

Brooklyn Community Board 17
4112 Farragut Road, Brooklyn NY 11210
Commerce Committee Meeting
ONLINE
May 20th, 2025

Call to Order: This meeting of the Commerce Committee Meeting was called to order by Hassan Bakiriddin at 7:10 p.m.

Chairperson's Report:

- Welcome everyone.
- Chase hosted a Small Business Mixer for all the businesses in the neighborhood.
- Rescheduled the onsite visit with the Hills.
- Wants to do a walkthrough of Sans Peppa and D Garden

Approval of meeting minutes

- Adele Bennett – Made a motion that the amended April 2025 Minutes be approved
- Jorge Tait – 2nds the motion

Presentation: Jeffrey Garcia - Executive Director of Nightlife.

- Executive Director Jeffrey Garcia discussed the Office of Nightlife's support for businesses and community engagement.
- Nightlife industry significantly contributes to NYC's economy, generating \$35 billion and supporting over 300,000 jobs.
- The Office of Nightlife promotes safety, quality of life, and provides resources for businesses to comply with regulations.
- Discussed illegal nightlife events occurring in private business backyards without permits.

Unfinished Business:

- **No Unfinished Business**

New Business:

- Proposed implementing better tracking of business compliance with community board processes.
- Community boards follow similar processes for liquor license applications across the city.
- Recent patterns show businesses frequently fail to attend required meetings.
- Internal chaos within the board affects public perception and representation.
- The board recognizes the need for better communication and enforcement of processes.
- Community pressure and elected officials can influence liquor license outcomes.
- Plan and organize East Flatbush Restaurant Week from June 30th to July 12th, including outreach to participating restaurants for special menus and promotions.

Adjournment:

Khadijat: Motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:54 p.m.

Marguerite Vigliante: seconded the meeting for adjournment.

Meeting Adjourned.

ROLL CALL:

Present:

Dheydra Lovell

Tawa

DET Pierre

Hassan Bakiriddin

Hazel Martinez

Dorothy Gordon

Jose Soegaard (Office of Nightlife)

Adele Bennett

Marguerite Vigliante

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Cheryl Saunders

Sonia Clarke

Jorge

Nicole Julius

Gabriel Holmes

Jeffrey Garcia Executive Director

Marjorie Silcott

Khadijat

Absent: