

**Brooklyn Community Board 17**  
**4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210**  
**Commerce Committee Meeting**  
**ONLINE**  
**April 21<sup>st</sup>, 2026**

**Call to Order:** Commerce Committee Meeting was called to order by Hassan Bakiriddin at 7:05 p.m.

**Roll Call:**

Hassan Bakiriddin	Simone-Monet Wahls	2341 587 1826
det skinner	Noreen George	Terri Streat The Rogers
Adele Bennett	Trisha L.	Garden
Jorge Tait		Curtis of The Rogers
Sonia Clarke	Community Guests:	Garden
Brie D.	Melissa Judd	Gen Harris The Rogers
Marguerite Vigliante	U.P	Garden
Dorothy Gordon		3472****39
Cheryl Saunders	Applicants:	
Dheydra Lovell	PATRICK AGARD	

**Chairperson's Report:**

• **Moment of Silence for Chair**

The meeting began with a moment of silence to honor the recently deceased Chair of Community Board 17, Roger Daley. Chair Hassan Bakiriddin shared personal reflections on Daley's dedication and love for the community, emphasizing his commitment despite policy differences. Funeral arrangements were noted to be on May 1st with a repass on May 2nd.

- Chair Hassan Bakiriddin opened the meeting with a moment of silence for the late Chair Rodrick Daley.
- Bakiriddin highlighted Daley's dedication and love for the community despite policy disagreements.
- Funeral arrangements are scheduled for May 1st with a repass on May 2nd.

• **Small Business Mixer and Expo Recap**

- March 28th mixer at Lilli's restaurant partnered with Council Member Farah Louis's office and local business groups.
- Mixer featured local artists and networking but had low commerce committee member attendance.
- March 31st small business expo at Flatbush YMCA had good vendor and agency participation but light small business owner turnout.
- Possible reasons for low expo attendance included timing and weather.

- Second mixer planned for April 28th at Hyde & Seek Lounge from 6:30 to 8 PM.
- Flyers and information about the upcoming mixer will be distributed to committee members.
  
- **Mixer Event Logistics and Fundraising Discussion**
  - Cheryl Saunders asked if appetizers or drinks would be provided at the mixer;
    - Bakiriddin said one of the reasons for the mixers outside of bringing businesses and agency partners together to network is to patronize and support businesses in the community.
  - Bakiriddin explained past problems with complimentary drinks led to the policy of none being offered but possible appetizers in future.
  - Saunders proposed a collection for Chair Daley's homegoing at the mixer; Bakiriddin advised against it to avoid discomfort.
  - Marguerite Vigliante and Jorge Tait noted that a fundraiser and donation collection are already organized through the community board and a fundraiser being held by Dominos family on Ditmas Ave.
  - Bakiriddin agreed announcements about donations could be made but not collections at the mixer.

### **Approval of Meeting Minutes**

March 2026 minutes were approved with a correction to attendance/roll call

- Committee lacked quorum initially to approve minutes from December 2025 to March 2026.
- Members expressed concerns about not receiving amended minutes for December and January.
- Sonia Clarke suggested approving minutes with noted amendments and allowing further corrections later.
- Jorge Tait proposed approving March minutes separately with corrections and tabling earlier months.
- March minutes were approved with a correction to Jorge Tait's name in attendance.
- Minutes amendments will be sent out for December, January, and February for review before next meeting.
- Jorge Tait motions to approve March 2026 minutes with corrections noted, Trisha Louison seconds.

### **Roll Call and Attendance Name Clarifications**

The committee conducted roll call with members identifying themselves and their affiliations. Issues with participants joining via phone numbers rather than names were addressed, with suggestions to update display names for clarity. Sonia Clarke recommended changing participant names in the platform for accurate records. The importance of full names for official minutes was emphasized.

- Members and guests identified themselves during roll call for the record.

- Some participants joined with phone numbers instead of names, causing confusion.
- Sonia Clarke suggested updating participant names in the platform for clarity.
- Committee agreed on encouraging full names for attendance to ensure accurate official records.
- Jorge Tait requested last names be added to attendance lists in minutes for completeness.

### **SLA Application(s) & Business Owner/Representative Presentations:**

- SWIG BK INC/The Rogers Garden – 708 Rogers Ave. | RENEWAL  
Rep: Gen Harris, Terri Streat, Curtis
  - **COMMITTEE VOTE: YES - 11**
  - **INCIDENT REPORT: No Incidents**
  - Gen Harris represented Rogers Garden's liquor license renewal application.
  - Rogers Garden has held a license since May 2020 with no adverse history.
  - The establishment features soundproofing and an approved outdoor area without speakers.
  - Staff are experienced and locally sourced with proper certifications.
  - Hours of operation are 3 PM to 2 AM, though state permits closing at 4 AM.
  - Committee members reviewed the questionnaire and asked clarifying questions about hours.
  - All certifications and inspections are up to date, as recorded on the questionnaire.
- WATERFALL LOUNGE BAR AND GRILL LLC – 4703 CHURCH AVE. | METHOD OF OPERATION  
Rep: Patrick Agard
  - **COMMITTEE VOTE: YES – 8 | ABSTENTION – 3**
  - **INCIDENT REPORT: No Incidents**
  - Requested an extension of operating hours to 4 AM to better serve patrons.
  - A working mitigation and security plan will be submitted to the committee.
  - Agard shares a letter to committee regarding the method of operation request, and extended hours not altering the established operations.
  - Committee discussed the status of fire inspections and Department of Health reviews.
  - Agard committed to sending the DOH inspection report and the security plan.
- PRIME TIME EVENTS 1 LLC – 1084 RUTLAND ROAD | ALTERATION  
Rep: Patrick Agard
  - **COMMITTEE VOTE: YES – 5 | ABSTENTION – 5 | NO - 1**

