



THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6
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Bronx Community Board 6
Meeting minutes of Wednesday, October 29, 2025

Members Present:

Brigette Brantley, Cornell Brown, Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Ashonda Culcleasure, Margarita Espinosa, Frank Franz, Maria Garcia, Shantavia Inabinet, Laura James, Julio Jimenez, Magdamary Marcano, Angel Nunez-Garcia, Jessii Parham, Lamont Parker, Reggie Powell, Katrina Rawlins, Renee Reed, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Glady Sotomayor, Porsche Wilson, Annette Wright, and Angelina Zervos.

Members Absent:

Sofia Delgado, Patrick Downer, Fousani Hamidou, Gail Irby, Maria Latimer, Nicole Ndiaye, Paul Ramirez, Carol Robinson, Hoshi Salcedo, and Lisa Sanchez.

Elected Officials Present:

New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera

Elected Officials Representatives Present:

Emanuel Martinez, representing New York City Mayor Eric Adams
Kenny Agosto, representing Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson
Santiago Baena, representing New York City Council Member Oswald Feliz
Jasmine Torreblanca, representing New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera
Elizabeth Marte, representing New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda
Karime Vergara, representing New York State Assembly Member Karines Reyes
Thania Paulino, representing New York State Assembly Member George Alvarez
Jack Shaevitz, representing New York State Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia
Jeffrey Pena, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark
Tamar Rothstein, representing United States Congressman Ritchie Torres

I. CALL TO ORDER

The October 29, 2025 meeting of Bronx Community Board 6 was held at the Tremont Library located at 1866 Washington Avenue, Bronx, New York, 10457 and was called to order at approximately 6:33 PM by 2nd Vice-Chairperson Laura James.

II. INVOCATION

The meeting's invocation was delivered by Board Member Cornell Brown.

III. COMMUNITY PERIOD

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

Angelina Zervos, representing West Farms Memorial Gardens

Ms. Zervos informed us that Community Leaders Laura James and Nilka Martell are leading the proposal to develop a garden and community center at the Beck Memorial Presbyterian Church and Graveyard, located at 980 East 180th Street. Ms. Zervos highlighted that the burial grounds behind the church are a historically significant site in New York, containing the remains of enslaved Africans, Native Americans, early settlers, and veterans from four wars. Ms. Zervos also extended an invitation to several upcoming events this month designed to provide more information on these efforts. On Saturday, November 8th, from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, a walking tour of West Farms will be held, with Laura James leading the segment focused on the church area. Registration for this event is available through the Bronx River Arts Center (BRAC) on their Eventbrite page. Additionally, on Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11th, at 12:00 PM, a Veterans Day Drum Circle will commence in front of the church and proceed to the River Garden; participants are encouraged to bring their own drums. On Wednesday, November 12th, a Zoom information session will be hosted in collaboration with the Bronx Historical Society, offering a comprehensive overview of the project; the link for this meeting can be found on their website. For further details regarding the West Farms Memorial Gardens Project, please visit their website at westfarmsmemorialgardens.org, where you can also subscribe to their newsletter for updates on events and initiatives.

Brigette Brantley, representing Earl Monroe New Renaissance Basketball School

Ms. Brantley announced the upcoming opening of their new location at 679 Elton Avenue. Their school, founded by NBA legend Earl "the Pearl" Monroe, offers a robust academic curriculum alongside various sports programs, including basketball, volleyball, track and field, softball, and baseball. Additionally, they provide a sports media program for students interested in podcasting and sports journalism. They are currently housed in a former Catholic school building and are relocating to a new facility in the South Bronx, a significant move from our current location near a country club. Our school has been featured in the New York Times and the New York Post. Ms. Brantley asked that her school's information be shared with high school students who might be interested in our basketball or sports media programs.

IV. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson's report was presented by her Community Liaison, Kenny Agosto.

