



**BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
COMMUNITY BOARD #3**

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**COMBINED PUBLIC HEARING AND
GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

DATE: March 25, 2025

TIME: 7:00 pm

PLACE: In Person at Our Lady Help of Christians Auditorium - 23 Summit Street, SI NY 10307.

The Agenda for the General Board Meeting will be as follows:

1. Attendance

2. Community Contact Session

3. Approval of the Minutes

4. Officer's Reports

Chairman of the Board
1st Vice Chairman
2nd Vice Chairman
3rd Vice Chairman
Treasurer
Secretary

Frank Morano
Thomas Barlotta
Jerome Goldman
Owen Reiter
Diane Peruggia
Robert DiGennaro

5. District Manager's Report

6. Committee Reports

Budget
Community Alliance
Ethics, Rules, Bylaws & Regulations
Health & Human Services
Land Use, Planning, and Zoning
Parks & Environmental
Traffic and Transportation

Danny Venuto
Jerome Goldman
Jeff Geary
Diane Peruggia
Thomas Barlotta
Albert Klingele
Danny Venuto

7. Old Business

8. New Business

9. Adjournment

Attendance

Atalla	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fleming	✓	Kozak	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reiter	✓
Barlotta	✓	Fontaino	✓	Marco	✓	Riccardelli	✓
Bonomi	✓	Francesce	✓	McKeon	✓	Sanders	✓
Bozza	✓	Gallo	✓	Morano	✓	Santoro	✓
Carlo	✓	Geary	✓	Morano,F.P	✓	Setteducato	✓
Ciacciarelli	✓	Goldman	✓	Perfetto	<input type="checkbox"/>	Sheikh	✓
Conway	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hagen	✓	Peruggia	✓	Tabacco	<input type="checkbox"/>
DiGennaro	✓	Iervasi	✓	Pistilli	✓	Venuto	✓
Donahue	✓	Kiernan	✓	Rapacciuolo	✓		
Felicetti	✓	Klinge	✓				

Board Staff Present: Susan LaForgia, Stacey Wertheim

Board Members Present: 32

Board Members Not Present: 05

Representatives:

Robert Birkhead, Representing, Senator Andrew Lanza
Justin Bolusi, Representative, Councilman David Carr
Christina Bungy, NYPD 123pct. Community Affairs PO
Victoria Carstensen, Deputy Commissioner, Staten Island Department of Transportation
James Clinton, Press Secretary, Richmond County District Attorney's Office
Susan Conlon, Representative, Richmondtown & Clark Avenue Civic
Marie Carmody LaFrancesca, Director of Constituent Services, SI Borough President Fossella
Vito Fossella, Borough President, Staten Island
Amalia Kostalas, Constituent Liaison, Assemblyman Michael Tannousis
Eric Miller, NYPD 123pct. Community Affairs PO
Denise Pacheco, Representative, New York State Assemblyman Michael Reilly
Frank Rapacciuolo, Deputy Chief of Staff, Councilman Joe Borelli
Ashley Travaglone, Richmond County District Attorney's Office
Jermaine Williams, NYPD Staten Island Community Ambassador, Community Affairs Bureau
Lily Zafaranloo, Director of Community Affairs, Congresswoman Nicole Malliotakis
Video Production, Staten Island Community Television

PUBLIC CONTACT SESSION: Members of the community may speak for a specified time, as determined by the Board Chair, on any issue of interest to the community.

- Borough President Vito Fossella vowed to oppose the potential siting of a transient hotel at the corner of Arthur Kill Road and Richmond Valley Road in Charleston. He has contacted multiple city agencies, which informed him that they will do everything possible to prevent this and will work to stop it.
- A few hundred community residents and activists gathered to voice their concerns over the proposed construction of a 4-story transient hotel at 4932 Arthur Kill Road. Many attendees spoke passionately about issues such as safety, the potential impact on property values, insufficient infrastructure, and the lack of public input in the planning process. The community expressed strong opposition and made their views regarding the development clear.

MINUTES

Chairman Frank Morano moved to accept the minutes of the General Board meeting held on February 25, 2025.

