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## SPECIAL MEETING

MARCH 21, 2023

VIA WEBEX

### ROLL CALL

Madam Chairperson Fuller called the meeting to order. Ms. Fuller requested a roll call. There were 36 Members present, sufficient to meet the Quorum.

Madam chairperson Fuller requested that the candidates present to excuse themselves and sign back in at 6:15 PM.

Chairperson Fuller addressed Mr. Simon Weiser to give a brief discussion regarding the Candidates chosen as finalists for the District Manager Position.

Mr. Chesler asked if it was a Public Meeting given the fact that we were dealing with a personnel matter and a Special Meeting was called. In addition, noted that there were attendees at the meeting. Madam Chairperson Fuller asked the Attendees to exit the meeting.

Ms. Katie Denny Horowitz wanted to confirm if the Candidates would not be participating until 6:15. Chairperson Fuller confirmed that the candidates will be brought in after the discussion. Furthermore, noting that we were a bit behind schedule.

The Meeting was locked, however, there were still 3 attendees present. After their exit, Madam Chairperson Fuller asked Mr. Weiser to begin the discussion.

Mr. Simon “The meeting tonight is to vote on the district manager position for Brooklyn Community Board. 1. “I stated at the last full board meeting on March, 14 of this year that the search committee and executive committee will have a meeting on the March 15th to vote on the 3 finalists to present to the full board tonight. There was a discussion on the numerous resumes received and the candidates that were interviewed by the Search Committee and the Executive Committee. The Search Committee and the Executive committee voted on the 3 best qualified candidates for the positions. The candidates were as follows: Johana Pulgarin; Eric Bruzaitis and D’Shandi Coombs.

Mr. Weiser added, to be fair to all candidates the questions asked should be the same for both candidates. In addition, the full Board will have the opportunity to hear from the 2 top candidates and the candidates will have the chance to address the full board after the questions and answer session. Furthermore, asked the Board to be mindful of the time since the Board members have made themselves available today for this special meeting. Therefore, if a question was asked by a fellow member “please don't ask it again”.

At this time, Mr. Weiser instructed to call in the candidates however, Ms. Katie Denny Horowitz asked about the process. Madam Chairperson Fuller explained that the meeting was about the candidates; questions and answers and taking a vote for the DM position.

Ms. Katie Denny Horowitz added How we are going to be asking the candidate's question and how the search committee, or the leadership is approaching the Q and A portion of this meeting.

Ms. Del Teague stated that she believed the candidates were going to be interviewed separately.

Madam Chairperson went over the agenda. She indicated that we were at Agenda item #5 -questions and answers. Furthermore, the candidates will have the opportunity to address the full board with a closing statement (6).

**Mr. Paul Kelterborn:** Clearly, “I think our board needs a lot of help on the sort of technology front. So, I'm curious how we can improve how we function, using the technology we have, what other technology we should be considering using to better improve our communication and operations of our meetings and make our website more functional?”

**Ms. Jan Peterson:** “I'm extremely concerned about the fact that we have one person in the office, and we have the Marie Buenos position still lingering out there, and I really, think it's urgent that we get our full office functioning. What do you think if you become the DM, you could do to move that process, so we can hire somebody’.

**Mr. William Vega:** “if you become district manager what abilities would you have? Because one of the things the board, “I think we don't have is managing our time correctly as far as time management of our meetings, and to prioritize some committee meetings that needs to be voted on. Maybe we can switch it around.

Time constraint, “also, we may have some members that talk to 40 minutes or an hour. And it tends to be more about committees or board members talking just like to have your thoughts.

**Ms. Bozena Kaminski:** “you have been very good with maintaining the office and, I just want to know how strongly you feel that you will be also able to deal with the community board as the district manager knowing all those things that you already know?”

**Mr. Steve Chester:** “the question I have was related to representing the board at meetings and hearings and sessions, et cetera city agencies, talk about your experiences with that, and how that might evolve going forward. If you're the District Manager.”

