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Full Board Meeting
 Thursday, September 26, 2024
 7:00 p.m.

Einstein College of Medicine’s Lubin Dining Hall
 Abraham Mazer Building
 1200 Van Nest Avenue
 Webex Meetings
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MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

1. Conduct Statement
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Moment of silence for our fallen first responders and medical and military service personnel, and for those suffering throughout the world
4. Gallery Session: *Speakers receive an initial, two (2) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time; only those [registered](#) will be called upon*
 - a. Board member Martin Dolgow, Holy Name Society: Street Co-Naming
M. Dolgow provided background on his organization and Anthony Merolla.
 - b. Mx Miguel Dyer, Community Member: A welcome to the new Chair
M. Dyer asked for a round of applause for CB11’s first elected Latin-American Chair and spoke about other items.
 - c. Ronald Colangelo, 1900 Seminole Av: 1900 Seminole Av
R. Colangelo spoke about a meeting he attended and another item.
 - d. Gene DeFrancis, AIM: Festival
G. Francis announced that the Allerton International Merchants Association Festival has been moved from October 12 to October 26 due to Yom Kippur.
 - e. Grace Marrero, ABBA: Hip Hop Festival
G. Marrero announced that her fourth annual Hip Hop Festival will be on October 12.
 - f. Robert Press, self: Ethics complaint
R. Press spoke about a complaint he’s filing with the Ethics Committee.
 - g. Diana Finch, CB11 resident: trees on Pelham Parkway

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D. Finch spoke about the Parks Committee’s FOIL request.

C. Rodriguez reminded the Board that we are supposed to be here for the betterment of the community: “I, myself as an individual, don’t have the power to speak for 125,000 people. As such, I think it important that we maintain professionalism when we’re dealing with our city agencies because at the end of the day, we do rely on them regardless of whether we agree or disagree with them.”

h. Roxane Delgado, self

R. Delgado spoke about the FOIL request, among other items.

5. Chair’s Report

a. Introduction of new members:

- i. Francis Steve Benitez
- ii. [Patrizia Cambria](#)
- iii. Dr. Toutou Moussa Diallo
- iv. Alex Ellefson
- v. KaDarra Lowe
- vi. Jacqueline Lutnick
- vii. [Dammag Nasser](#)
- viii. [Dierre D. Taylor](#)
- ix. Lisa Velella

b. Motion to DISBAND all non-standing committees, excluding the Bylaws Committee

UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

c. Interfaith Committee [proposal](#)

A member of the public, J. Perez, was given the floor to explain his proposal. After much back and forth, J. Perez withdrew the proposal.

6. Treasurer’s Report

V. Castro reported that her report has been submitted. Anyone with questions should contact her.

7. Secretary’s Report

a. Review of Meeting Minutes

The DM (District Manager) reported that Harriet and he are working on the minutes.

8. District Manager’s Report

a. June Transportation [letter](#)

The DM asked the Board to look at the edited letter and get back to him with any edits or concerns before he distributes it next week.

9. Committee Reports

a. Economic Development

i. Motion of NO OBJECTION for the following cannabis and/or liquor license applications:

(1) Patricia’s Pizza & Pasta, 1082 Morris Park Ave:

[renewal LWBC \(liquor, wine, beer, cider\)](#)

(2) Tana Thai Restaurant, 1890 Eastchester Rd: [renewal WBC](#)

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

(3) Universe Café, 929 Morris Park Avenue: [new WBC](#)
UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

(4) Excite Unlimited, 975 Allerton Avenue: [new cannabis](#)
PASSED with 19 IN FAVOR, 7 AGAINST (K. Allen, W. Hewlett-Betts, D. Kawalick, N. Pemberton, J. Randell, S. Unger and J. Wilson) and 7 ABSTENTIONS (P. Cambria, S. Deleon, R. F. Fuchs, J. Lutnick, O. Selkridge, S. Perez and L. Velella).

b. Parks & Recreation

i. Motion to FOIL the Bronx Parks Department for its survey of trees, twenty-three of which are slated for removal, as a result of the Pelham Parkway Malls Partial Reconstruction [project](#)
PASSED with 1 AGAINST (J. Wilson), 6 ABSTENTIONS (W. Hewlett-Betts, S. Deleon, J. Luciano, S. Perez and C. Rodriguez) and 1 RECUSAL (O. Selkridge).

ii. Motion to SEND a letter to the Parks Department requesting closure of Eastchester Playground nightly, according to schedule
PASSED with 1 AGAINST (N. Pemberton) and 1 RECUSAL (O. Selkridge).

c. Transportation

i. Motion of NO OBJECTION for the coming [application](#) for Anthony J. Merolla Holy Name Society Place
Discussion took place on petition signatures.
The motion was tabled until the end of all committee reports.

ii. Motion to SEND a letter to the City Department of Transportation Commissioner, expressing support for the addition of a protected two-way bike lane on Pelham Parkway North from Stillwell to Bronxwood Avenues
R.M. Fuchs reported that the motion was withdrawn by the Committee and will be revisited at the October Committee meeting at which the MTA will also be present.
R.M. Fuchs commended G. Francis on changing the date of his street festival.
Rabbi M. Fuchs thanked Councilmember Marmorato for providing funds for a parking facility at the station.

d. Leadership

R. Reynoso reported that October calendar has been distributed.

e. Community Development & Budget Priorities

R. Barthel spoke about the Fiscal Year 2026 budget priorities. Anyone with requests should send them our way.

f. Education, Culture & Youth Services

M. Elhakam announced that she is the new Chair of the Committee and S. Perez is Co-chair.

g. Ethics & Disciplinary

N. Pemberton announced that she was re-elected Chair of the Committee and J. Wilson has become Co-chair.

Motion that the Board partner with Grass Roots again in November.