Mr. Agosto reported on the partial collapse of the building's chimney at 205 Alexander Avenue. Their team is currently on-site, working in collaboration with residents, families, city agencies, and emergency personnel. Mr. Agosto also announced that Borough President Gibson will host a RESO-A Funding Information Session on Thursday, November 13th, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. This session, which will take place in the Rotunda at 851 Grand Concourse, will cover capital funds available for initiatives such as A+ STEM labs, computer labs, mobile signs, smart boards, supplemental cooling, and gymnasiums. Additionally, Borough President Gibson, the Bronx LGBTQ Task Force, and the Bronx Ending the Epidemic HIV Roundtable will host a Halloween Extravaganza on Thursday, October 30th, from 5 PM to 10 PM at Sobro Garden, 26 Bruckner Boulevard.

V. ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera

Senator Gustavo is addressing community concerns about auto repair shops expanding operations, which causes parking and sidewalk issues. This legislation, directly responding to your feedback, aims to improve the quality of life. The bill passed in the Senate but faces challenges in the Assembly, where Assemblymember George Alvarez is sponsoring it. Senator Gustavo recently observed the issues firsthand during a walk-through with community members and board representatives. He will prioritize this bill next year to ensure its passage. A follow-up walk is planned. Senator Gustavo will soon send a staff member to meet with business owners. This initial approach with a smaller group aims to be less confrontational. The goal is to gauge their flexibility, especially when their operations negatively impact the community's quality of life, for example, by exceeding their capacity for vehicles. He plans to take an escalating approach, starting with good-faith conversations. If this is unsuccessful, he will explore further actions.

Senator Rivera recently toured our district and expressed enthusiasm for his ongoing support of community programs. He is particularly pleased with the Bronx Health Link, which successfully hosted a diaper giveaway. This program supplies new mothers and families with essential diapers for the first seven months of a child's life, and the Senator has secured sustained funding for it. Additionally, Senator Rivera's office is addressing community concerns about the presence of federal agents, particularly reports of individuals without identification picking up residents. To address this, we have developed "Know Your Rights" cards. These cards, vetted by an attorney, inform community members of their rights, especially when agents request entry into their homes. One side is in color for personal retention, and the other is in black and white to be given to an agent during an interaction. The Senator believes this initiative is vital to ensure all New Yorkers, regardless of citizenship status, understand their rights.

Santiago Baena, representing New York City Council Member Oswald Feliz

Mr. Baena announced that their office is hosting a turkey giveaway on Tuesday, November 25th, at 2:00 PM, outside our office at 573 East Fordham Road. They anticipate distributing turkeys until at least 4:00 PM. He also reminded us that individuals can contact their office at (718) 842-8100 for assistance with housing, public assistance, or immigration matters. Mr. Baena also informed us that the City Council approved Council Member Feliz's legislation requiring the Department of Small Business Services (SBS) to conduct targeted outreach to small businesses. This initiative will focus on common violations within specific zip codes, ensuring businesses receive relevant information and resources to foster their success. Furthermore, Council Member Feliz recently introduced legislation that would require the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS) to report on vacant city-owned properties. Their observations over the past four years have revealed numerous underutilized public land pockets often marked by disuse and blight. This legislation aims to prompt DCAS to be more proactive in providing information about these properties, including reasons for vacancy and potential reactivation plans, enabling community collaboration for public benefit.

Elizabeth Marte, representing New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda

Ms. Marte informed us of three Senate bills. First, Bill S8523 aims to protect New Yorkers from unwarranted inquiries into their immigration status and to limit federal immigration authorities' access to state buildings. This bill would prevent federal immigration agents from making civil arrests within state buildings, such as courthouses or government offices, unless they possess a valid judicial warrant. Second, Bill S7719A, known as the End Bullying And Discrimination in Schools Everywhere (BEACON) Act, explicitly includes immigration status, including that of students' family members, as a protected category

under the Dignity for All Students Act. This act enhances reporting and transparency by mandating that schools collect and report data on incidents of bullying and discrimination. Furthermore, it directs the State Education Department to develop specific guidance and policies to address harassment based on immigration status. Finally, they are actively working on a new bill, an amendment to the Dream Act, with a pending bill number. This amendment seeks to eliminate the current attendance requirement, which states that students must have attended a New York State high school for two or more years. Their proposed change would instead require students to have graduated from a New York State high school. This modification acknowledges that many students, including recent immigrants, transfer students, and those who moved to New York later in their education, can still graduate from New York high schools and should not be disadvantaged due to shorter attendance.

