

# Buildings news update

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## DOB's New Commissioner



This week, Eric Ulrich was appointed Commissioner of the New York City Department of Buildings, leading the agency's multifaceted efforts to promote the safe and lawful use of nearly 1.1 million buildings and over 40,000 active work sites.

Eric Ulrich most recently served as a Senior Advisor to Mayor Eric Adams. Prior to joining the Adams administration, Commissioner Ulrich represented District 32 in Queens on the New York City Council from 2009 to 2021, serving on the Committee on Housing and Buildings.

Joining Commissioner Ulrich's senior leadership team at the Department is Kazimir Vilenchik, P.E., who has been appointed First Deputy Commissioner. A member of the Department since 2008, First Deputy Commissioner Vilenchik most recently served as the Brooklyn Borough Commissioner.

A big thank you also to Constadino "Gus" Sirakis, P.E., for his service as Acting Commissioner at the Department since March 2022. Gus will be taking on a new role at the Department.

### [Read the Press Release](#)

*(Top Photo - Commissioner Eric Ulrich; Bottom Photo - First Deputy Commissioner Kazimir Vilenchik, P.E.)*



## New Expanded Customer Service Hours



Starting Wednesday, May 4th, 2022, all DOB customer service locations will be open to the public from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. for in-person and drop off transactions.

Ticket kiosks will now issue service tickets up until 3:00 p.m. for cashier and record room transactions.

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## Registration Still Open For Construction Safety Conference



Digital Build: Safety, Innovation & Sustainability Conference, the Department's online conference has been running all this week, with free online seminars open to the public.

There is still time to register for more online construction safety and Code seminars, presented by DOB experts, being held through Friday, May 6th. Registered Design Professionals who attend these seminars are eligible for free continuing education credits.

[Check out the upcoming seminars and register today.](#)

## Construction Safety Food Truck Rolls On



From May 2nd to May 6th, DOB is celebrating Construction Safety Week with a five-borough construction safety food truck tour at work sites across the City.

Each day this week, our safety-branded food truck is handing out free food and valuable safety information to our City's construction workers. At each stop, DOB and OSHA safety experts are talking directly with construction workers and contractors about best safety practices and ways to avoid getting hurt on the job. These work site visits are part of DOB's ongoing public safety outreach mission.

DOB is also released a new public service announcement video to air on television, and ads to appear in subway cars across the City, to further boost our outreach efforts, and spread the important message about construction safety.

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Eric A. Ulrich, Commissioner



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