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Regular Monthly Meeting of the Full Board Minutes

March 18, 2025, at 7:00 P.M.

Joan & Alan Bernikow JCC of Staten Island

1466 Manor Road, Staten Island, NY 10314

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuwklwAkKr4>

Chair Fred R Guinta called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM beginning with a salute to the United States Flag

Swearing in Ceremony:

Marie Carmody-LaFrancesca of Borough President Vito Fossella's office swore in our new board member Thomas V. Backis.

Attendance Roll Call:

Rosanne Clift, Second Vice Chair conducted the attendance roll call. A quorum was present.

Shawn Abraham	[P]	Julie Freeman	[P]	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	[P]
Marc Alvarez	[A]	Fred R. Guinta	[P]	Dr. Ram Raju	[A]
Igor Baboshkin	[A]	Jordan Hafizi	[A]	Gerald J. Ruggiero	[P]
Thomas Backis	[P]	Gurdev S. Kang	[P]	Dr. Donna Seminara	[LOA]
Rosanne Clift	[P]	Dr. Mohammad Khalid	[P]	Joseph Torres	[P]
Dr. Deborah Cognata	[P]	Michael Lanza	[P]	Stephen W. Zaderiko	[A]
Benjamin D'Amato	[A]	Diane L. McNamara	[P]	Steven J. Zboinski	[P]
Simone DiTrapani	[P]	Mendy Mirocznik	[P]		

Staff Present:

Debra A. Derrico, District Manager.

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Elected Officials' Representatives Present:

Ryan Crimmins of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office
Nicole Kaye of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office
Marie Carmody-La Francesca of the Staten Island Borough Halls Office
Andrew Suarato of Assembly Member Michael Tannousis' Office
Paul Matrecano of Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spanton's Office
Lily Zafaranloo of Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis's office
Nick Robbins of Assembly Member Sam Pirozzolo's office
Loren Centineo of Council Member David Carr's office.

Guests Present:

Rosemary Algerio of the NYC Department of Transportation
Vanessa Quinones of St. Johns Residence
Jennifer Horsley of St. Johns Residence
Jenniffer Miller of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation
Prince Cobbina of the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board
Jermaine Williams, Ambassador for SI NYPD
Carol Donovan, president of the Richmond Town/ Clarke Avenue Civic Association
Victoria Carstensen, Deputy Director of the NYC Department of Transportation
Frank Lamiquiz
Michael Virga
Aiyllis Hershkowitz
Steve Hershkowitz
John De Pietro

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 February 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.

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Officers' Reports:

Chair: Fred R. Chair – No report

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

Second Vice Chair: Rosanne Clift - No report.

Third Vice Chair: Ben D'Amato - Absent

Secretary: Shawn E. Abraham - No report.

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

Public Speakers' Session:

Ryan Crimmins of the Richmond County District Attorney's Office

- Ryan Crimmins reported on the upcoming Discovery Statute and requested the board's support. of changes to New York's Discovery Laws proposed in Governor Hochul's Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget
- To hear his full report watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuwklwAkKr4>

Paul Matrecano of Senator Jessica Scarcella-Spantons Office

- Paul Matrecano reported that the senator's office will be holding Iftar dinners for Iftar season. Additionally, they are hosting an Earth Day event where artwork can be submitted to the office and displayed on their website. Lastly, there will be an Italian American athletic scholarship; for information on how to apply contact Paul Matrecano.
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Jenniffer Miller of the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation

- Jennifer Miller announced upcoming events the department is holding including hikes, a traveling zoo, and a Women in wildlife conservation event. In addition, construction will begin on the Greenbelt Recreation Center basketball courts, and parts of Clove Lake Park will close due to ongoing work
- To hear her full report watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuwklwAkKr4>

Prince Cobbina of the New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board

- Prince Cobbina announced the 2024 annual CCRB report is out and reported on Staten Island statistics, comparing them to the other borough's statistics.
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Jermaine Williams, Ambassador of SI NYPD

- Jermaine spoke about the Kevin and Avonte Safe Home program for those with Autism, Alzheimer's, and Dementia. The program helps locate those individuals if they go missing.
- To hear his full report watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuwklwAkKr4>

Carol Donovan, president of Richmond Town / Clarke Avenue Civic Association

- Carol spoke about the issue of helicopters flying over residential areas. She reported having contacted Lily Zafaranloo from Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis' office, as well as representatives from the state senate, assembly, and the Council Member's office.
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Lily Zafaranloo of Congress Member Nicole Malliotakis's office.

- Lily spoke about how the Congress Member is working on the issue with the helicopter tour operators coming from Linden, New Jersey
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Andrew Suarato of Assembly Member Michael Tannousis' office.

- Andrew Suarato did not report any events; however, he announced anyone has any questions, they can feel free to contact him.
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Loren Centineo of Council Member David Carr's office.

- Loren Centineo reported that if you have any questions feel free to contact her.
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Presentation: Shanna Palmer of NYC Department of Environmental Protection presented the Melvin Avenue Pump Station Rebuild Project in Travis. To hear her full report watch here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZuwklwAkKr4>

Standing Committee Reports:

- Joseph Torres reported that there was an executive committee meeting on March 11. The committee reviewed a Cannabis Retail Dispensary application proposed to locate at 51C Richmond Hill Road. The establishment is called Big Dipper NYC LLC.

VOTE:

March 11, 2025: 3-In Favor; 4-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not entitled

March 18 Full Board Vote: 1-In Favor to approve; 22-Opposed; 0-Abstained; 0-Not entitled

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Also, on March 11th, Jennifer Horsley, Executive Director at St. John's Residence presented plans to change the provider at a girl's detention center located at 1133 Forest Hill Road. The former provider was Children's Village, and the new provider will now be St. John's Residences. They are committed to continuing to provide the same essential services to the young women residing there.

VOTE:

March 11, 2025 - Committee Members unanimously supported St. John's Residence proposal as presented.

March 18 Full Board – Board Members unanimously supported St. John's Residence proposal

Legislative Review, Law and Ethics Committee:

Mendy Mirocznik spoke about his opportunity to attend the Statewide District Attorneys Association. He reported that regardless of the political affiliation of the District Attorneys, all the Attorneys support District Attorney Michael McMahon's Discovery Laws.

VOTE: Board Members voted unanimously in support of changes to New York's Discovery Laws proposed in Governor Hochul's Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget

Old Business

None.

New Business:

None.

Adjournment:

Having no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Fred R. Guinta
Chair, Community Board 2