**Ms. Katie Denny Horowitz:** “I think there's been a lot of frustration on this community board in terms of whether it's technology or communication or process or time management and so I'm curious if you have spent any time observing or researching how other Community board's function who maybe have better technology or more research sources to better technology approach, making this board more functional in your top Let's say 2 priorities and if after you identify those priorities, there are limitations. Let's just say financial or Managerial limitations to implementing your recommendations, how would you go about getting your ideas implemented?”

**Ms. Del Teague:** " I'm not sure that I understand what Steve's question was, I do believe you've been in touch with the other district managers have you started to communicate with them?

**Ms. Karen Nieves:** “I know this is such a huge issue for the board and for the community, and you had mentioned the idea about a newsletter because a lot of information is coming in and it's flooding us, especially when it comes to campaigns and everything going on, and as a board member some of the important information is getting missed, as far as the newsletter you had mentioned would that be once you get an associate to start compiling some information on what's going on in the community?”

**Rabbi David Niederman:** “Long term commitment. What is your broader outlook? How long would you stay on the Job because that is a key issue for everybody. It's important to understand, you know, not a year commitment, but your general Outlook, and this is just, you know, something that for the next year or 2 or 3 years. Or do you see that at something Fundamental to you in being able to improve and change the community as a whole and make Greenpoint and Williamsburg look even better?”

**Ms. Gina Barros:** Asked the question, “Are you were familiar with the Community District Needs Statements when identifying priorities for our district?”

**Mr. Sante Miceli:** Asked about improving the Liquor license application; the application can be 50 to 70 pages,” we keep receiving tons of email and the process is overwhelming. The meetings can run till 10 PM and longer. It would be beneficial if the process was improved upon: Digitalizing the process. For example, applications should come by address: dividing them by neighborhood: and not by name or business. They operate under doing business as a corporation making it impossible to trace. He suggested perhaps having a system of a Dropbox and folder, keeping a digitalizing system to trace legal license.

Madam Chairperson asked if there were any more questions, there were no more questions therefore, she announced that the questions and answer session was concluded. Madam Chairperson Fuller moved to the next item on the agenda closing statements from the candidates. She informed the applicants they had the option of staying for the vote after their closing statements.

Mr. Simon Weiser Chairperson of the Search Committee addressed the full Board. He thanked the Search Committee (Gina Barros; Del Teague; David Heimlich and Jan Peterson, he also thanked the Executive Committee.

He referred to the search committee meeting with the Executive Committee that was held on March 15, 2023. The members present were as follow: Chairperson Fuller; Del Teague; Gina Barros; Phil Caponegro; Sonia Iglesias. David Heimlich and Jan Peterson. Maria Viera was not present. The search committee and the executive committee voted on the 3 best qualified candidates for the District Manager position. the position. They agreed that the best candidates were Ms. Johana Pulgarin; Mr. Eric Bruzaitis and Ms. D’Shanda Coombs. Ms. Coombs withdraw her application late this afternoon as she was offered another job in a law school program and accepted. During the Search Committee meeting a motion was made by Philip and seconded by Del Teague recommended the 3 top candidates, the vote was unanimous with 8 Yes 0 no's 0 abstentions. Mr. Simon Weiser asked for a motion however, Ms. Del Teague asked if she could read a statement.

Madam Chairperson asked Ms. Del Teague to read a statement as to why the Search Committee recommended Johana Pulgarin as the top candidate for the DM position. After Ms. Del Teague statement there was a debate regarding the discussion of the candidates and the process of selecting the new District Manager. There appeared to be a confusion as to whether a motion was required, or we just got to a straight vote. Rabbi David Niederman made a motion, however, Mr. Chesler explained it should be a straight vote for the Candidate and the motion made must be withdrawn. Rabbi Niederman withdrew his motion.

There were still issues regarding the 3<sup>rd</sup> Candidate and Ms. Viera reiterate that Ms. Coomb withdrew her application late afternoon as she was offered another job. It was beyond our control that Ms. Coomb was no longer interested.

Madam Chairperson Fuller called for a roll call vote. Furthermore, Chair Fuller explained that when the board members name is called, they must say the name of the Candidate they are Voting for.

