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## **Executive Committee Meeting Minutes**

Evonne Capers, Chairperson Wednesday, September 3, 2025

The Executive committee met on September 3 at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended: Evonne Capers, Margarita Espinosa, Carol Robinson, Magdamary Marcano, Kristine Rivera, Maria Garcia (virtual), Nicole Carter (virtual), Carmen Rivera (virtual), Lisa Sanchez (virtual)

The committee discussed the employee manual, and provided feedback on the materials. The committee suggested that the policies apply to all staff, and create a table of contents. The District Manager noted he had added a line to require staff to participate in annual performance reviews.

The committee then heard from the Bronx Borough presidents office, which asked the Board to support an application for funding to the NYC Regional Economic Development Council for a Downtown Revitalization grant for the Greater Fordham Road Corridor. The committee was informed that the BP's office has applied for this grant several times, with two applications this year, and each time selects a specific geographic area for each application. The application is competitive, so this area makes a strong candidate due to the numerous BIDs and anchor institutions. The grant totals \$20 million for each selected corridor.

The committee discussed the Board's budget for FY26, including the funding for staff salary, and office funding for materials and events. The committee discussed the capital funding awarded by Council Member Rafael Salamanca, which is being held by DCAS and has not been made available yet to the Board. The committee discussed the idea of hosting an event for Christmas or seniors in the District, led by the Board's Youth committee. District Manager Rafael Moure discussed the June Executive Committee meeting, where he was not yet clear on the Board's budget. He noted that she did very well on her performance review, and proposed a 2% increase to supplement the 3.5% awarded from the city. The committee asked the District Manager to share self-evaluations from staff with the committee so the committee could make a recommendation for a merit raise at the September Board Meeting.

The committee then discussed funding community events, and total funding per event. The committee then discussed how to present committee reports at the Board meeting without reading minutes verbatim. Last, District Manager Rafael Moure announced that the Board will hold an election for a new parliamentarian at the September meeting.