Ms. Marte also informed us that they are partnering with Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia's office to host an MDR Roundtable on Thursday, November 13th, from 5 PM to 7 PM, at 118 William West Niles. They are inviting students, parents, educators, advocates, and elected officials to discuss how New York State can safeguard the rights of students with disabilities as federal protections weaken. Topics will include improving data collection and transparency, building student and parent power, increasing oversight of disciplinary practices, and sharing resources. Ms. Marte also informed us that their office maintains partnerships with several organizations to provide valuable services. They collaborate with Bridge Builders on a biweekly basis to assist with applications for housing, one-shot deals, and childcare vouchers. Additionally, they partnered with Northern Manhattan Improvement Corporation (NMIC) and New York Legal Assistance Group (NYLAG) to offer various legal services, including assistance with housing eviction and immigration matters. Individuals can contact their office by telephone at (718) 991-3161 or in person at 975 Kelly Street, Suite 203.

Karime Vergara, representing New York State Assembly Member Karines Reyes

Ms. Vergara informed us that their office recently celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. During the event, they had the honor of recognizing several community members, including Public School 6's fire safety officer, who has served for 26 years, the new community council president for the 43rd Precinct, and our very own Kristine Rivera from Community Board Six. The evening featured great music, raffles, and a wonderful performance by the Celia Cruz Bronx High School of Music Choir. She also announced that their office is hosting a shredding event this Saturday, November 1st, from 11 AM to 3 PM, at their office located at 1973 Westchester Avenue. Ms. Vergara also informed us that Assemblymember Reyes recently signed a letter from the Borough President's office to Amtrak regarding the Metro-North and Amtrak delays. The initial plan was to have service operational in the Bronx by 2027; however, due to these delays, it may now be pushed back to 2030. In the letter, Bronx officials emphasize that these delays are unacceptable and demand the temporary installation and operation of stations in Co-op City, Morris Park, and Parkchester to provide limited service by 2027. Additionally, they have been closely following the important work of the West Farms Memorial Garden and their efforts to preserve the 200-year-old sacred ancestral burial ground. Their office is committed to supporting these community efforts in any way we can.

Thania Paulino, representing New York State Assemblyman George Alvarez

Ms. Paulino informed us that they are preparing for our annual turkey giveaway, which will take place from the week of November 17th to approximately November 24th. Ms. Paulino also informed us that their office offers various constituent services, including assistance with housing, public assistance, and immigration matters. Individuals can contact their office by telephone at (718) 933-2204 or in person at 2633 Webster Avenue. Their office hours are Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

Jack Shaevitz, representing New York State Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia

Mr. Shaevitz informed us that their office hosted a senior luncheon last month at Bronx Community College, which was attended by approximately 400 seniors. Additionally, they will be hosting their annual turkey giveaway on Friday, December 5th at 2:00 PM at P.S. 363. To receive a ticket for the turkey giveaway, please visit or call their office. Mr. Shaevitz also informed us that his office provides assistance with housing, public assistance, and immigration-related issues. He also mentioned that they host various clinics to connect constituents with valuable resources. Mr. Shaevitz also informed us that Assembly Member Tapia recently joined the Governor and Speaker to announce the allocation of \$55 million for the new Fordham Landing project. While not directly within our district, this project is nearby and will bring 985 units of affordable housing. Construction is scheduled to begin in March 2026. Individuals can reach Mr. Shaevitz by telephone at (917) 414-5323.

