



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 December 9, 2024

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, December 9, 2024, at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Sabina Dorvile	Donald Loggins	Nina Sabghir
Carissa Alphonso	Joseph Dweck	Melissa Minnich	Joel Siegel
Gregory Alvarez	Hatem El-Gamasy	Ephraim Nierenberg	Gail L Smith
Hindy Bendel	Jerrell Gray	Eric Ost	Tova Szenberg
Davina Bholanauth	Susan Hargett	Ornella Parker	Deborah Valentin
Edward Cen	Lee Harman	Nora Pena	Dawn-Marie Walker
Karl-Henry Cesar	Moussa Hassoun	Susan Phillip	Kendall Washington
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Nodica Johnson	Tzvi Plotsker	
Elizabeth Denys	Alex Lesman	Bazah Roohi	

DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Patricia Olender, Community Coordinator
Sarah Sklaw, Community Coordinator

BOROUGH HALL

Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

CITY COUNCIL

Brian Grady, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Tyesha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)

STATE SENATE

Paurcha Edwards, Office of State Senator Zellnor Myrie (20th SD)

CONGRESS

Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke (9th CD)

OTHER GUESTS / REPRESENTATIVES

Det. Scott Nuzzi, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department
Venus Scantlebury, CCRB

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Karl-Henry Cesar called the December meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Chair read the opening statement outlining the policies and procedures pertaining to Board meetings under the applicable statutes of New York State, the Charter of the City of New York, the Board's Bylaws and Robert's Rules of Order. Quorum was present.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes of the November 4, 2024, meeting were approved. Copies are on file at the CB14 District Office and available on the CB14 website.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – Shawn Campbell:

The District Manager reported on her attendance at a community meeting held with Council Member Inna Vernikov, Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, and community members to discuss capital budget requests. The DM noted that she had attended the Detective Dylan Stewart memorial and blood drive at the 70th Precinct and thanked Leslyn Stewart for her continued work in memory of her late husband and on behalf of the 70th Precinct community at large. The Flatbush Junction BID held a board meeting that the DM also attended. She also reported on the December District Service Cabinet meeting with agencies serving CD14 and noted the importance of this meeting in bringing agencies that serve CD14 together to address interagency concerns. The DM reported on the Build a Block meeting she attended in Sector C and announced the December 11 Build the Block meeting for Sector A. In addition, Borough President Reynoso convened a meeting with Brooklyn DMs to discuss ways of achieving better administrative support of CBs.

The DM announced that B&L Health, Inc. provided notification per the New York State Office of Addiction Service and Supports rule that they will be opening an outpatient treatment program at their existing site at 1100 Coney Island Avenue.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Karl-Henry Cesar:

The Chair recognized representatives from elected officials' offices and city agencies (see page 1).

The Chair reported on the Borough Board meetings held in November and December.

The first agenda item at the November 7, 2024, Borough Board meeting was a public hearing by Prospect Park Alliance regarding the Third Street Playground in Prospect Park. The Chair sent a memo to all board members to advise them of the voting procedure for this proposal and thanked those members who provided feedback. The second agenda item was a presentation by the US Census Bureau about how to explore census data for Kings County and specific community boards.

The first item at the December 3, 2024, Borough Board meeting was a presentation by the MTA on the agency's 2025-2029 Strategic Plan. The second item was a follow-up discussion on the Third Street Playground per the above. The Borough Board voted to support the renovation of the Third Street Playground as proposed.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Transportation – Co-Chairs Moussa Hassoun and Deborah Valentin** reported on the committee meeting held on November 20. The agenda included a presentation by DOT on the Bike Lane Network in CD 14. Co-Chair Hassoun reported that the DOT plan would move forward in two phases beginning in the Spring of 2025. He noted that committee members expressed frustration that DOT had not implemented the expansion in 2024 as originally promised. The second agenda item was a presentation by the MTA on the status of capital projects in CD14 and an overview of the 5-year capital plan.
- DM Campbell asked that residents alert the office to any complaints regarding MTA construction at the Church Avenue station.
- B) **Housing and Land Use – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Melissa Minnich** reported on the committee meeting held on November 12. The first agenda item was a presentation by the New York State Department of Homes and Community Renewal, who provided an overview of the Office of Rent Administration services and the Tenant Protection Unit. The second agenda item was a presentation by NHS Brooklyn on their services and programs for tenants and landlords. The third agenda item was a presentation by Jonathan Goss of Housing and Family Services of Greater New York on Good Cause Eviction.
- C) **Human Services – DM Campbell** announced an upcoming committee meeting on January 22. Agenda items will include a presentation on outreach to unsheltered street homeless individuals and a report from Brookdale Medical center on budget cuts.
- D) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development – Co-Chairs Edward Cen and Joel Siegel** reported on the committee meeting held on December 3. Brooklyn Borough Commissioner Marty Maher provided an update on the Flatbush African Burial Ground. It was announced that a community engagement session will take place on December 18. The second agenda item was a report from the Department of Environmental Protection on the city's lead service line replacement program.
- E) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chairs Eric Ost and Ornella Parker** announced a committee meeting on December 12. Agenda items include a presentation by Streetlives on the YourPeer phone app for unhoused youth. The second agenda item is an initial planning session for the 2025 Youth Conference.
- F) **Community Safety – Co-Chair Florencia Chang-Ageda and Hindy Bendel** announced a committee meeting on December 17. Agenda items will include a presentation by the Civilian Complaint Review Board and a report on the Cure Violence model in CD14 by DRUM. They also announced the 70th Precinct's Community Council meeting and end of year party to be held on December 18.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A) **Transition Committee – Co-Chair Ornella Parker** reported on a November meeting at which participants looked at demographic data from Board Members and compared it to the makeup of the district. She announced an upcoming meeting on January 16 at which legacy Board Members will share knowledge with newer board members.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Narinder Chawla, Brooklyn Public Library – Flatbush Branch, shared information about events and programs at the library.

2. Brian Grady, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Council Member's office.
3. Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Council Member Farah Louis, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Council Member's office as well as legislative developments.
4. Venus Scantlebury, Civilian Complaint Review Board, shared information about CCRB's work, announced their upcoming board meeting, and noted that applications for the Youth Advisory Council are available.
5. Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke, reminded attendees of the services offered by the Representative's office.
6. Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, reported on events hosted by the Borough President's office and shared information about the office's constituent services.
7. Tysha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, reported on past and upcoming events hosted by the Assembly member's office
8. Paurcha Edwards, Office of State Senator Zellnor Myrie, reported on past and upcoming events hosted by the Senator's office.
9. Det. Scott Nuzzi, 70th Precinct, New York Police Department, shared crime prevention and cold weather tips.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:03 PM.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.