



THE CITY OF NEW YORK BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6

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Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough President

Honorable Oswald Feliz, New York City Council Member

EVONNE CAPERS
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District Manager

Bronx Community Board 6 Meeting minutes of Wednesday, September 24, 2025

Members Present:

Nicole Carter, Sofia Delgado, Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet, Gail Irby, Laura James, Julio Jimenez, Maria Latimer, Magdamary Marcano, Angel Nunez-Garcia, Jessii Parham, Lamont Parker, Katrina Rawlins, Carmen Rivera, Carol Robinson, Hoshi Salcedo, Lisa Sanchez, Porscha Wilson, Annette Wright, and Angelina Zervos.

Members Absent:

Brigette Brantley, Cornell Brown, Evonne Capers, Ashonda Culcleasure, Patrick Downer, Frank Franz, Maria Garcia, Fousani Hamidou, Nicole Ndiaye, Reggie Powell, Paul Ramirez, Renee Reed, Kristine Rivera, Gil Simmons, and Gladys Sotomayor.

Elected Officials Present:

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson
New York State Assemblymember Karines Reyes

Elected Officials Representatives Present:

Emanuel Martinez, representing New York City Mayor Eric Adams
Jasmine Torreblanca, representing New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera
Christian Cardus, representing New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda
Karime Vergara, representing New York State Assemblymember Karines Reyes
Thania Paulino, representing New York State Assemblymember George Alvarez
Neil Jimenez, representing New York State Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia
Fatmata Kamara, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark
Ronn Jordan, representing United States Congressman Ritchie Torres

I. CALL TO ORDER

The September 24, 2025 meeting of Bronx Community Board 6 was held at SBH Health System's Health and Wellness Center located at 4507 Third Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10457 and was called to order at approximately 6:41 P.M. by 2nd Vice-Chairperson Laura James.

II. INVOCATION

The meeting's invocation was not delivered.

III. COMMUNITY PERIOD

Individuals who addressed the community board as part of the meeting's Community Period included:

Amanda Martinez, representing SBH Health System

Ms. Martinez explained that SBH Health System is required to conduct a Community Health Needs Assessment every three years to identify and prioritize the health needs of our communities. The assessment process involves analyzing data on community health indicators, engaging with community stakeholders, and reviewing existing resources. Based on their findings, SBH Health System develops a Community Service Plan, which includes three priority projects. Ms. Martinez highlighted a significant increase in survey responses, which tripled from 2022 to 2025. Additionally, gun violence was ranked as the number one priority in the latest survey, moving up from the number two position in the previous survey.

Renee Reed, representing Renee and Friends

Aubrey Balcom, representing RiverSpring Living

Mr. Balcom has announced that RiverSpring Living Senior Housing and the Weinberg Center for Elder Justice will be co-hosting a seminar titled "Safe Relationships, Safe Finances" in observance of Domestic Violence Awareness Month. This seminar aims to provide the elderly with valuable advice and practical tips for protecting themselves against various forms of mistreatment, including romance scams. Additionally, their multidisciplinary team of Elder Justice Attorneys and Social Workers will be available to assist attendees with advanced directives such as living wills, powers of attorney, and health care proxies. The seminar is scheduled for Thursday, October 16, 2025, at 1:00 PM and will take place at the Arthur Avenue Senior Apartments, located at 600 East 179th Street.

Derek Milan, representing Tremont Library

Mr. Milan has informed us that the Tremont Library is offering volunteer opportunities for teenagers. These roles involve close collaboration with the Children's Services team, assisting with engaging programs and library events, and supporting daily operations. This presents an excellent opportunity for teens to gain valuable experience and develop leadership skills. Interested individuals can apply by emailing the Tremont Library at Tremont@nyp.org. Additionally, Mr. Milan announced the launch of the Tremont Library's new after-school program for children aged 6 to 12. This program will run Monday through Thursday from 2:45 PM to 5:45 PM beginning Monday, September 29, 2025. No registration is required for participation; children may simply attend.