Vote: In Favor 32 Opposed 0 Abstentions 0

Atalla	<input type="checkbox"/>	Fleming	✓	Kozak	<input type="checkbox"/>	Reiter	✓
Barlotta	✓	Fontaino	✓	Marco	✓	Riccardelli	✓
Bonomi	✓	Francesce	✓	McKeon	✓	Sanders	✓
Bozza	✓	Gallo	✓	Morano	✓	Santoro	✓
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Felicetti	✓	Klinge	✓				

OFFICER REPORTS

Chairman's Report – Frank Morano

Motion: We strongly oppose the siting of the proposed homeless shelter at 4932 Arthur Kill Road for the following reasons:

1. **Size and Bulk of the Building:** The size and bulk of the proposed shelter would be out of character with the surrounding community. The scale of the building is inconsistent with the neighborhood's existing structures and would significantly negatively alter the local landscape.
2. **Setback Requirements and Roadway Widening:** The proposed project fails to adequately address the necessary setbacks required for the widening of Arthur Kill Road. This would further exacerbate traffic congestion and safety concerns, especially given the proximity of the project to residential and commercial areas.
3. **Drainage Concerns:** The project lacks sufficient details regarding its drainage plan. Without a comprehensive stormwater management strategy, there is potential for flooding and other drainage-related issues that could impact both the surrounding community and the local environment.
4. **Negative Impact on Local Businesses:** The proposed shelter would have a detrimental effect on local commercial businesses. The addition of such a facility could deter potential customers and clients, ultimately leading to a decline in economic activity in the vicinity.
5. **Opposition to the Warehousing of People:** We are opposed to the warehousing of unhoused individuals in large-scale shelters that are disconnected from the broader community. We believe that unhoused people should have access to affordable housing within their communities, rather than being placed in facilities that further isolate them.

Second: Thomas Barlotta

Discussion: Dennis McKeon and Frank P. Morano offered friendly amendments to the motion

Vote: In Favor 32 Opposed 0 Abstentions

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Barlotta	Y	Fontaino	Y	Marco	Y	Riccardelli	Y
Bonomi	Y	Francesce	Y	McKeon	Y	Sanders	Y
Bozza	Y	Gallo	Y	Morano	Y	Santoro	Y
Carlo	Y	Geary	Y	Morano,F.P	Y	Setteducato	Y
Ciacciarelli	Y	Goldman	Y	Perfetto		Sheikh	Y
Conway		Hagen	Y	Peruggia	Y	Tabacco	
DiGennaro	Y	Iervasi	Y	Pistilli	Y	Venuto	Y
Donahue	Y	Kiernan	Y	Rapacciuolo	Y		
Felicetti	Y	Klinge	Y				

2nd Vice Chairperson – Jerome Goldman

No Report

3rd Vice Chairperson – Owen Reiter

No Report

Secretary – Robert DiGennaro

No Report

Treasurer – Diane Peruggia

No Report

Executive Board Statement

The Executive Board would like to express our deepest appreciation to Chairman Frank Morano for his remarkable 38 years of dedicated service to Community Board 3. Throughout his tenure, Chairman Morano's unwavering commitment to the betterment of our community, his constant engagement, and his tireless advocacy for what is right have made a lasting impact. His leadership in pushing for necessary changes, particularly in zoning, has been instrumental. Frank's expertise, passion, and volunteerism will be greatly missed, and we are grateful for his invaluable contributions to CB3 and our community.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

BUDGET – Danny Venuto

No Report

COMMUNITY ALLIANCE – Jerome Goldman

Self-explanatory

ETHICS, RULES & BY-LAWS – Jeff Geary

Self-explanatory

- Unfortunately, attendance remains a persistent issue, which hinders our ability to operate at full capacity and make informed decisions in a timely manner. I urge all members to stay committed to attending meetings and actively participating in the board's work moving forward.
- Chairman Morano will resign as of March 31, 2025. In accordance with our bylaws, we will be accepting nominations tonight for the position of Chairman and from the floor at the next General Board meeting. With that, I would like to nominate Thomas Barlotta as Chairman of Community Board 3 formally.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES – Diane Peruggia

