



# The City of New York

## COMMUNITY BOARD 17

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### Community Board 17 General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

#### Present

Afreh, Kwame  
Alberic, Neil  
Anderson, Tiffany  
Antoine, Berlotte  
Bakiriddin, Hassan  
Brereton, Theresa  
Daley, Roderick  
Daniels, Herminia  
Galbreath, Charles  
Gordon, Dorothy  
Graham, Rose  
Grandison, Gail  
Hill, Michael  
Holmes, Gabriel  
Julius, Nicole  
Louison, Trisha  
Oni, Monzurat  
Phillips, Kaiia  
Reneau, Carol  
Rullow, Chelsea  
Sabbat, Ariana  
Swaby, Kamara  
Theodore, Marie  
Walch, Jody  
Wilkerson, Melanie

#### Excused

Afreh, Kwame  
Anderson, Tiffany  
Guillaume, Magda  
Westcott, Kentrick

#### Absent

Aimable, Alton  
Belyn, Celia  
Boatswain, David  
Duncan, Natasha  
Freeman, LaShawn  
Greene, Ronald  
Herrera, Gabriel  
Hubbartt, CeCelia  
Jason, Kevin  
John, Afiya  
Jones, Doris  
Mark, Edith  
McCabe, Daniel  
Newyear, Mark  
Noel, Kenton  
Oluwo, Khadijat  
Peters, Denae  
Pointer, Deborah  
Sylvester, Symone  
Vigliante, Marguerite

## Meeting call to Order:

Chairperson Presiding: Rodrick Daley

Community Board 17's monthly meeting addressed updates on various committees, upcoming events, community engagement efforts, and challenges while emphasizing local business growth and housing concerns.

Community Board 17 held its monthly meeting to discuss various committee reports and updates.

- The Commerce Committee rescheduled the small-business expo to February and highlighted Footprints Cafe's 25th-anniversary celebration.
- The Land Use Committee reported on ongoing substation construction and a public hearing scheduled for February 5.
- The Social Services Committee plans to focus on HIV prevention and an April health fair in upcoming meetings.
- Community Board 17 prioritizes community outreach and engagement for better resource allocation.
- New business openings, like Bojangles, foster local partnerships and community growth.
- The board faces challenges due to staff shortages that are impacting community outreach efforts.
- A nonprofit wing is nearing completion of its 501(c)(3) filing to secure funding.
- Concerns have been raised about local housing developments lacking adequate parking and community input.
- Milana Kononenko introduced the community outreach process for a solid waste facility project in the U.S.
- The second virtual meeting on project updates and design changes is scheduled for February 5.
- Previous outreach included a virtual meeting and in-person walkthroughs to gather community input.
- Community Board 17 will host a town hall meeting on February 6 regarding the project.
- Various local representatives provided updates on community services, legislation, and upcoming events.
- Community Board 17 welcomed members and conducted a roll call for attendance.
- The sanitation Committee reported ongoing community sanitation issues and the need for more substantial responses from elected officials.
- The Education Committee announced an upcoming essay competition for students and a summer program for middle schoolers.
- The board discussed the proposed bylaws amendments and confirmed that eight amendments were voted on and passed unanimously.

## Action Items

- Prepare and distribute the new flyer for the small business expo scheduled for February.
- Ensure that the housing and block association report is available for review by community members.
- Circulate notices regarding the upcoming public hearing on February 5 for the Decostole Carting project to community residents in the vicinity.
- Ensure communication about the town hall meeting format change is clear to all board members and community residents.
- Encourage community involvement in youth projects related to park clean-up.
- Follow up with city council members regarding additional clean-up events in specific areas of the district.
- Reach out to health agencies for participation in the April health fair.
- Remind board members about application renewals due by the end of February and facilitate outreach to potential new members, especially young individuals aged 16 to 18.
- A system will be implemented to process complaints received by the office more effectively once new staff is hired.
- Notification will be sent out regarding the hiring of part-time staff for the community board.
- Community members are encouraged to submit items for the newsletter to support the "moving the community forward, business by business, block by block" initiative.
- Organize and promote the second virtual meeting for community outreach on February 5 at 7:30 PM, ensuring that all necessary information is shared with the community and stakeholders.
- The community board will conduct more community meetings to engage residents in the budgeting process.
- Community members are encouraged to participate in monthly committee meetings and express their concerns regarding local issues.
- Follow-up on sanitation issues discussed previously, including enforcement during street cleaning.
- A petition will be circulated to ask City Councilwoman Rita Joseph for clarification on whether the Kingsborough Vital Brooklyn project requires a public hearing and city council approval.
- Prepare for an upcoming storm by encouraging community members to check on vulnerable neighbors and utilize available resources.
- Confirm arrangements for a hybrid meeting setup on February 5.

- Encourage community members to apply for discretionary funding before the application deadline on February 18 at 6:00 PM.
- Distribute flyers regarding upcoming events, including the blood drive, tenant Thursdays, and housing workshops.
- Follow up with elected officials to coordinate support for affordable housing initiatives and community engagement efforts.
- Follow up with the Department of Environmental Protection to confirm their attendance at the next general board meeting in February.
- Ensure that all elected officials address significant quality of life issues, particularly sanitation problems, during their reports at future meetings.
- Promote the essay writing competition starting on February 1 and ensure information is distributed to all schools in Community Board 17.
- Encourage youth aged 14 to 24 to apply for the summer youth employment program.
- Plan a celebration event for board members as discussed.
- Confirm details for the upcoming food pantry services and ensure community outreach for participation.

#### **Voting results**

##### **Clarkson Loft**

YES-25

NO-22

##### **By Laws**

YES-25

NO-22

**Meeting adjourned: 9:22 PM**

**Motion: Hassan Bakiriddin**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Approval: Dorothy Gordon**

**We encourage you to watch the full meeting video on YouTube for more in-depth details.**

**<https://www.youtube.com/@bkcommunityboard17>**