Laura James, representing Bronx River Garden

Ms. James announced Bronx River Garden's Fourth Annual Harvest Festival, which will take place on Saturday, October 11, 2025, at 1:00 PM. The event will proceed with rain or shine and feature live music by DJ PUSHA, a sound bath, book giveaways, face painting, a scavenger hunt, and an abundance of candy for children. This promises to be a delightful occasion for everyone, and all are welcome to attend.

Virginia Quinones, representing West Farms Library

Ms. Quinones announced the launch of the West Farms Library's new after-school program for children aged 6 to 12. This program will run Monday through Thursday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM beginning

Monday, September 29, 2025. No registration is required for participation; children may simply attend. Additionally, Ms. Quinones extended an invitation to the grand opening of their new Teen Center, which will take place on Thursday, October 16, 2025, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM. The event will feature pizza, cupcakes, music, and various arts and crafts activities.

IV. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Borough President Gibson extended a warm welcome to both new and returning Board members, emphasizing the importance of civic engagement and collaboration. She shared that the Fiscal Year 2026 budget allocates \$62.8 million to the Bronx, supporting vital projects such as new roofs for Kennedy Children's Center, initiatives for D75 schools serving children with special needs, and assistance for VIP Community Services within our District. We were particularly recognized for our advocacy for the East 177th Street and Devoe Avenue project in West Farms, which resulted in a \$40 million allocation. The Board was also acknowledged for its efforts to cap the Cross Bronx Expressway and oppose its expansion.

Borough President Gibson's office is actively assisting veterans and their families every Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM in collaboration with the New York City Department of Veterans Services. Additionally, they are working with the New York State Department of Labor on the "Future Forward Bronx" initiative, which has significantly reduced the Bronx's unemployment rate from 26.6% to 5.9% by expanding employment opportunities. A job fair for this initiative will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2025, at the Bronx Borough Hall. Her office is also engaging youth through the Bronx Youth Council, which aims to encourage civic engagement, promote transparency in local government, and create pathways into government and advocacy, enabling youth to serve as an advisory body and develop into peer leaders and advocates for change.

Further updates from Borough President Gibson included the expansion of Hostos Community College into the Historic Bronx General Post Office building and the award of a \$20 million grant to Greater Morris Park through the Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI). She also underscored the connection between clean streets and safe neighborhoods, noting that the budget includes \$500,000 for the New York City Department of Sanitation and \$1 million for the New York City Police Department for security cameras across the borough to address illegal dumping and crime. Borough President Gibson concluded her report by reaffirming her office's commitment to supporting the community board's leadership and members.

V. ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

New York State Assembly Member Karines Reyes

Assembly Member Reyes has introduced a bill in the Assembly, mirroring Senator Sepulveda's Senate bill, to regulate autonomous vehicles and prevent their use as taxi services. Her office is also actively engaged with the New York State Department of Transportation (NYSDOT) and advocacy groups regarding the Five Bridges Project. NYSDOT recently removed options 1A and 1B, which involved a temporary connector that was initially planned to become permanent. This decision was influenced by community concerns, including the absence of a relevant bus route, lack of consultation with the MTA, uncertainty about maintenance responsibilities, and strong opposition to the connector. NYSDOT is now considering two main approaches for the Five Bridges Project and that is to build the extender to deviate traffic, which would make the project last four years. This option includes the possibility of demolishing the extender afterward and not building the extender, which would extend the Five Bridges Project to six years. Assembly Member Reyes will continue conversations with the community and will provide further updates as they're available.

