

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



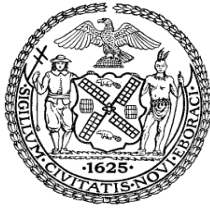
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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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| Chair: | Emmanuel Martinez |
| Meeting Date: | Tuesday, November 19 th , 2020 |
| Meeting Time: | 6:30 PM |
| Meeting Location: | Via Zoom Video/Teleconference |
| Minutes done by: | Yajaira Arias |

Minutes:

- I) Welcoming Remarks from Chairman Emmanuel Martinez**
 - a) Covid19 up rise in our district
 - b) Testing centers in the area
 - c) Call to stay safe, wear masks, wash hands, sanitize
 - d) Discussion of nominations for Second Vice Chair
 - e) Discussion of election process at the General Board Meeting
- II) Welcoming Remarks from District Managers Report**
 - a) Welcoming attendees
 - b) Covid regulations as to virtual meetings
 - c) Reminder to all to follow CB7 events on social media
 - d) Addressing of rules of order for virtual meeting
 - e) Board Operations - minutes to be submitted within 48 hrs.
 - f) Importance of informing the public during Covid-19 shutdown
 - g) Updates:
 - 1) Past Saturday Virtual Mental Health Workshop held. This workshop provided an insight as to how to address the signs of mental health issues and how to cope during the pandemic
 - 2) School Closures if Covid cases go above 3% (using a 7 day average)
 - 3) If any family is need of devices for at home schooling – please contact CB7
 - 4) 9-12 grade grab and go meals (kosher and halal available at some cites)



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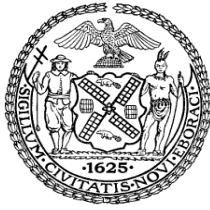
- 5) NYU in partnership with Lehman College are holding free dental clinics for those in needs please contact CB7 for more information
- 6) Fordham Library - DCAS Proposal in the works – updates to follow
- 7) Education Forum in the works for parents to help them with virtual learning
- 8) With the help of Bronx Works displaced fellows at Apple Bank on Grand Concourse agreed to receive services.
- 9) If anyone would like to set up give away for PPE, masks and supplies please reach out to CB7 office.

III) Attendance Taken: Quorum was met.

- a) Motion to approve last month's minutes.
- b) Barbara Stronczer second the motion. Motion passed with no corrections.
- c) Chair opened the floor to nominations for Second Vice Chair
 - 1) Yajaira Arias nominated Erick Ascensio
 - 2) Myrna Calderon nominated Jean Hill
 - 3) Erick and Jean accepted nominations

IV) Motions Brought By: Health and Human Services

- a) Letter to Montefiore in support of Montefiore NYSNA Nurse Practitioners request to conduct telehealth visits from their home 1-2 times a week.
 - 1) **Rationale for Recommendation:** Nurse Practitioners request to conduct telehealth visits from their home 1-2 times a week. Committee was unable to reach quorum at the time of the vote.
 - 2) **BOARD DISCUSSION:** Montefiore's NP Jen Velez, NP Nicola Robinson, NP Edwin Torres, NP Aletha Shepardon and Jason Caraballo of Montefiore Community Relations attended this meeting and provided insight as to their work schedules and how doing these telehealth calls from home with their patients allows them to be safe.



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Also indicating that if a patient is in need of urgent care they would take all appropriate steps to ensure the patients safety and health. Jason Caraballo clarified that Montefiore was having an operational analysis done to see what would best without compromising patient care. An update will provided once the analysis is complete and made public.

- 3) Questions by board members were taken: what if a patient is in need of lab work?
 - NP's stated that patients under their care via telehealth would be assessed and sent to obtain any labs necessary for the condition presented.
- 4) After further discussion Motion to vote was presented.
 - Motion was second by Myrna Calderon.
 - Motion passes. 3 abstention noted.

