

Russell Squire
Chair

Will Brightbill
District Manager



505 Park Avenue, Suite 620
New York, N.Y. 10022-1106
(212) 758-4340
(212) 758-4616 (Fax)
www.cb8m.com – Website
info@cb8m.com – E-Mail

**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Rules and By-Laws Committee
Wednesday, June 8, 2022 – 7:00 PM
*Conducted Remotely on Zoom***

Minutes

Present: Taina Borrero, Charles Warren, Rebecca Dangoor, Vanessa Aronson, Elizabeth Ashby, Michel Birnbaum, Alida Camp, Felice Farber, Ed Hartzog, Sahar Husain, Craig Lader, Jane Parshall, Judy Schneider, Cos Spagnoletti, Shari Weiner

Resolutions for Approval: Item 1

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Item 1: Discussion of the Procedures for Election of Community Board Officers

The Co-Chairs stated at the beginning of the meeting that there would be a two step process involved in discussing the procedures to be used for election of Board officers. In this meeting, we would hopefully agree on a basic framework for the elections and, in our meeting in July, we would try to flesh out the procedures, after we had gotten direction from the full Board. To help in the Committee's deliberations, the Co-Chairs put together a memo discussing three scenarios that could be used in the election of officers. First, there is the present system of a Nominating Committee. Next there is a slightly different system which relies on an Elections Committee. Finally, there is a system of direct nominations which has no committee involved. The memo with the three scenarios is attached.

There was a great deal of discussion about all three scenarios and a feeling of many members of the Committee that what was needed was more transparency. Based on that discussion, the following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED; that there shall be an Elections Committee established to run the elections for Board officers in Community Board 8;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that the following items shall be taken into consideration in the new procedures;

1. Mechanisms shall be implemented to provide a diverse set of members with varying amount of Community Board experience who are elected to the Elections Committee.
2. All persons who have been nominated shall be interviewed by the Elections Committee and all candidates for each office shall be asked the same questions.
3. The minutes of Elections Committee containing all the interviews shall be published after the Elections Committee has completed all interviews.
4. The Elections Committee will not report out a slate and Board members will have to make their decisions on the interviews at the Elections Committee meeting and the candidate speeches.
5. The Chair of the Elections Committee will moderate the speeches of the candidates and all candidates will be able to speak.

Yes: Vanessa Aronson, Taina Borrero, Alida Camp, Felice Farber, Sahar Husain, Craig Lader, Cos Spagnoletti, Charles Warren, Shari Weiner

No: Michele Birnbaum, Rebecca Dangoor, Ed Hartzog, Jane Parshall

Abstain: Rita Popper, Judy Schneider.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Taína Borrero, Rebecca Dangoor, and Charles S. Warren, Co-Chairs

SCENARIOS FOR CONDUCTING BOARD OFFICER ELECTIONS

NOMINATING COMMITTEE	ELECTION COMMITTEE	OPEN NOMINATIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procedure remains the same as has been conducted by the Board previously with several improvements/clarifications • All self-nominations for office will be submitted in writing to the District Manager by the Monday at 5:00pm following the September Full Board Meeting • All candidates for each and every office will be granted interviews and given equal consideration and time • Based on deliberations, the committee can put forward a candidate's name for a different office as long as that individual accepts • Any person interested in running for office but that does not want to go through the nominating committee can be nominated from the floor at the October Full Board meeting • Any person not reported by the Nominating Committee may also be nominated from the floor at the October Meeting 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Election Committee will run the election process for Board Officers. • Will not make any recommendations or report a slate. • Committee will consist of five or seven members elected by the Board at the September meeting, except all former Board Chairs will be automatically on the Committee. The Committee will choose a Chair after the Committee has been elected • Nominations will be sent to the Board office and then sent to the Committee. • Committee will interview all candidates for all offices. • Questions will be decided by the Committee and the same questions will be asked of all candidates for each office. • Board members may send questions to be asked to the Committee, which has discretion in choosing which questions to be asked. • The Committee minutes will be available for the 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nominations are made from the floor, known as open nominations. • Open nominations occur during a regularly scheduled full board meeting. • During open nominations the chair asks for nominations from the floor. Members may nominate a candidate for one or more positions. As a courtesy to other board members, board members should not offer up more than one candidate for a position until other members have had a chance to nominate a candidate of their choosing. • Candidates from the floor may nominate themselves. A person may serve more than one position or office if the bylaws allow it. A nominee may decline a nomination from the floor. • Nominations should be taken in successive order. Nominees may remain in the meeting during floor

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Chair of the Nominating will run the November election • Prior to the September Full Board meeting, all board members will receive a document that details each board member's prior service on the nominating committee, the length of service of each board member, whether said board member has been a former board officer, and whether they are current or former chair of a committee • Ambiguities as to the requirements of reporting a slate will be clarified at the next meeting • Confidentiality of committee will be addressed at the next meeting • All board members will be eligible to serve on the nominating committee provided that they do not intend to run for office that year • The selected members will vote on a committee chair the night of the September board meeting but the only eligible candidates will be those with experience (stipulations to be determined at the next meeting) 	<p>October meeting of the Board and the minutes will contain the questions and answers from all candidates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • At the October meeting of the Board, all candidates for each office shall have a chance to speak for several minutes in a process run by the Chair of the Elections Committee. There will be no questions allowed at that point. • There will be no nominations from the floor allowed. • At the November meeting of the Board, the election will be held in a process run by the Chair of the Elections Committee. 	<p>nominations, voting, and counting. Floor nominees should meet the requirements stated in the bylaws (do we set requirements?)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Who would run said process if a sitting chair of the board may very well be a candidate for chair again?
---	---	---

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No board member can serve on the committee two years in a row • We can discuss full board approval of the chair of the committee at the next meeting 		
---	--	--

* Detailed language for by-laws and further discussion of points to be conducted at next month's meeting (Including any discussion of questions of candidates)