Additionally, BJ's Wholesale Club has signed a lease for the former Kmart location at Bruckner Boulevard Plaza. This follows the withdrawal of a previous plan for a Target store. Assembly Member Reyes' office, along with other elected officials, has met with BJ's representatives. Construction is in the preliminary stages, with an anticipated completion by Fall 2026. BJ's projects the creation of approximately 150 full-time and part-time jobs, and despite not being a unionized employer, they have committed to providing a living wage. Assembly Member Reyes provided updates on several events that have occurred and are scheduled. She hosted multiple successful back-to-school events, including one in West Farms on August 22nd in partnership with Justice for Families, where over a thousand backpacks were distributed. Additional backpack giveaways were held in the Parkchester and Castle Hill areas in collaboration with other organizations. A shredding event was also held at Jamie Towers. Furthermore, Assembly Member Reyes hosted two events in the Parkchester area, one with the New York City Department of Housing Preservation and Development and another with Bodega Bank. In observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, a mammogram bus will be at their office on October 3, 2025, starting at 9:00 AM. Finally, their sixth annual Trunk or Treat event is scheduled for October 25, 2025, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Castle Playground. This event provides children with a safe and fun trick-or-treating experience, where volunteers decorate their cars, open their trunks, and distribute candy.

Finally, Assembly Member Reyes extended special recognition to Margarita Espinosa, our Secretary and Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson, for her dedication and service to the Happy Land Social Club fire anniversaries.

Jasmine Torreblanca, representing New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera

Ms. Torreblanca announced that their office has resumed weekly newsletters in both English and Spanish, transitioning from the bi-weekly schedule observed over the summer. She also informed us that this past summer, Senator Rivera hosted several community events, including a senior health fair and luncheon, and distributed backpacks and school supplies throughout the district for the new academic year. Various pop-up events were also organized, including one at Washington Park within our district. This month, their office has continued with monthly clinics, offering free immigration assistance in partnership with NMIC, and collaborating with the West Bronx Housing and Neighborhood Resource Center. Additionally, Senator Rivera hosted his second annual Public Health and Safety Fair at Poe Park yesterday. Ms. Torreblanca also announced that their office will hold their "Spooky Halloween Blood Drive" in partnership with Fordham University on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Ms. Torreblanca reminded us that individuals interested in receiving constituent services, can reach their office at (718) 933-2034 or visit their district office located at 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome.

Christian Cardus, representing New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda

Mr. Cardus informed us that Senator Sepulveda plans to introduce a new bill in the upcoming session that will require a driver to be present in all motor vehicles operated for hire, such as Uber and Lyft. This bill aims to enhance the safety of both passengers and the public by preventing remotely operated vehicles from picking up passengers. Additionally, Mr. Cardus provided an update on Senator Sepulveda's summer initiatives, including a large backpack and school supplies giveaway in Crotona Park. Attendees also received over 300 free Bronx Zoo tickets and free books. They also held a pop-up giveaway outside their office, distributing additional backpacks. Ms. Cardus also provided us with an update on Senator Sepulveda's summer initiatives. He informed us that they hosted a large backpack and school supplies giveaway in Crotona Park. Attendees also received free Bronx Zoo tickets and free books. They also held a pop-up giveaway outside their office, distributing additional backpacks. Looking ahead, Senator Sepulveda's office is hosting a Healthy Lifestyle Convention on October 25, 2025. This event will feature various health and fitness organizations dedicated to educating the community on healthy lifestyle choices. Mr. Cardus reminded us that individuals interested in constituent services can reach their office at (718)

933-2034 or visit their district office located at 975 Kelly Street, Suite 203. Appointments are encouraged, but walk-ins are also welcome.

Thania Paulino, representing New York State Assemblyman George Alvarez

Ms. Paulino reminded us that their office provides constituent and immigration services. Individuals can visit their office at 2633 Webster Avenue to receive assistance.