V) Committee Minutes and Reports:

- a) Environment & Sanitation: No new business to discuss.
- b) Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs:
 - 1) Annual tree lighting will be held on 12/10/20.
 - 2) Unfortunately, no ceremony due to Covid restrictions. Email will be sent to remind everyone of the tree lighting.
- c) Housing, Land Use & Economic Development:
 - 1) Committee discussed items coming up in City Planning. See Housing minutes for more details.
- d) Education, Youth & Libraries: Committee discussed the emergency panel discussion with UGT, Teachers and Parents scheduled for Monday, November 23rd at 3:30 pm. Committee also discussed school closures. See Education minutes for more details.
- e) Traffic & Transportation: No new business to discuss.
- f) Veterans Affairs: Committee is in plans to hold a round table for January/February. The round table will include Veterans, their families and professionals to highlight and address consumer protections and pitfalls. See Veterans minutes for more details.



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g) Health & Human Services: Committee discussed the most recent Covid data stats. The data may not be as accurate as informed. The up rise of cases can overwhelm our large hospital systems. Committee discussed Covid preparedness. Vaccine test trials in conjunction with Astra Zenica.

h) Budget, Personnel & Ethics: Committee discussed the possibilities of streamlining the Fiscal Budget Process for the next coming years. This was a huge task but with everyone's input and help, we got it done.

VI) Motion to Close Board Business Was Made

- a) Barbara Stronczer second the motion.**
- b) All members agreed to close Board Business.**

VII) Elected Officials and Residents:

a) 52nd Precinct Office Echevarria

1) Provided update in the community crime stats (for more information please use the link below)

- **<https://www1.nyc.gov/site/nypd/stats/crime-statistics/borough-and-precinct-crime-stats.page>**

2) Discussed rise in car theft (especially Honda airbags)

3) Next Precinct Council Meeting will be held virtually on Monday, November 23, 2020 at 6 pm.

b) Assemblyman Nathalia Fernandez

1) The Councilwoman thanked all those who voted for her. She won her reelection to the Assembly. Provided information as to Turkey Drive taking place at Lexa Bar on Monday November 23, 2020 at 3 pm (while supplies last). Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

c) Neighborhood Advisory Board: Representative Dilletta Pina

1) Discussed the importance of disaster preparedness

2) Early Voting information next local election is for Council District 12

3) Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.

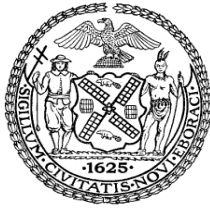


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- d) Bronx Borough Presidents Office: Representative Tom Luciana**
- 1) New board members welcoming
 - 2) New board will have to attend orientation and conflict of interest training.
 - 3) Covid Testing Locations
 - 4) Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.
- e) Bronx District Attorney's Office: Representative Erica Diaz**
- 1) Salutations and reminder to please contact the DA's office for assistance.
 - 2) Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.
- f) Public Advocate Office: Representative Brian Polanco**
- 1) Salutations and reminder office still working remote
 - 2) For assistance please call or email 212-669-7250 or gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov
 - 3) Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.
- g) Councilman Fernando Cabrera: Representative Claire Mcveigh**
- 1) Salutations and reminder office is working on in person hours
 - 2) Councilman Cabrera is proud of the voter turnout in our district
Legislation being worked on to ban Hookah in public spaces,
Zone Parking Spaces and Land Trust Financial Assistance for
Affordable Housing
 - 3) Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.
- h) Montefiore Medical Center: Representative Jason Caraballo**
- 1) Covid Vaccine Trial happening in partnership with Astra Zenica
 - 2) 250 Participants in the trial
 - 3) Continue to remind our community to stay healthy and safe.
 - 4) Wished all a Happy and Safe Thanksgiving.
- i) Others**
- 1) Resident Helene Redd would like to obtain letter in support to stop Bailey Houses from being privatized.
 - 2) Residents Victor Salana – noise complaints reported, and nothing being done South of Fordham and Cedar Avenue.



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- 3) Resident Kenneth Wyrth – Rat infestation complaint at Mosholu Parkway reported nothing being done.
 - 4) Resident Rocio Zmaya – Parent Leader at PS 56 – would like to express the need for turkey giveaway substitute for Muslim and Bengali residents also better times needed for food giveaways.
- IV) Next meeting date: Tuesday, January 26, 2021
- V) Adjournment – Motion to close meeting
- a) No Opposition.
 - 1) Meeting ended at 8:34 P.M.