



BOROUGH OF STATEN ISLAND
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Ethics, Rules & By-Laws Committee Report

Date: March 11, 2026

Time: 6:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Diane Peruggia, *Chairman of the Board*

Jeff Geary, *Chair, Ethics Committee*

Vincent Bonomi

Joseph Carlo

Robert DiGennaro

Dennis McKeon

Owen Reiter

Danny Venuto

Board Members Present

John Galarza

Jerry Goldman

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, *District Manager*

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Guests

Thomas Barlotta, former Board Member

Agenda

The Law Department previously recommended that Community Board 3 remove the following provisions from the By-laws. The Law Department's role in this matter is advisory in nature, and its recommendations do not constitute binding determinations but are provided for the Board's consideration.

- Article III, Section 3(d) – Duties of the First Vice Chairperson
The Law Department advised that this provision is in contradiction to other sections of the By-laws and should therefore be removed.

Motion: To delete this paragraph from the By-laws pending receipt and review of supporting documentation.

Vote: In favor 8; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Peruggia Y; Geary Y; Bonomi Y; Carlo Y; DiGennaro Y; McKeon Y; Reiter Y; Venuto Y

Motion Passes

- Article X, Section 3(a) – Voting Rights
The Law Department advised that this provision conflicts with the New York City Charter and should be removed.

Motion: To delete this paragraph from the By-laws pending receipt and review of supporting documentation.

Vote: In favor 8; Opposed 0; Abstentions 0

Peruggia Y; Geary Y; Bonomi Y; Carlo Y; DiGennaro Y; McKeon Y; Reiter Y; Venuto Y

Motion Passes

- Proposed By-law Appendix – The Law Department previously provided suggested language that Community Boards may consider using for the staff hiring process.

When a staff vacancy occurs, or a new staff position can be filled, the DM shall advertise the vacancy as proscribed by NYC policy and the Board's directives. The DM shall then review the resumes received, select the applicants to be interviewed, conduct the interviews, and select the person to be hired. All such activities shall be conducted in conformance with the applicable Civil Service and labor relations provisions as well as with the Board's directives. The Chair shall review the DM's selection(s) and, unless deemed unreasonable, provide the necessary sign off. In the event the Chair does not approve of the DM's recommendation, the DM shall continue the hiring process and, if necessary, solicit additional applications.

Motion: Add the new appendix to the By-laws.

Vote: In favor 6; Opposed 2; Abstentions 0

Peruggia Y; Geary Y; Bonomi Y; Carlo Y; DiGennaro N; McKeon Y; Reiter N; Venuto Y

Motion Passes

Discussion

The Committee held a brief discussion regarding excused and unexcused absences and the number of acceptable absences. Due to time constraints, the discussion will continue at the next meeting.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Respectfully submitted,

*Jeffrey Geary, NCARB
Former AIA President
Ethics Committee Chair CB3*