Neil Jimenez, representing New York State Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia

Mr. Jimenez provides us with an update on Assembly Member Tapia's summer activities and recent legislative developments. They hosted a successful back-to-school giveaway, distributing backpacks and school supplies to attendees. The event also featured entertainment and face painting. Additionally, beginning this month, a Human Resources Administration (HRA) specialist will be available monthly at their office to assist residents with enrollment and other HRA-related matters, addressing a significant need in our district. The office will also continue to operate its NMIC housing clinic to ensure residents receive necessary services. On the legislative front, Assembly Member Tapia is currently awaiting the Governor's signature on two significant bills. One bill aims to increase camera coverage in correctional facilities to eliminate blind spots, ensuring proper investigation and reporting of correctional officer abuse, especially following the tragic events earlier this year. The second bill proposes allowing individuals to register as organ donors through their personal income tax returns, a method that has proven highly effective in other states. Looking ahead, Assembly Member Tapia's office is exploring a bill with Con Edison and the Public Utility Law Project to eliminate late fees for residential and small business customers, as they believe the current structure is more punitive than incentivizing. They are also collaborating with the Public Utility Law Project to challenge recent rate increases. Finally, they are investigating a methodology similar to the Public Advocate's "worst landlord list" to prevent negligent landlords from acquiring additional residential properties in New York State.

Fatmata Kamara, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark

Ms. Kamara shared that District Attorney Clark has established a Youth Advisory Council, designed to empower Bronx students in grades 8-12 as advocates. This council will convene monthly to address critical topics such as youth safety, gun violence, and the criminal justice system. The application deadline for this advisory council is September 26, 2025. Additionally, Ms. Kamara announced a Reentry Employment Resource Fair, scheduled for next Tuesday, September 30, 2025, from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the St. James Recreation Center. This event will offer valuable workshops on resume building, interview skills, and job readiness, alongside opportunities for on-site hiring. The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) will also be present to assist individuals in obtaining a REAL ID; standard fees and required documentation will apply, with details available on their website. Finally, Ms. Kamara informed us that their office is updating the Interfaith Directory and encouraged members of the clergy or attendees of houses of worship to complete the directory form. This initiative will help maintain an accurate contact list for community matters and invitations to office-hosted events. She also announced the 8th Annual 5K Run, Walk, or Roll event, scheduled for Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM, beginning on East 161st Street between Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue. This event aims to raise awareness and prevent domestic violence.

Ronn Jordan, representing United States Congressman Ritchie Torres

Mr. Jordan informed us about the possible government shutdown if the Republicans and Democrats fail to reach an agreement on funding negotiations by September 30, 2025. Concurrently, the expansion of the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which provides healthcare for millions of Americans, is set to expire at the end of the year. If this expansion is not renewed, health insurance costs will rise, and millions risk losing

their coverage. Democrats are actively working to ensure this critical expansion continues as part of the ongoing budget negotiations. Additionally, a recently signed bill is raising concerns here in the Bronx, particularly regarding healthcare. Many residents could face cuts to their Medicaid and SNAP benefits, among other vital services. They are working diligently to negotiate and hope a resolution can be reached to prevent a government shutdown and mitigate these potential cuts. However, Mr. Jordan informed us that because of this a shutdown currently appears very likely.

Emmanuel Martinez, representing New York City Mayor Eric Adams

Mr. Martinez informed us that he can be contacted via telephone at (646) 406-3346 or by email at EmMartinez@cityhall.nyc.gov should you require assistance from his office.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2nd Vice-Chairperson Laura James reported the following information:

- Ms. James encouraged Board Members to join the Health and Human Services Committee, as it currently has the fewest members. Current committee assignments will remain unchanged unless a member requests a modification.
- Ms. James informed us that effective next month, prior approval will be required to attend virtual meetings. Members attending a committee meeting virtually without providing at least one day's advance notice to the District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett will be marked absent.
- Ms. James also informed us that the Executive Committee has reviewed and discussed the Employee Manual, originally presented in June, which outlines guidelines for staff on office operations. Feedback has been provided.
- Ms. James also informed us that following a performance review of Community Assistant Sonia Banegas, District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett recommended a 2% merit increase in salary, in addition to the 3.5% awarded by the City.

