

**MINUTES OF THE  
PUBLIC HEARING AND GENERAL COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
MAY 21<sup>ST</sup> 2025**

**Members Attendance:**

Kwame Afreh  
Alton Aimable  
Neill Alberic  
Tiffany Anderson  
Antoine Berlotte  
Hassan Bakiriddin  
Celia Belyn  
Theresa Brereton  
Herminia Daniels  
Natasha Duncan  
Charles Galbreath  
Dorothy Gordon  
Rose Graham  
Gail Graham  
Gail Grandison  
Gabriel Herrera  
Michael Hill  
Gabriel Holmes

CeCelia Hubbartt  
Anslem Jospeh  
Nicole Julius  
Trisha Louison  
Edith Mark  
Daniel McCabe  
Mark Newyear  
Kenton Noel  
Chelsea Rulow  
Ariana Sabbat  
Kamara Swaby  
Marie Theodore  
Marguerite Vigliante  
Jody Walch  
Kenrick Wescott  
Melanie Wilkerson  
Monzurat Oni

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The meeting was called to order by the second vice chair of the board, Ms. Monzurat Oni who informed everyone she will be chairing the meeting, and the Chair of the Board will give his report virtually. She started the meeting by asking the Chairs of the various committees to give their reports:

Community Board 17 focused on youth events, health initiatives, crime updates, local elections, and the importance of community engagement and participation.

- The Youth Committee have several upcoming events for youth and education, including a parent network meeting and spelling competition.
- Social services committee provided updates on SUNY Downstate's community health survey and fall resources fair.
- Chair Daley announced the appointment of Tricia Lewis as the new 1st vice chair amid board changes.
- District Manager's report highlighted successful community events and the importance of block associations for local concerns.
- New board members welcomed, highlighting the need for active participation in community initiatives.
- Community Board 17 engages local organizations and residents to address community needs and services.
- Community Board 17 emphasizes the importance of local elections and ranked choice voting education.
- Community health fair planned for September 6, focusing on men's health and providing various screenings and activities.
- Community engagement is crucial for monitoring local businesses and addressing environmental concerns.

**Bricks and Mortals Nonprofit**

Bricks and Mortals is a grassroots membership organization that was launched in 2019. The story goes that a lot of houses of faith are often land rich and cash poor. Bricks and Mortals nonprofit supports faith-

based organizations in managing properties and resources, managing Urban sacred sites generate significant economic impact, benefiting the wider community.

#### NYPD – 67 Precinct

- Crime statistics from the 67th precinct showed significant decreases in various crime categories year-to-date.

#### SUNY Downstate

- Alicia Goodridge announces open applications for the Patient and Family Advisory Committee (PFAC) at Sunny Downstate Health Sciences University.
- Upcoming community health needs assessment scheduled from May 30 to July 31, aiming to gather feedback on local health services.
- Multiple organizations present initiatives, including mental health services, youth programs, and legal support clinics.

#### Action items

- Board members interested in running for the 1st vice chair position should submit their applications to the election chair.
- All board members should look out for an email regarding a special meeting on Tuesday, 27th May, to address a resolution regarding the role of secretary.
- Community members and board members are asked to spread the word about the immigration forum on 29th May and encourage attendance.
- New board members are encouraged to sign in at the back of the meeting room.
- Organizations and elected offices should collect their leftover flyers at the end of the meeting.
- Board members are reminded to submit budget requests (both capital and expense) by 31st July for consideration in next year's budget process.
- Planning sessions for the board resource fair to start next month; interested members should inform the District Manager
- Alicia Goodridge to send the community health needs assessment survey to the district office for email distribution.
- Kenneth Walker to ensure recruitment flyers for the community band are sent to the district office for inclusion in the newsletter.
- Daniel Heradia to encourage community members to submit feedback on the environmental remediation at 3002 Faregate Road before the public comment period ends on June 6.1:03:02
- Catherine from the Brooklyn Borough President's office to continue promoting the graduation award nominations applications until May 29 at 5:00 p.m.
- Kyle Graham to provide more information about the intergenerational festival happening on June 6 and details regarding garbage bin distribution.
- Portia Edwards to ensure that e-blast updates about legislation and budget items are sent out weekly, with an invitation for board members to subscribe.
- Distribution of the letter of recommendations to the Costal Carding for their facility upgrades.
- Follow-up on the renewal of TJQ Car Service's license. T.J.C Car Service – DBS Quality Car Service – 4912 Avenue D – Base License Renewal
- DeCostole Carting Inc.- 1481 Troy Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11203
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#### Approval of Minutes:

Chair Afreh moved to approve the minutes of the Dec 2024, Jan and March 2025 meeting minutes and second by Melanie Wilkerson.

With a quorum present, the two applications were voted on:

- TJQ Car Services - 34 Yes
- Letter to DeCostole Carting Inc. -1481 Troy Avenue – 33 Yes -1 NO

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Ms. Oni asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chair Berlotte Antoine made a motion to adjourn the meeting and second by Hassan Bakiriddin second.