



167-43 148th Ave. Suite 203 Jamaica, NY 11434

Meeting Minutes: 2020 Gateway JFK Annual Meeting

Date: Thursday Oct. 22nd, 2020 at 12:00 noon

Location: Zoom Webinar

In Attendance: Viarlenis Acosta, Millie Amsterdam, Khaleel Anderson, Reid Berch, Katie Bliss, Anna Borshchenko, Selvena Brooks-Powers, Pam Brown, Yvonne Brown, Gloria Charles, Ernestine Christian, Barbara Codrington, Alfreda Crooks, Veronica Davis, Vincent Dudley, Carleton Epps, Lisa George, Scott Grimm-Lyon, Veronica Hicks, Fay Hill, Beverly Holder, Marvin Holland, Dieusita Jean, James Jeffries, Alfred Johnson, Gus Kobleck, Aron Kurlander, Joseph Lagano, Kim Lawton, Peter Levine, Kerry Loui, Delsia Marshall, Héctor Martínez, Anita Maxwell, Charlie Montoya, Jordan Nichols-Hillian, Pesach Osina, Fred Oyugi, Gavin Palmer, Teonila Perez, Betty Perlish, John Perricone, Jeany Persaud, Melrose Prince-Herrington, Earl Roberts, Gerardo Rosario, Craig Rosenthal, Bibi Seraphin, Abena Sidibe, Debra Smith, Cortney Thomas, Louise Torbert, Nantasha Williams, Hugh Williams, Charmaine Yap, Warren Youngclaus, and Norali Zamora.

Introduction: Scott Grimm-Lyon, Executive Director confirmed that requirements for Quorum had been met and called the meeting to order at 12:05 pm. Grimm-Lyon explained the purpose of the Annual Meeting as an opportunity to report the years activities to our membership and said that in previous years the meeting has been held as a celebratory gala, but due to Covid-19 the 2020 meeting needed to be held virtually.

Promotional Video: The event featured the debut of a 2:05 minute promotional video that explains the work of GatewayJFK. After the video was shown Grimm-Lyon thanked Dieusita Jean and Sadiqa Codrington for helping produce the video, and told the attendees that the video, along with an additional 10-minute-long version will be available on the GatewayJFK YouTube channel.

Acknowledgements: Grimm-Lyon thanked special guests for attending; including Assemblymember elect Khaleel Anderson from NYS Assembly District 31, Selvena Brooks-Powers from the Port Authority of NY & NJ, Millie Amsterdam from the JFK Chamber of Commerce, Ofc. Carleton Epps from the 105th Precinct, NYPD, Aron Kurlander from the Greater Jamaica Development Corporation, and Lisa George representing NYS Senator James Sanders Jr.

Approval of FY19 Transcript and Elections to the Board of Directors: Grimm-Lyon went over the method of approving the Transcript for the 2019 Annual Meeting and electing candidates virtually using the poll tool. He explained that members are expected to vote for candidates in their class, and that all votes would be subsequently verified by GatewayJFK staff.

A poll was held to approve the Transcript of the Fiscal Year 2019 Annual Meeting. All registered members who participated in the meeting voted to approve the transcript, with no abstentions.



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A second poll was held to elect Class A1 Commercial Property Owners to the Board of Directors. Member participants were asked “Do you approve the following slate of candidates in the Class A1 Commercial Property Owner category to serve on the Board of Directors for a period of two years with a term to expire in 2022?”

- Joseph Lagano of Avison Young
- Brian Pinnola of Cushman Wakefield
- Shaun Jacobson of Edward J. Minskoff Equities
- Debra L. Smith of Queens Public Library”

All Class A1 members who participated in the meeting voted to approve the slate of candidates, with no abstentions.

A third poll was held to elect Class A2 Residential Property Owners to the Board of Directors. Member participants were asked “Do you approve the following slate of candidates in the Class A2 Residential Property Owner category, to serve on the Board of Directors for a period of two years with a term to expire in 2022?”

- Carolyn Ellis
- Veronica Davis
- Vincent Dudley”

All Class A2 members who participated in the meeting voted to approve the slate of candidates, with no abstentions.

A fourth poll was held to elect Class B Commercial Tenants to the Board of Directors. Member participants were asked “Do you approve the following slate of candidates in the Class B Commercial Tenant category to serve on the Board of Directors for a period of two years with a term to expire in 2022?”

- Reid Berch representing Airgate Tenants
- John DeStefan representing Mobile Air Transport Inc.
- Joseph Tesi representing City Waste Services of NY, Inc.”

All Class B members who participated in the meeting voted to approve the slate of candidates, with no abstentions.

Raffle: A raffle drawing was held for two ticket vouchers to travel anywhere JetBlue flies. The drawing was done with a random number generator, and attendees were eligible based on their participant listing number in the chat. Selvena Brooks Powers won the drawing but had to decline the prize because of her role with the Port Authority, a second drawing was subsequently held where community member Gerado Rosario was awarded with the ticket vouchers. Grimm-Lyon thanked Jet Blue for the donation and thanked Louise Torbert for her role in helping secure the raffle prize.



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Year in Review/Plans for FY2021: Grimm-Lyon gave a brief overview of the finances and programming related to the 2020 fiscal year and In FY20 sanitation workers logged 4,080 Hours collected, 4,452 Bags of Debris and cleaned up 279 Incidents of vandalism. We also tracked and reported 103 poor street conditions to City for Repair. GatewayJFK also created a new website, hired an Operations Manager, and underwent a series of board trainings. In response to the COVID-19 Pandemic GatewayJFK Delivered 10,000+ Masks and Face Shields to Local Businesses, made 700+ direct outreach calls to local businesses, provided follow up support to 45+ Businesses, linked 978 readers of our Newsletter to City, State or Federal websites that offered relief resources, and provided 745 Meals to Frontline Workers from restaurants in the District including workers at Jamaica Hospital, MTA JFK Bus Depot, DSNY, Wildcat, the NYPD, and the Port Authority Police Department. Grimm-Lyon also discussed plans for the 2021 Fiscal Year including the implementation of a security service and a shuttle program.

Adjournment: The meeting was called to a close at 12:52pm