VII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett reported the following information:

- Mr. Moure-Punnett provide an update on the bill aiming to regulate auto shop license renewals with the New York State Department of Motor Vehicles. The bill, co-sponsored by State Senators Gustavo Rivera and Luis Sepulveda, has successfully passed the State Senate twice. However, the Assembly bill, sponsored by Assembly Member George Alvarez, has not yet been heard by the Assembly's Transportation Committee. Assembly Member Alvarez informed Mr. Moure-Punnett that the Senate bill lacks detailed fiscal implications. He emphasized his commitment to the bill and will lobby for the necessary funding to create an oversight unit in the Department of Motor Vehicles. Given these developments, District Manager Moure-Punnett suggested that the motion listed for tonight's agenda be tabled until November to allow time to engage Assembly Members who have not yet signed on.
- Mr. Moure-Punnett informed us that New York City Mayor Eric Adams has vetoed the Tremont Avenue Busway, citing a letter from the Board. Mr. Moure-Punnett analysis suggests that a busway would enhance BX36 travel times and that businesses would retain parking availability. We also note that deliveries by truck would still be feasible, and existing bus camera enforcement for double-parking would remain applicable. The primary alteration would involve redirecting traffic to East 180th and Crotona Park North. The Transportation Committee proposes to conditionally approve

the busway, pending the provision of additional data regarding the potential effects on traffic patterns, particularly for drivers accessing Arthur Avenue.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Magdamary Marcano reported the following information:

Ms. Marcano reported that as of today, we have spent \$39,316.27 on supplies, materials, and various services. This leaves a remaining balance of \$257,903.73 in the budget. Ms. Marcano will provide a final report for Fiscal Year 2025 next month.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson

Ms. Carter reported that the Economic Development Committee discussed a joint application submitted by the Office of Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and The Bronx Economic Development Corporation for a Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) grant for Fordham Road. This grant will fund capital projects that will enhance connectivity and economic growth in the Greater Fordham Road Corridor. Ms. Carter informed us that the Economic Development Committee met with Council Member Oswald Feliz to share insights and vision for the rezoning of the Park Avenue area (East 183rd Street to East 173rd Street) on Wednesday, September 17th. She also announced that the Economic Development Committee will be attending the East Tremont Merchant Alliance meeting hosted by Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC) on Thursday, September 25, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at El Nuevo Bohio.

Ms. Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

Ms. Espinosa reported that the New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) delivered a presentation on flood prevention, detailing the effects of climate change on rainfall patterns and the city's infrastructure. Additionally, Community Leader Laura James facilitated a discussion regarding a proposal to establish a garden and community center at the Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church and Graveyard. This site holds significant historical importance as it contains the remains of enslaved Africans, Native Americans, early settlers, and veterans. The proposal aims to preserve this land as a public space dedicated to remembrance, learning, and community engagement. Finally, the Environment and Parks Committee was informed that Lot 32, which is adjacent to the Garden of Youth, was sold to a private buyer. This occurred despite the city's previous intention to maintain it as a community garden. The buyer has since removed trees and garden beds from the lot. Council Member Oswald Feliz is currently working to reacquire the lot to restore it as a community garden.

Laura James, reporting on behalf of Housing and Land-Use Committee Chairperson, Frank Franz, who was absent

Ms. James informed us that a proposal to develop the West Farms Memorial Gardens at the Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church and Graveyard was presented at the Housing and Land-Use Committee meeting. This site holds significant historical importance, as it contains the remains of enslaved Africans, Native Americans, early settlers, and war veterans. The proposal aims to preserve this land as a public space dedicated to remembrance, learning, and community engagement, with plans to include historic markers and educational programs. The Housing and Land-Use Committee unanimously voted to issue a

letter to the Presbytery of New York and the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, expressing support for this proposal. Additionally, the committee suggested nominating the site for inclusion on historic registers.