The outcome was:

**Ms. Johana Pulgarin 32 Votes Mr. Eric Bruzaitis 5 Votes**

Mr. Simon Weiser proceed to request a vote for the DM Salary. The Search and the Executive Committee voted unanimously 8 yes 0 no 0 Abs that the annual salary would be set at \$88,000. Mr. Chesler asked how they arrive at that figure. Madam Chairperson Fuller explained that we were given a salary range from OMB of \$58,000- \$88,000 and the community board members agreed to a salary of \$88,000.

Madam Chairperson called for a Roll call Vote.

The vote was as follows:

**34 Yes 0 No 2 Abs 0 Recusal**

Mr. Weiser gave a closing remark thanking the committees and the Board members who helped during this process. He gave thanks to Ms. Cory Kantin for helping with the advertising LinkedIn. He thanked Chairperson Fuller.

Madam Chairperson Fuller thanked the Executive Committee and the Search committee. She added that it was new territory for the Board and a lot of work obtaining legal guidance and direction from the City Agencies. It was not an easy process; however, we made it through. She added that it was a learning experience and hopefully we would be able to know what to do moving forward. She thanked the members taking the time out to attend this special meeting.

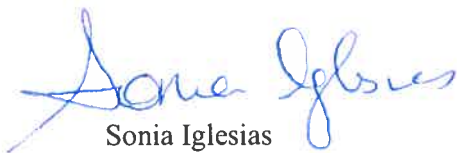
Ms. Johana Pulgarin was congratulated, and Ms. Drinkwater expressed her appreciation of Mr., Eric Bruzaitis.

Mr. Eric Bruzaitis thanked Madam Chairperson Fuller, Board and those who voted for him. He also congratulated Ms. Johana.

Madam Chairperson addresses the issue of our divisiveness and asked that we try to get along with one another and stop all the controversy. We needed to work as one unit for the good of our District and not self-interest.

Meeting was adjourned.

Submitted By:



Sonia Iglesias  
Recording Secretary



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March 17, 2023

## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**TO:** Community Board Members and Residents  
**FROM:** Dealice Fuller, Chairperson, Search Committee & Executive Committee  
**RE:** Scheduled Special Full Board Meeting  
(25 Members Constitute a Quorum for the Board)

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Please be advised that a Special Board Meeting of Brooklyn Community Board No. 1 will be held as follows:

**WHEN:** TUESDAY --- MARCH 21, 2023  
**TIME:** \* 6:00 PM \*  
**WHERE:** VIA WEBEX

(While we cannot meet in person, we will be meeting virtually. Below are options for you to connect)

**Event Address for Attendees:**

<https://nyccb.webex.com/nyccb/onstage/g.php?MTID=e3736333f6d5b6a1f958c51a3fbd4920b>

**Event Number:** 2343 468 0751

**Event Password:** p2tMQ3z5R7t

**Audio conference:** +1-646-992-2010 [New York City]

**Access code:** 2343 468 0751

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**\*A package to Board Members containing the three finalist resumes will follow.**

**SPECIAL BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

- 1. MOMENT OF SILENCE**
- 2. ROLL CALL**
- 3. DICUSSION -(MR. SIMON WEISER) 15 MINUTES**
- 4. CANDIDATES -WILL BE CALL INTO THE MEETING AT 6:15 PM**
- 5. QUESTIONS & ANSWERS FOR CANDIDATES**
- 6. COMMENTS FROM CANDIDATES**
- 7. VOTING**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT**

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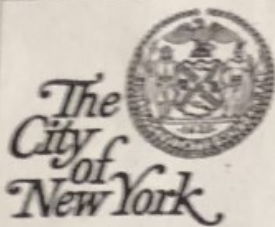
DATE: 3-21-23  
 1. Special Board Meeting  
 2. Note on the News  
 3. District Manager  
 4.  
 5. Role call

