressed his gratitude to the chairman, his fellow community board members, representatives of elected officials, and the community stakeholders. Mirocznik reflected on the honor of serving on the board for the past 15 years, both as Parliamentarian and Chair of the Law Committee. He emphasized the board's deep commitment to the community and its residents and shared how proud he is to have played a role in that work over the years. He concluded by expressing his full confidence that, under the leadership of Fred R. Guinta, the board will continue to uphold the same values and high standards.

Gerard J. Ruggiero: First Vice Chair:

No report.

Rosanne Clift: Second Vice Chair

No report.

Ben D'Amato: Third Vice Chair

No report.

Shawn Abraham: Secretary

No report.

Roy J. Garlisi: Treasurer

The May Treasurer's report is accurate and complete. A copy was filed in the board office.

Election of Board Officers:

In the absence of Florida Qello, Thomas Backis presided over the election of Board Officers. The original slate of officers was reelected.

Chair – Fred R. Guinta

First Vice Chair – Gerard J. Ruggiero

Second Vice Chair – Rosanne Clift

Third Vice Chair – Ben D'Amato

Secretary – Shawn Abraham

Treasurer – Roy J. Garlisi

Standing Committee Reports:

- Joseph Torres stated that the Department of Transportation's presentation was delayed because the redesign pending to improve public transportation on Victory Boulevard was rejected by Community Board one. The opposition was based on the loss of parking near the Silver Lake Houses. Our district is less densely residential, so we do not anticipate the same objections. As it pertains to loss of parking, we may receive some objection from merchants who feel that would adversely impact patronage. The more pressing issue is congestion. Some proposals discussed in our committee meeting involved merging two lanes of traffic into one to accommodate a timed bus lane. The Department of Transportation will be conducting a traffic analysis over the course of the summer. In September we will have those findings, and we will make an informed decision as to what is the best course of action.

Old Business

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment:

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

Respectfully submitted,
Fred R. Guinta, Chair