



General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, June 21st, 2018

Present: Angel Martinez, Brandon Ganaishlal, Cruz Garcia, Cleneth Dais, Daniel Porro III, Hannia Godinez, Henry Pleayo Jr., Isabelo Adames, James Tynan, Jennifer Ellison-Lackard, Juan Torres, Justin Westbrook-Lowery, Linda Brown, Lisa Diaz, Mohammad Mujumder, Nicholas Himidian Jr., Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Sarwar Jahan, Sharan Fernandez, William Rivera (DM)

Absent: Abunoman Rahman, Benigno Cuevas, Felipa Manaiza, Harry Dunlap, Jaime Feliberty, Venus Williams

Meeting Start Time: 7:15pm

Note: The Chairperson asked the audience to stand and pledge allegiance to the flag and a moment of silence.

Rev Dr. Sidney Hargrave, a public member, gave a brief prayer. He announced two prayer vigils for the community. He blessed the community and the community members.

Public Session

- 1. Mr. Fernando Cabrera**, Councilmember of District 14, was the first guest speaker. The Councilmember announced that he was able to secure 43,000 additional funding to the community boards in the borough of the Bronx.
- 2. Ms. Karines Reyes**, a candidate for the 87th Assembly District, was the second guest speaker. Ms. Reyes introduced herself to the Board.
- 3. Mr. Luis Sepulveda**, Senator of 32nd State District, was the third guest speaker. He announced that he had many bills passed but unfortunately, they could not maintain the cameras in schools and they plan on going into a legislative session to try again.

4. Ms. Laura James, was the fourth guest speaker

Note: The guest speaker was not present at the meeting. The Chairperson moved on to the next guest speaker.

5. Ms. Jasmine, from Catholic Charities, was the fifth guest speaker. They were at the meeting to announce their back to school event on July 20th, 2018.

6. Mr. Rady Miranda, was the sixth guest speaker. He gave some updates about new routes on the NYC ferries.

7. Mr. Terrell Merrill, from the Department of Education, was the seventh guest speaker. Mr. Merrill spoke about his outreach team and their goals. They go out and spread information in regard to education and information sessions throughout the community.

8. Mr. Rogier F. Van Vlissingen, a public member, was the eighth guest speaker. Mr. Vlissingen spoke about some activities his organization will be having. He announced two jump start programs for 36 patients to learn plant based diets.

9. Mr. Amadou Seck was the ninth guest speaker. Mr. Sec is from Dime National Bank. He told the audience his work credentials and he gave some examples of what his bank does for consumers.

10. Ms. Rubidia Delgado, from Ponce de Leon bank, was the tenth guest speaker.

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11. Mr. Daniel Porro III was the eleventh guest speaker. Mr. Porro III invited the audience to the next Seniors Connected meeting.

12. Mr. Peter Rosado was the twelfth guest speaker. On July 13, there will be a professional wrestling match happening at St. Helena's Church.

13. Ms. Aurora Carrion was the thirteenth guest speaker. She announced that National Night Out will be held at the Bruckner Plaza Mall Lot.

14. Ms. Darlene Jackson was the fourteenth guest speaker. She announced a global initiative to build relationships across communities. These initiatives serve to gather community members together to discuss issues in the community.

Business Session

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to go into the Business Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Loretta Masterson. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Elected Officials Report

1. Mr. Andy Toledo from the Borough President's Office, was the first representative speaker. He announced that the firework show will be held the following week. He thanked the Board Staff and Members for their work during the fiscal year.

2. Mr. Kenneth Burgos, from Congressman Ruben Diaz's Office, was the second representative speaker. Mr. Burgos announced that office is located at 2347 Lafayette Avenue. The Congressman's funding will remain the same and the programs in place during Annabel Palma's term will remain the same as well.

3. Ms. Josue Melendez, from Congressman Salamanca's Office, was the third representative speaker. He announced that there will be an HPD truck stationed in front of the Congressmen's office during the summer.

4. Mr. Devon Harris, from Assemblyman Marcos Crespo's Office, was the fourth representative speaker. He apologized for his attendance because he has started Graduate School, he will not be the liaison for a year. He announced an event during the summer at Morrison & Lafayette Avenues.

5. Ms. Jessica Reynoso, from the Public Advocate's office, was the fifth representative speaker. The public advocate wrote a letter demanding a plan to reunify families and members torn from them at the Border.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to approve the May 2018 General Board Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson asked the Board Members to look over information that will be released throughout the summer to discuss when the meeting begin. He announced that the money the Councilmember secured for the office will be used for expanding, digitizing the office, etc.

District Manager's Report

The District Manager announced that there was a shooting at Castle Hill Avenue. Shoprite will be open on July 28th, 2018. The Soundview Ferry will be open sometime in August 2018. He announced that he will be pushing for several changes with street cleaning rules in the district, he will be meeting with sanitation regarding the changes. The District Manager partnered with agencies to bring CPR training to the office again. Several agencies want to move the food inspection site to Zerega Avenue.

Note: At the end of the District Manager's Report. The Chairperson thanked the staff for their work and time at the office.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion to go into the Executive Session. The motion was seconded by Ms. Sharan Fernandez. The vote was unanimous.

Note: After the Executive Session, Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery introduced a few resolutions to be put on the record.

The first resolution was in regards to the post office and mail carriers. The post office has been having issues with mail being delivered due to mail carriers not having access to the buildings or the mailboxes being damaged. The resolution would be to enforce superintendents to give key access to mail carriers and to use proper mailboxes so that the process can be done effortlessly.

The second resolution was in regards to processed meat being served in NY schools. This resolution was created in conjunction with Mr. Rogier F. van Vlissingen. There are reports that processed meat can have detrimental effects on the body.

The third resolution was in regards to the City Charter Revision Commission. The resolution is to encourage members of the City Charter Revision to come up with ideas and formulas for appropriate budgeting between community boards and the amount of people they serve.

Mr. Justin Westbrook-Lowery put a motion on the floor to approve all three resolutions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nicholas Himidian Jr. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Committee Reports

1. Land and Zoning Committee – Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder, Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: The Chairperson put a motion to approve DCP M1 Tax Amendment. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mohammed M. Mujumder. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

2. Operations/Executive Committee – Mr. Nicholas Himidian Jr., Chairperson

Note: The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to support the soccer initiative at the Castle Hill Middle School. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lisa Diaz. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

3. Parks Committee – Mr. Jaime Feliberty

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

4. Public Safety Committee – Mr. Brandon Ganaishlal, Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

5. Social Services & Housing Committee – Ms. Rosemary Ordonez-Jenkins, Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

6. Youth and Education Committee – Ms. Venus Williams., Chairperson

Note: Minutes were submitted as is.

Note: The Chair and vice chair were not present at the meeting. The Chairperson of the Board submitted the minutes as is.

The Chairperson put a motion on the floor to adjourn the General Board Meeting. The vote was unanimous. The motion was passed.

Meeting adjourned 9:20pm