



**MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
February 8, 2021**

A virtual meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, February 8, 2021 via Webex.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Alvin Berk	Edward Cen	Joseph Dweck	
Anne Gaudet	Ed Powell	Karl-Henry Cesar	Nicole Lebenson
Barden Prisant	Ephraim Nierenberg	Leonie Francis Bryan	Angulo
Boris Noble	Florencia Chang-	Li Ng Chao	Nina Sabghir
Carmen Belle	Ageda	Manzoor Hussain	Shahid Khan
Dawn Marie Walker	Gail L. Smith	Maria Rivan	Steven D. Cohen
Deborah Valentin	Glenn Wolin	Hazlewood	Tzvi Plotsker
Dawn-Marie Walker	Greg Alvarez	Mechelle Brunson	Waqil Ahmed
Donald Loggins	Joel Siegel	Michael Sedillo	Zakarya Khan
Duane Joseph	Jonathan Judge	Mordechai Husarski	

DISTRICT MANAGER'S OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Anya Hoyer, Community Coordinator

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL

Eileen Mullaney-Newman for Brooklyn Borough President Eric Adams

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu for Brooklyn District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

CITY COUNCIL

Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)
Councilmember Kalman Yeger (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Lisa Derrick for Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

Michael Joseph, NYPD 70th Precinct Community Affairs

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Ed Powell called the January meeting to order at 6:30 PM. The Chairman 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, Executive Order 202.1, the Board's By-laws and Robert's Rules of Order. Given citywide Covid-19 public gathering restrictions, the board met virtually on Webex and attendance will be based on Webex attendance records rather than roll call. Quorum was confirmed.

II. MINUTES

Minutes of the January 11, 2021 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 thanked DSNY BK14 for their assistance during recent snow storms and announced the hiring of the new part time Community Assistant for the district office. The DM reported on the latest P.S. 90 Task Force meeting which are now open for public participation. She welcomed the new Community Affairs Officers and NCOs recently assigned in the 70th Precincts.

IV. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – *Ed Powell:*

The Chairman invited Councilmembers Kalman Yeger and Farah Louis who each greeted the board and shared Council announcements.

A) The Chair's report began with a recommendation to approve the District Manager's comments re: the City's Preliminary Budget Statement and Register of Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2022.

On Motion, duly made, it was: RESOLVED (34-0-0) to recommend approval of Community Board 14's responses to the preliminary budget agency statements.

B) The Chairman asked Nominating Committee Duane Joseph to report on the February 2nd meeting. Mr. Joseph announced the slate of candidates for the board elections in March:

Jo Ann Brown - Chair
Gail L. Smith - First Vice Chair
Steven D. Cohen - Second Vice Chair
Joseph Dweck - Third Vice Chair
Hindy Bendel - Secretary
Shahid Khan - Member At Large
Karl Henry Cesar - Member At Large

Mr. Joseph thanked Chairman Powell for his service.

Chairman Powell thanked the nominating committee and asked for nominations from the floor for each office. No additional nominations were made from the floor. The Chairman announced that the election would take place at the March monthly meeting.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) **Transportation Committee** – No report.

B) **Youth Services Committee – Co-Chair Jonathan Judge** reported that a committee meeting was held on January 25, 2021. The Youth Leadership Council (YLC) and the 14th annual CB14 Youth Conference were discussed. A document detailing the YLC structure and committee responsibility was shared with the board and will be finalized at the February 22nd Youth Services committee meeting. The Youth Conference will be virtual in May, 2021.

C) **Human Services Committee – The Co-Chairs** asked Shawn Campbell to report on behalf of the Committee. Ms. Campbell reported that a January 19th committee meeting was held. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene provided updates on Covid-19 vaccines. The Health + Hospitals Test and Trace Corp. spoke about test sites and other available resources. The committee is planning the 2021 Nonprofit Roundtable for Tuesday, March 23rd; the theme will be Covid-19 and the impacts on our local nonprofit organizations.

D) **Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs Committee – Co-Chair Steven Cohen** reported that a spring meeting will be held (date TBA); the committee hopes the meeting will include a wrap up about the year in education, an overview on current library programming and information about outdoor cultural events.

E) **Public Safety Committee** – No report.

F) **Community Environment Committee – Co-Chair Donald Loggins** announced the next upcoming meeting scheduled for February 16th which will feature a report from the Parks Department about Brooklyn Greenways and the Brooklyn Solid Waste Advisory Board.

VI. AD-HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

G) **Bylaws Committee – Co-Chair Steven Cohen** reported out about the February 2nd committee meeting and shared information about how the bylaws committee will proceed including monthly meetings followed by a presentation of the amended bylaws once the committee completes its review.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION – 7:13 PM

1) **Eileen Mullaney-Newman, Brooklyn Borough President’s Office**, reminded board members to apply for reappointment before the February 12, 2021 deadline.

2) **Cheryl Love, CAMBA**, shared information about CAMBA’s SNAP benefits enrollment program and services available to the community.

3) **Charles Moran, Brooklyn Public Library**, shared information about available services at the Kensington Library and announced Black History Month programming.

4) **Harry Bubbins, Respect Brooklyn**, spoke in favor of landmarking the former Flatbush Savings Bank.

5) **Bridgette Ingraham-Roberts, Public Affairs Director, Coney Island Hospital**, introduced herself to the board and discussed hospital services during Covid-19.

6) **Keisha White, Community Tax Aid Virtual Tax Prep information**, spoke about free remote tax preparation services for low income New York residents.

- 7) **Stephen Beasley, New York-Presbyterian Brooklyn Methodist Hospital**, announced borough services and provided updates about the soft opening of the Center for Community Health in Brooklyn.
- 8) **Matthew Pitt, NYC Campaign Finance Board**, announced voter outreach efforts related to Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) and requested nonprofit organizations that can provide language assistance to reach out to the RCV Partner Assistance program.
- 9) **Nancy Lulu, Brooklyn District Attorney's Office**, greeted the board on behalf of District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, reported on a recent Gun Buyback event and announced Black History Month programming.
- 10) **Dweynie Esther Paul, Kings County Civil Court Judge**, discussed the status of NYC family court operations during the Covid-19 pandemic.
- 11) **Lisa Derrick, Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn**, brought greetings from the Assemblymember and announced an upcoming Covid-19 vaccine webinar.
- 12) **Melissa Corbett, CAMBA Legal Services**, shared information about CAMBA's free housing and immigration legal services.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 7:44 P.M.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.