

GARMENT DISTRICT ALLIANCE

Annual Meeting of Membership Minutes of Meeting — May 25, 2024 Held via Zoom

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Martin Meyer.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the May 24, 2023 meeting, upon motion of Secretary Scott Galin and second of Steve Kaufman, were unanimously approved.

III. OPENING REMARKS

Chairperson Martin Meyer presented remarks regarding the overall status of the district.

IV. FINANCE

Treasurer Ira Fishman presented an overview of the GDA's financial status and stated that the GDA is running on or below budget for Fiscal Year 2024. Mr. Fishman presented the GDA's budget for Fiscal Year 2025 which was adopted by the GDA Board of Directors on March 20, 2024. The budget was distributed to attendees via email prior to the meeting and is posted on the GDA website.

V. NOMINATIONS OF DIRECTORS AND VOTE

Nominations Committee Chair Tom Block reported on the process of accepting and reviewing nominees for Board Directors. The slate was presented and approved by eligible voting members by class. Voting was conducted in advance and during the meeting and the slate was approved unanimously. The slate is appended to these minutes.

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

GDA president Barbara A. Blair presented a report on the activities and achievements of the past year as well as the GDA's plans for the upcoming year. Ms. Blair reported on the efforts to revitalize the district's economic base and increase public safety.

VII. QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Ms. Blair opened the floor for questions and public remarks

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

BOARD NOMINATING SLATE

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2026

CHAIR

Tom Block

MEMBERS

Christian Brosius
Mark Bengualid
Ron Gross

CLASS A - PROPERTY OWNERS

ABS Partners Real Estate, LLC – Andy Udis
Adams & Company Real Estate, Inc. – David Levy
Block Buildings LLC – Tom Block
Elizabeth Foundation for the Arts – George Scheer
Empire State Realty Trust, Inc. – Tom Durels
G. Holdings LLC – Ron Gross
George Comfort & Sons – Justin Winiarz
GFP Real Estate, LLC – Matthew Mandell
Gotham Organization – Phil Lavoie
Handro Properties LLC – Scott Galin
Hines – Michael McMahon
Hudson 38 Holdings LLC – Marc Bengualid
Invesco Real Estate – Leslie Lisser
Kaufman Organization – Steve Kaufman
M & J Trimming – Michael Cohen
Meyer Equities LLC – Martin Meyer
Moxy Hotel – Christian Brosius
Olmstead Properties – Sam Friedfeld
Port Authority of New York and New Jersey – Myron Johnson
Resolution Real Estate Partners – Ira Fishman
Savitt Partners LLC – Robert Savitt
Shorenstein Properties – Ronnie Ragoff

CLASS B - TENANTS

Fragomen – Carmita Alonso
Ron Ben-Israel Cakes – Ron Ben-Israel
Stitch Bar & Blues – Nicholas Cohen
Dattner Architects – Kirsten Sibilia
Metropolitan Commercial Bank – Roseann Manos
Wing & Weft – Katie Sue Nicklos

CLASS C - RESIDENTIAL

Brian Weber
John Challice

CLASS D - PUBLIC REPRESENTATIVES

Manhattan Borough President, Mark Levine; Lizette Chaparro, alternate
New York City Comptroller, Brad Lander; Jennifer Conovitz, alternate
New York City Council
Council District 3, Erik Bottcher; Laurie Hardjowirogo, alternate
Council District 4, Keith Powers; Franklin Richards, alternate
Office of the Mayor
Matthew Morowitz, SBS

CLASS E - INTERESTED PARTIES

Community Board 4
Community Board 5
Fashion Institute of Technology – Lisa Wager
Stan Herman Company – Stan Herman
Catherine O'Toole – Lee & Associates