

(Pending Committee Approval)

Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting  
December 2, 2021, via Zoom

**Attendees**

Committee: Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Julie Reyes, Camelia Tepelus, Julia Gomez, Ramdat Singh, Bob Fanuzzi

Other CB8: David Gellman, Martin Wolpoff, Sylvia Alexander

Community: Jillian Baez, Karina Guerrero, Adelaida Ospina

Presenter: Cesar Ruiz, Latino Justice

**Agenda**

The meeting began at 7:02 pm. Previous Vice Chair Margaret Della acting as meeting facilitator in the absence of a committee chair. Margaret welcomed the community to the meeting and newly appointed Committee members (Julia Gomez, Camelia Tepelus) introduced themselves.

Minutes of June and November 2021 were approved unanimously. Margaret Della was nominated for the Chair position. Unanimously approved. Julie Reyes was nominated as Vice Chair. Unanimously approved.

Cesar Ruiz presented on Redistricting within New York City and New York State. Cesar presented on an overview of restricting, implications on community resources and representation as well as asked attendees to reflect on this issue and consider submitting testimony to the Independent Restricting Commission of NY prior to Tuesday, December 7, 2021.

SCRE Outreach to CB8 Committees

SCRE members continue to struggle to work with several standing Committee chairs in order to get on agendas of respective committees. SCRE requested assistance from leadership on how to facilitate these conversations with committee chairs at the Executive Meeting of the Board. Margaret agreed to continue to push for participation at future executive meetings. SCRE membership require members to fill gaps in below committee areas:

SCRE Member Committee Assignments							
	Bob B.	Margaret D.	Bob F.	Julia G.	Julie R	Ramdat S.	Camelia T.
Aging		X					
ELCA						X	

Econ Dev							X
Env & Sanit			X				
Housing		X		X			
HealthHSS							
Land use	X		X	X			
LawRE							
Parks & Rec	X						
Public Safety					X		X
Traffic&Transpo					X		
Youth				X			

Measuring Impact

Ramdat offered to review census tracks to assess racial equity in CB8. He will submit his findings to members to be reviewed before the February meeting.

The Committee will revisit its initial report and update as needed.

The Committee agreed that community engagement through meetings and action was more relevant than creating an arbitrary event. The Committee would consider future events with compelling reasons.

The committee will meet in February and then first Thursdays until June 2022.

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 pm. Minutes submitted by Margaret Della