Annette Wright, Nominating Committee Member

Ms. Wright has informed us that the Nomination Committee has reviewed the By-Laws governing elections and the described process. The Nomination Committee also reviewed the nominations for the Parliamentary position and adopted the official ballot. This evening, the Nomination Committee will present the ballot, accept nominations from the floor, close nominations, and then tally the votes. A runoff election will be held if no candidate receives a majority of the votes.

Carmen Rivera, Public Safety and Licensing Committee Chairperson

Ms. Rivera reported that the committee reviewed several liquor license applications and issued favorable recommendations to the New York State Liquor Authority. However, a favorable recommendation was not issued to Portmore Link Up Lounge Inc. located at 800 East Tremont Avenue due to ongoing complaints and a history of non-compliance. Additionally, Ms. Rivera announced the introduction of the citywide NYPD Quality of Life Division to the 48th Precinct. This division will deploy Quality of Life Teams (Q-Teams) to address non-emergency 311 and 911 concerns, such as abandoned vehicles, noise, and illegal parking, while also building community relationships.

Carol Robinson, Sanitation Committee Chairperson

Ms. Robinson reported that the Sanitation Committee received an informational presentation from the New York City Department of Sanitation regarding the new commercial waste containerization rules. The Department of Sanitation outlined the new commercial waste zones, which divide the city into 20 distinct areas. Each zone will be served by up to three private carters, and five citywide carters will handle businesses utilizing dumpsters, compactors, and loading docks. This new system is designed to standardize waste collection services, maintain low costs through competitive bidding, and ensure transparent pricing. It also offers discounted rates for recycling and organics collection. Furthermore, the initiative includes stricter customer service standards, enhanced training and safety protocols, and improved operational efficiency. These changes are expected to reduce the number of trucks on the streets, thereby improving traffic flow and decreasing air and noise pollution.

Lisa Sanchez, Transportation Committee Chairperson

Ms. Sanchez reported that Mayor Eric Adams has postponed the Tremont Avenue Busway following the Board's earlier opposition. Our concerns primarily revolved around potential bus congestion on West 181st Street and the Washington Bridge, as well as the possibility of increased traffic on alternate routes such as East 180th Street, Arthur Avenue, and Third Avenue. Although the New York City Department of Transportation implemented changes to signal timing, the Transportation Committee requires additional information regarding the busway's overall impact. Ms. Sanchez informed us that the Transportation Committee also discussed Assembly Member George Alvarez's bill A3699, which addresses auto shop license renewals. The committee noted that while a similar bill (S2329) passed in the Senate, the Assembly has re-introduced A3699 due to opposition from the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV). To move forward, the Transportation Committee has proposed seeking an additional sponsor for the bill and has requested further details regarding the DMV's specific objections. Additionally, the comment period for the Cross Bronx Expressway 5 Bridges Project's Environmental Assessment has been extended until February. The Transportation Committee remains strongly opposed to the expansion of the Cross Bronx Expressway, especially the construction of a permanent extension or roadway.

Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

Ms. James informed us that Grand Street Settlement, an organization expanding its programs to the Bronx, presented on their Early Head Start and Head Start Programs. They are opening two new centers within Bronx Community Board 6's district: the West Farms Child and Family Center and the Crotona Park Child and Family Center. These centers will create local employment opportunities and offer referral services for families. Grand Street Settlement is interested in partnering with Bronx Community Board 6. Ms. James also informed us that the Youth and Education Committee was updated by District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett on the FOIL request to the New York City Department of Youth and Community Development regarding youth program performance. He received a response and is summarizing the lengthy document.

X. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A roll call attendance was taken confirming the presence of quorum with the presence of twenty members.

