



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

Date: October 9, 2024

Time: 6:00PM

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board

Andrew V. Poznanski

Robert DiGennaro

Jeff Geary

Al Klingele

Danny Venuto

Board Members Present

Tommy Barlotta

John Felicetti

Owen Reiter

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, Interim District Manager

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Agenda

By-Law Changes

Community Board 3 Ethics, Rules, and By-Laws Committee introduced the following amendments to the By-Laws:

ARTICLE XI

REMOVAL OF MEMBERS FOR CAUSE

Section 7. Media Communication Policy

No member of Community Board 3 shall represent themselves as speaking on behalf of the entire board or disseminate any information regarding official board business—whether conducted in committee or full board meetings—to any media outlets. This includes, but is not limited to, verbal statements, emails, interviews, social media posts, or printed materials. All communications to media must receive prior approval from the Chairperson or the District Manager before being shared. Violations of this clause may result in disciplinary action, including the potential for immediate dismissal from the board.

Section 8. Just Cause for Removal Due to Disruption

Section 1: Disruptive Behavior

- a. In-person Disruption: Any behavior during in-person meetings that prevents the orderly conduct of business, including, but not limited to, yelling, physical intimidation, interrupting, and unauthorized speaking.

- b. Online Disruption: Any behavior during virtual meetings that impedes proceedings, such as interruptions, derogatory comments in the chat, unauthorized speaking, or unauthorized screen sharing.

Section 2: Procedure for Addressing Disruption

- a. Warning: A formal warning issued by the chairperson after the first disruption incident.
- b. Documentation: All instances of disruption must be documented with detailed accounts from witnesses and, if possible, footage or chat logs recorded.
- c. Meeting Suspension: The right to suspend the meeting if a board member's behavior continues to be disruptive after the Chairman has given a warning
- d. Notification of Review: Following the documentation of any member's disruptive behavior as defined in these by-laws, the Ethics, Rules, Bylaws, and Regulations Committee shall review the documented behavior. The Chairperson of the Ethics Committee shall inform the member under review via email, phone, or letter that their conduct has been reviewed and will be presented to the full General Board at the next meeting for a vote on the committee's recommendation.

Section 3: Removal Process

- a. Motion for Removal: Violations of this section may result in the immediate dismissal of the board member by a simple majority vote.

Whereas, the Community Board 3 Ethics, Rules and By-Laws Committee, introduced a Motion to amend Article XI of the By-Laws.

Therefore, be it Resolved, a Motion to Approve the amendment of Article XI was passed unanimously.

VOTE: In Favor 6; Against 0; Abstentions 0
Morano Y; Poznanski Y; DiGennaro Y; Klingele Y; Venuto Y; Geary Y;
Motion Passes

Board Member Review

During the September 24th General Board Meeting, board member Robert Bozza's conduct was scrutinized due to his significant disregard for protocol. His actions confused attendees and created considerable disruption in a meeting intended to serve the community.

The situation escalated dramatically when Mr. Robert Bozza hijacked the teleconference, attempting to share a document on-screen while stubbornly refusing multiple requests to relinquish control. This inappropriate behavior forced a staff member to intervene and expel him from the meeting to restore order, a necessary action highlighting the disruption's severity.

Mr. Boza's conduct has had far-reaching implications, severely undermining public trust in our institutions. His behavior reflects poorly not only on himself but also on the Community Board he represents.

Moving forward, all representatives must adhere to established protocols and maintain a level of decorum that respects the democratic process. The community deserves representatives who prioritize transparency and collaboration, not disruption and chaos.

Old Business - None

New Business

- Chairman Frank Morano announced that Andrew Poznanski will be stepping down from his position as Ethics, Rules & by-Laws Committee Chair. Jeff Geary was appointed to take over the role of Chairman. This transition ensures continued adherence to ethical standards and oversight within the Community Board.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morano
Chairman of the Board



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**Continuation of Discussion from 10/09/24
Ethics, Rules & By-Laws Committee Report**

Date: October 21, 2024

Time: 7:00 PM

Committee Members Present

Frank Morano, Chairman of the Board

Robert DiGennaro

Jeff Geary

Al Klingele

Danny Venuto

Board Members Present

Jerome Goldman

Staff

Stacey Wertheim, Interim District Manager

Susan LaForgia, *Community Coordinator*

Board Member Review

Motion:

I hereby move to remove Board Member Robert Bozza, effective immediately, from the board for conduct unbecoming of a board member during the General Board teleconference meeting held on September 24th.

During the meeting, Mr. Bozza displayed behavior that is inconsistent with the standards expected of board members, including:

1. **Failure to Recognize Floor Protocol:** Mr. Bozza did not seek recognition before speaking, disregarding established protocols designed to ensure orderly and respectful discourse among board members.
2. **Unauthorized Screen Sharing:** Mr. Bozza shared his screen without being granted the floor, further violating the meeting's procedural norms.
3. **Refusal to Comply with Requests:** When asked to cease screen sharing and release control, Mr. Bozza did not comply and continued his disruptive behavior. Because of his actions, a staff member had to remove him from the meeting to restore order.
4. **In Violation:** Mr. Bozza violates the New York Penal Code, section 156.05, unauthorized use of a computer.

These actions disrupted the meeting and undermined the board's authority and professionalism. Such conduct is detrimental to the collaborative environment necessary for effective governance and decision-making.

VOTE: In Favor 5; Against 0; Abstentions 0

Morano Y; DiGennaro Y; Klingele Y; Venuto Y; Geary Y;

Motion Passes

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Morano
Chairman of the Board