NAME	ROLL CALL 1ST	ROLL CALL 2ND	ROLL CALL 3RD	ROLL CALL 4TH	ROLL CALL 5TH
GINA ARGENTO					
BOGDAN BACHOROWSKI	✓				
LISA BAMONTE					
GINA BARROS	✓				
ERIC BRUZAITIS					
IRIS CABRERA					
PHILIP CAPONEGRO	✓				
FRANK P. CARBONE	✓				
STEPHEN CHESLER	✓				
MICHAEL CHIRICHELLA	✓				
THERESA CIANCIOTTA					
STEPHANIE CUEVAS					
RONAN DALY	✓				
GIOVANNI D'AMATO	✓				
ERIN DRINKWATER	✓				
ARTHUR DYBANOWSKI	✓				
LLOYD FENG	✓				
JULIA AMANDA FOSTER	✓				
DEALICE FULLER	✓				
CRYSTAL GARCIA	✓				
JOEL GOLDSTEIN	✓				
JOEL GROSS	✓				
DAVID HEIMLICH	✓				
SABRINA HILPP	✓				
KATIE DENNY HOROWITZ	✓				
SONIA IGLESIAS	✓				
MOISHE INDIG	✓				
ROBERT JEFFERY	✓				
BOZENA KAMINSKI	✓				
CORY KANTIN					
PAUL KELTERBORN	✓				
WILLIAM KLAGSBALD	✓				
YOEL LANDAU	✓				
MARIE LEANZA	✓				
YOEL LOW					
TRINA McKEEVER	✓				
ADAM MEYERS	✓				
SANTE MICELI	✓				
TOBY MOSKOVITS	✓				
RABBI DAVID NIEDERMAN	✓				
KAREN NIEVES	✓				
MARY ODOMIROK	✓				
JANICE PETERSON	✓				
BELLA SABEL	✓				
ISAAC SOFER	✓				
DEL E. TEAGUE	✓				
WILLIAM VEGA	✓				
MARIA VIERA	✓				
SIMON WEISER	✓				
TOTAL:	36				
TIME:	6:09				

Tally Sheet Distict Manager March 21, 2023	District Manager Candidates		
Member Name	Johana Pulgarin	Eric Bruzaitis	D'Shandi Coombs
Argento, Gina	No Vote		
Bachorowski, Bogdan	X		
Bamonte, Lisa	No Vote		
Barros, Gina	X		
Bruzaitis, Eric	Abs		
Cabrera, Iris	No Vote		
Caponegro, Philip	X		
Carbone, Frank	X		
Chesler, Stephen	X		
Chirichella, Michael	X		
Cianciotta, Theresa	No Vote		
Cuevas, Stephanie	X		
D'Amato, Giovanni	X		
Daly, Ronan	No Vote		
Drinkwater, Erin		X	
Dybanowski, Arthur	X		
Feng, Lloyd	No Vote		
Foster, Julia Amanda	X		
Fuller, Dealice	X		
Garcia, Crystal	X		
Goldstein, Joel	X		
Gross, Joel	X		
Heimlich, David	X		
Hilpp, Sabrina	No Vote		
Horowitz- Denny, Katie	X	X	
Iglesias, Sonia	X		
Indig, Moishe	X		
Jeffery, Robert		X	
Kaminski, Bozena	X		
Kantin, Cory	No Vote		



Kelterborn, Paul		X	
Klagsbald, William	X		
Landau, Yoel	X		
Leanza, Marie	X		
Low, Yoel	X		
McKeever, Trina	X		
Meyers, Adam	No Vote		
Miceli, Sante	X		
Moskovits, Toby	No Vote		
Niederman, David	X		
Nieves, Karen		X	
Odomirok, Mary	X		
Peterson, Janice M.	X		
Sabel, Bella	X		
Sofer, Isaac	X		
Teague, Del	X		
Vega, William	No Vote		
Viera, Maria	X		
Weiser, Simon	X		
<b>Vacant</b>			
<b>TALLY</b>	22	5	



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*Motion: Annual Salary - \$88,000*

**BOARD MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING** DATE: *3/21/23*

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Time: *8:32<sup>PM</sup>* Tally: *34* YES *0* NO *2* ABS *0* RECUSAL

*Motions Carried*