The DM apologized for forgetting to put this motion, which was approved in committee, on the agenda and, therefore, asked N.

Pemberton if she could briefly explain Grass Roots for everyone, which she did.

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED.

a. Health & Social Services

i. Letter of support for the New York State Nurses Association

S. Unger announced that she and J. Rubino were re-elected chairs of the Committee.

S. Unger that a presentation was made from ARIVA. They would like to use the community board office 1 day a week.

Jeremy asked that someone from ARIVA contact him.

Next month there will be a speaker from the Black Nurses Association.

She is awaiting information from Bronx Cancer Care,

b. Housing

i. DSS Blondell Shelter

R. Reynoso reported that the DM and he along with two council members and others visited the shelter this summer.

R. Reynoso announced that the City of Yes: Housing Opportunity was passed yesterday by the City Planning Commission. Next vote is by the City Council.

Lastly, he announced that he and J. Randall were elected chairs of the Committee.

c. Land Use

O. Selkridge stated that he is the Acting Chair of the Committee until its next meeting.

d. Public Safety

E. Rodriguez stated that he is still the Acting Chair of the Committee due to a lack of quorum at the last meeting.

The DM stated that he would attempt to arrange for the new 49th Precinct Commander to come to the next committee meeting.

e. Sanitation & Environmental Protection

The DM reported that there is no Committee Chair presently. The Sanitation Department is scheduled to come to the October meeting to speak about the new rules regarding waste collection.

Motion of NO OBJECTION for the conaming [application](#) for Anthony J. Merolla Holy Name Society Place

PASSED with 1 AGAINST (D. Kawalick).

10. Elected Officials: *Elected officials receive an initial, five (5) minutes of uninterrupted speaking time, and they may respond to at most only four (4) questions or comments by board members, and only board members, without any time restrictions; surrogates are afforded the same courtesy as their principal but are limited to two (2) minutes of initial speaking time*

a. Bronx Borough President's Office

K. Agosto reported the budget allocations for the fiscal year, among other items.

b. Council Member Marmorato's Office

M. Nitis announced upcoming events.

c. Council Member Riley's Office

K. Bolt announced upcoming events, among other items.

d. Mayor's Office

A. Dowe Neighborhood Support Teams which is part of local law 102 which deals with quality of life issues. She explained Operation Padlock which closed down illegal smoke shops, among other items.

e. U.S. Representative Ocasio-Cortez's Office

D. Nuñez announced upcoming events.

f. State Senator Bailey's Office

R. Ali announced upcoming events.

g. Assembly Member Zaccaro's Office

E. Weinberg announced upcoming events.

11. Old Business

The DM iterated what the Board Chair stated in the gallery.

12. New Business

There being no new business, the meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

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- Abstain from all forms of harassment by actively discouraging it.
- Disseminating false information is prohibited.

	Name	26-Sep	24-Oct	21-Nov	19-Dec	23-Jan	27-Feb	27-Mar	24-Apr	22-May	26-Jun
1	Cynthia Rodriguez, Chair	I									
2	Richard Reynoso, Vice Chair	I									
3	Veronica Castro, Treasurer	I									
4	Hazel Miura, Secretary	E									
5	Harry Santaella, Sgt. At Arms	I									
6	Edgar Aguirre	I									
7	Kadian Allen	I									
8	Ryan Barthel	I									
9	Francis Steve Benitez	A									
10	Patrizia Cambria	I									
11	Junior Campbell	E									
12	Staceyann Deleon	I									
13	Dr. Toutou Moussa Diallo	I									
14	Angel Diaz	E									
15	Mary Elhakam	I									
16	Alex Ellefson	I									
17	Avril Francis	R									
18	Rabbi Moshe Fuchs	I									
19	Kenneth Gelnick	R									
20	Wendy L. Hewlett-Betts	I									
21	Dewon Jones	I									
22	Debra Kawalick	I									
23	David Leavitt	E									
24	KaDarra Lowe	A									
25	Juan Luciano	I									
26	Jacqueline D. Lutnick	I									
27	Dammag Nasser	I									
28	Naomi Pemberton	R									
29	Susan Perez	I									
30	Shradhanand Pirtam	E									
31	Juanita I. Randall	I									
32	Eliezer Rodriguez	I									
33	Joanne Russo-Rubino	E									
34	Oral A. Selkridge	I									
35	Lisa Soto	I									
36	Dierre D. Taylor	I									
37	Joseph A. Thompson	I									
38	Sandra Unger	R									
39	Lisa Velella	I									
40	Janice Walcott	I									
41	Dwayne Williams	I									
42	Jeannette Wilson	I									
	Total Is:	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Total present:	26	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	26	0

Key

A - Absent E - Excused I - In-person attendance na - Not applicable nm - No meeting R - Remote attendance

*** - Counts toward quorum**