Self-explanatory

LAND USE – Thomas Barlotta

Self-explanatory

PARKS & RECREATION & ENVIRONMENTAL – Albert Klingele

Self-explanatory

TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION – Danny Venuto

Self-explanatory

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

- James Clinton, Press Secretary, Richmond County District Attorney's Office addressed the need for reform of the New York State Discovery Reform laws, highlighting the District Attorney's concern about the current law's impact on public safety; and stated the District Attorneys Association of the State of New York (DAASNY) has identified reforming the Discovery Reform as their chief legislative priority for this year. The current statute has led to hundreds of thousands of case dismissals due to technicalities and loopholes, thereby posing a threat to public safety.
- Attached for reference: Resolution in Support of Governor Hochul's Proposed Changes to New York State's Discovery Laws

Motion: By Owen Reiter

Second: Danny Venuto

In Support of Changes to New York’s Discovery Laws Proposed in Governor Hochul’s Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget

WHEREAS, in criminal cases discovery is the process by which the prosecution provides evidence to the defense. Defense attorneys review evidence prior to trial to prepare for a defense or to negotiate a plea deal, and

WHEREAS, early and thorough discovery of evidence that could prove or undermine the government’s case is not only fair to defendants, but also facilitates meaningful plea discussions and efficient resolution of cases, and

WHEREAS, in 2019, New York reformed its discovery laws creating Criminal Procedure Law Article 245, and

WHEREAS, prosecutors are now obligated to collect all material that “relates to” a case within New York’s uniquely short timeframes, and then to certify that they have turned over the entirety of evidence by filing a Certificate of Compliance (COC), and

WHEREAS, the breadth and scope of discoverable material under New York’s new discovery statute is unparalleled nationwide, and includes any material that merely “relates to” an incident regardless of its utility, relevance, or admissibility, and

WHEREAS, New York is the only state in the nation that ties its discovery laws to its speedy trial laws, and the only state in the nation that requires cases to be dismissed due to minor discovery violations,

WHEREAS, judges are dismissing cases solely because prosecutors cannot provide every last piece of discoverable material--no matter how meaningless or irrelevant--in the time frames required by the law, and

WHEREAS, as a result, prosecutors are expending their limited resources making repetitive, and often futile, efforts to chase down records – the vast majority with no evidentiary value – in tens of thousands of cases, and

WHEREAS, the current laws create unreasonable drain on resources and forces DA offices to make difficult decision on which cases they can prosecute, and

WHEREAS, according to OCA data, speedy trial dismissals in the State of New York jumped from 12,398 cases in 2019 to 42,212 cases in 2023. The number of speedy trial dismissal would likely be higher if data from Town and Village Courts were included.

WHEREAS, each of these cases dismissed represents a victim of a crime who does not see justice in their case, and

WHEREAS, Governor Kathy Hochul has included language in her Fiscal Year 2026 Executive Budget to amend New York’s discovery statute, and

WHEREAS, the Governor’s proposal would clearly define the subset of discoverable materials that must be turned over before the prosecution can certify their compliance with their discovery obligations to avoid the dismissal of a case, and

WHEREAS, under this standard, prosecutors would be able to certify their compliance once they have turned over all materials relevant to the subject matter of the charges against the defendant in the instant case in the prosecutor’s actual possession after exercising good faith and due diligence to collect materials, and

WHEREAS, the proposal would ensure that other remedies are used in circumstances when violations are minor, such as instances when the defendant does not suffer any prejudice, while still allowing for mandatory dismissal of any case in which the prosecution fails to provide the most important material that the statute requires.

WHEREAS, even with these needed amendments, New York State would still have the most open and transparent discovery regime of any state in the United States, and

THEREFORE, let be resolved, that Community Board 3 of Staten Island calls on the New York State Legislature to pass the discovery amendments that were included in the 2026-2027 Executive Budget in order to ensure justice for victims, while maintaining the rights of those accused of crimes.

Vote: In Favor 32 Opposed 0 Abstentions

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The meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Frank Morano
Chairman