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Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, January 21, 2026, at 6:30 PM
Carmen Rivera, Public Safety and Licensing Committee Chairperson

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee met on Wednesday, January 21, 2026, both in-person at the district office and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Public Safety and Licensing Committee meeting: Nicole Carter (virtual), Maria Garcia, Angel Nunez-Garcia (virtual), Reggie Powell, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, and Kristine Rivera.

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion of Liquor License Applications**

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee reviewed liquor license renewal applications for Regina Delfino (trade name: Mario's Restaurant Inc.), located at 2342 Arthur Avenue; 2407 NAP Bronx 20 Corp (trade name: Ann and Tony's Restaurant), located at 2407 Arthur Avenue; and Memories Made Event, Inc. (trade name: MME Banquet Hall), located at 868 East 180th Street. Following discussion, the Committee voted to issue favorable recommendations to the New York State Liquor Authority for all three establishments.

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee also reviewed the application for a new liquor license and a temporary retail permit submitted by Blue 13 Restaurant and Lounge, located at 894 East Tremont Avenue. After discussion, the Committee determined that it will request the New York State Liquor Authority to deny both the new application and the temporary retail permit at this time, pending a meeting between the applicant and the Board's Public Safety and Licensing Committee. The applicant did not attend the Committee meeting despite multiple attempts by the Board's office to make contact via email and telephone. The Committee has invited the applicant to attend its next meeting, scheduled for Wednesday, February 18, 2026.

- **Review of Committee Meetings Quorum Records**

The Public Safety and Licensing Committee reviewed and discussed committee meeting quorum records. we addressed quorum requirements and the inconsistencies in their application during committee meetings. It was clarified that, pursuant to the New York State Open Meeting Law, meetings and votes require a majority of committee members to be physically present. Virtual participation is permitted only under limited circumstances. The Public Safety and Licensing Committee members noted that quorum has frequently not been met, which limits the Board's ability to conduct official business. To address this, starting in February, the Board will begin enforcing stricter quorum requirements. These measures include more rigorous standards for virtual attendance and earlier quorum deadlines. Additionally, the Executive Committee will meet to review attendance and overall committee structure. The Public Safety and Licensing Committee also discussed potential strategies

to improve in-person participation, such as consolidating committees, improving communication, and adjusting member assignments. The Public Safety and Licensing Committee members acknowledge the prior confusion regarding these rules and are committed to establishing clearer expectations moving forward.