- **INCIDENT REPORT: 71 Noise Complaints**
  - Requested approval to relocate their bar for safety reasons; requires community board approval.
  - Incident reports: Recorded 71 noise complaints over the past year.
  - Detective Skinner noted that noise complaints typically result in police visits to lower music volume.
  - Committee raised concerns about the means of egress and overall safety.
  - A site visit was recommended to better understand the proposed alterations.
  
- SHAMAYAS GROUP LLC – 868 CLARKSON AVE | NEW APP & TEMP PERMIT  
Rep: Patrick Agard
  - **COMMITTEE VOTE: YES – 5 | ABSTENTION – 6**
    - **INCIDENT REPORT: No Incidents**
      - A new restaurant located at Clarkson and Utica Avenues, nearing completion with an occupancy of less than 74.
      - Incident reports: No reported incidents.
      - Committee noted the establishment’s proximity to churches within 200 FT but confirmed that a beer and wine license is permissible.
      - A site visit was recommended to review the space and operations.
      - Fire & Department of Health inspections and pre-inspections will take place after they complete modifications and renovations.
      - Grand Opening soft opening potentially at the beginning of May
      - Chair Bakiriddin mentions the board facilitation of grand openings for new establishments

**Liquor License Application Voting and Outcomes**

The committee conducted a vote on four liquor license applications: Rogers Garden, Waterfall Lounge, Prime Time Events, and Shamaya's Group LLC. Rogers Garden and Waterfall Lounge received majority approval to move forward to the full community board meeting. Prime Time Events and Shamaya's Group had several abstentions and a no vote, primarily due to concerns about means of egress and proximity to a church, resulting in these applications being tabled for further mitigation and review at the next Commerce Committee meeting on May 19th.

- Committee members voted on four liquor license applications in unison, indicating yes, no, or abstention per application.
- Rogers Garden and Waterfall Lounge received majority yes votes to proceed to the full community board meeting on May 20th.
- Prime Time Events received five yes votes, five abstentions, and one no vote, with concerns about means of egress.

- Shamaya's Group received five yes votes and six abstentions, with concerns about proximity to a church.
- Applications for Prime Time Events and Shamaya's Group were tabled for further mitigation and review at the May 19th Commerce Committee meeting.
- Chair Bakiriddin encouraged applicants to address committee concerns before the next meeting.

### **Unfinished Business and Community Concerns**

- **Questionnaire Updates**
  - Committee members proposed several revisions to the liquor license questionnaire to improve clarity and ensure more complete applicant information.
  - Marguerite Vigliante recommended adding questions about Department of Health inspections.
  - Vigliante also suggested rewording Question 14 regarding notifying residents of potential negative impacts, aiming for clearer language.
  - Jorge Tait proposed including the type of license being requested (full liquor vs. beer/wine) to avoid confusion.
  - Vigliante further recommended adding a question about the reason for the application, such as whether it is for an alteration, new license, or other change.
  - Chair Bakiriddin agreed to implement all suggested updates and will distribute the revised questionnaire before the next meeting.
- **Subcommittee Planning**
  - Planning for the Sumptuous Sampler event was discussed, an event where the committee invites restaurants and the community sample signature menu items from each participating restaurant.
  - Chair Bakiriddin scheduled a subcommittee meeting for Sunday at 7 PM via Webex to coordinate:
    - Outreach
    - Applications
    - Event logistics
  - The Sumptuous Sampler event is scheduled for June 30<sup>th</sup>, a precursor to East Flatbush Restaurant Week that will follow from July 1st to July 11th.
  - Bakiriddin to confirm venue arrangements with Tracy Cameron at K&L Manor for the event space.
  - Dorothy Gordon requested to be added to the subcommittee email list and was assured she would be included.
- **Student Observer Participation**
  - An NYU student studying urban science and public policy attended the meeting as an observer.

- She expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn about community issues and shared her interest in attending future meetings.
- Committee members, including Chair Bakiriddin, welcomed her participation and encouraged continued community engagement.
- Members highlighted the value of student involvement and praised the committee's dedication to local issues.

**Adjournment:**

**Marguerite Viigliante:** Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

**Jorge Tait:** seconded the meeting for adjournment.

**Meeting Adjourned.**