XI. ADOPTIONS OF MOTIONS

1. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board 6's June 2025 Community Board and June, July, August and September 2025 Committee Meetings. was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Ms. Nicole Carter, and adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.
2. A motion to increase the salary of Community Associate Sonia Banegas by 2%, to supplement the city-awarded increase was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Ms. Magdamary Marciano, and adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.
3. A motion to issue a letter of support to New York City Regional Economic Development Council for the Downtown Revitalization Grant for Fordham Road was made by Ms. Nicole Carter, seconded by Mr. Lamont Parker, adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.
4. A motion to issue a letter of support for the West Farms Memorial Garden was made by Ms. Margarita Espinosa, seconded by Ms. Angelina Zervos, and adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.
5. A motion to issue a letter of support for the expansion of inpatient psychiatric services and the reduction and relocation of inpatient detoxification services at SBH Health System was made by Ms. Carmen Rivera, seconded by Ms. Magdamary Marciano, and adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions
6. A motion to issue a letter to the New York City Department of Transportation in support of the Tremont busway contingent on clarification of the effects of a busway on motor vehicle traffic for visitors to the Belmont Business Improvement District area was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Ms. Jessii Parham, and adopted by a vote of seventeen in favor, two abstentions, and one opposition.
 - 6A. A motion to amend issue a letter to the New York City Department of Transportation in support of the Tremont busway contingent on clarification of the effects of a busway on motor vehicle traffic for visitors to the Belmont Business Improvement District area was made (A motion to amend. Striking support for the busway, and simply asking for

clarification.) by Ms. Jessii Parham, seconded by Ms. Lisa Sanchez, and adopted by a vote of nineteen in favor, zero abstentions, and one opposition.

7. A motion to table the issuing of a letter to New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera regarding regulating Auto Shop licensing through the Department of Motor Vehicle was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Ms. Gail Irby and adopted by a vote of nineteen in favor, zero abstentions, and one opposition.
8. A motion to table the adoption of Bronx Community Board 6's Employee Manual was made by Ms. Carmen Rivera, seconded by Ms. Magdamary Marciano and adopted by a vote of twenty in favor, zero abstentions, and zero oppositions.

XII. ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

A ballot with the Nominating Committee's candidates was presented. Before the Parliamentary vote, nominations were opened to the floor, but no additional candidates were put forward.

The results of the election was as follows:

Lamont Parker — 10 votes
Reggie Powell — 10 votes

The election resulted in a tie. Therefore, another election will be conducted next month.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the September 24, 2025 meeting of Bronx Community Board 6 was adjourned at approximately 8:07 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carla Leon
Community Coordinator

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORDING FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6 MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

NAME	ATTENDANCE	MEETING MINUTES	CA SONTA BANEZAS 2% SALARY INCREASE	LOS DRG FORDHAM ROAD	LOS WEST FARMS MEMORIAL GARDEN	LOS SRH PSYCHIATRIC SERVICES EXPANSION	LETTER TO DOT RE: EAST TREMONT BUSWAY	LETTER TO SENATOR RIVERA RE: AUTO SHOPS DMV	ADJOURNMENT	CO-A Fossil Lisa	CO-B 8-A Carmen Magda
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Brigitte Brantley	absent										
Cornell Brown	absent										
Evonne Capers	absent										
Nicole Carter	present										
Ashonda Culeasure	absent										
Sofia Delgado	present										
Patrick Downer	absent										
Margarita Espinosa	present										
Frank Franz	absent										
Maria Garcia	absent										
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Paul Ramirez	absent										
Katrina Rawlins	present										
Renee Reed	absent										
Carmen Rivera	present										
Kristine Rivera	absent										
Carol Robinson	present										
Hoshi Salcedo	present										
Lisa Sanchez	present						Lisa				
Gil Simmons	absent										
Gladys Sotomayor	absent										
Porsha Wilson	present										
Annette Wright	present										
Angelina Zervos	present						abstain				
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Absent:	No:										
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Quorum: 18	Total:										

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