Jeffrey Pena, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel D. Clark

Mr. Pena shared information about their office's youth initiatives. They are having a Beyond the Block event. It will take place on Wednesday, December 3rd, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM at the Reverend T. Wendell Foster Recreation Center, located at 1020 Jerome Avenue. This event aims to bring together 100 to 150 young people, ages 13 to 21, for workshops, activities, and community resources. Their goal is to empower young people by providing them with the tools and resources to make positive choices. Additionally, Mr. Pena shared that they are hosting a "no questions asked" gun buyback event on Saturday, November 22nd, from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at St. James Episcopal Church, 2500 Jerome Avenue. There is a limit of three guns per participant, or two ghost guns, or three 3D-printed guns per participant. Participants can receive the following gift cards for firearms turned in:

- \$500 for an operable handgun or assault rifle
- \$200 for a ghost gun or 3D-printed gun
- \$75 for an operable rifle or shotgun
- \$25 for air guns, non-operable handguns, or imitation pistols

The first 100 participants may also receive an Apple iPad Pro, Apple Watch, gaming console, or other electronic devices. They will also be distributing free food pantry bags at the event.

Tamar Rothstein, representing United States Congressman Ritchie Torres

Ms. Rothstein has reminded us that the federal government has entered a shutdown due to Congress's inability to pass appropriations bills that fund the operations of federal agencies and programs. While critical services such as Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid continue, many workers and families are experiencing significant strain through delayed paychecks, slower processing times, and uncertainty about benefits and programs. Congressman Torres is committed to finding a bipartisan solution to reopen the government and restore the stability that Bronx families deserve. In the interim, our office remains open and ready to assist constituents through this period.

Emmanuel Martinez, representing New York City Mayor Eric Adams

Mr. Martinez informed us about his efforts to coordinate with various city agencies, the Housing Board, and the New York City Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC). He is currently gathering information to comprehensively address resident concerns, particularly those related to graffiti, wall maintenance, lighting, and sanitation. Mr. Martinez emphasized the importance of ensuring that seating is placed against walls to prevent potential accusations from residents. He also requested a detailed list of community residents' concerns to facilitate accurate requests to the city for resolution. He can be contacted via telephone at (646) 406-3346 or by email at EmMartinez@cityhall.nyc.gov.

VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

2nd Vice-Chairperson Laura James, on behalf of Chairperson Evonne Capers, reported the following information:

Ms. James informed Board Members that advance notice is now required virtual attendance for committee meetings. Board members who attend virtually without prior notification will be marked as "virtual attendance without notice (Absent)."

Additionally, Ms. James announced that we will be voting on two important items: the Preliminary Community District Needs for Fiscal Year 2027 and the employee manual. The District Needs Statement, which summarizes our district's capital and expense needs, was reviewed by all committees this month. The employee manual has been presented at previous meetings and reviewed by the executive committee.

Finally, Ms. James also shared the committee appointments.

VII. DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT

District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett reported the following information:

Mr. Moure-Punnett recently discussed the proposed City Charter revisions that are currently on the ballot for the upcoming election. While these proposals are positively phrased, he highlighted several concerns for consideration.

- Item 1: Would add 2,500 acres of protected forest to Adirondack Park in exchange for 1,000 acres for ski trail expansion at the Olympic Sports Complex in Essex County.**
- Items 2-4 (Zoning Changes): These items aim to centralize or deregulate the decision-making process for zoning changes.**
- Item 2: Would allow changes for all-affordable housing developments to be approved by the Board of Standard and Appeals (BSA) instead of the City Council. It also states that in the 12 community districts with the lowest rates of affordable housing construction, all zoning changes would be subject to approval by the City Planning Commission (CPC). Mr. Moure-Punnett expressed concerns that this could lead to developers bypassing the City Council and proposing projects with high affordability thresholds, approved by boards not accountable to communities.**
- Item 3: Would create an Expedited ULURP process to bypass ULURP for certain land use actions, again referring decision-making to the CPC. This applies to changes adding only 30% residential density, zonings at or below R5, selling city-owned land to HDFCs, street demapping, or resiliency changes. He expressed concerns about the sale of public land to private entities without public oversight.**
- Item 4: This item would establish an appeal board, composed of the Borough President, City Council Speaker, and the Mayor. The board would have the authority to overturn ULURP decisions, leading to a further centralization of land use decision-making.**
- Item 5: Proposes the creation of a centralized digital city map within the Department of City Planning (DCP), moving this function from the Borough President's office and necessitating new DCP staff hires.**
- Item 6: Proposes shifting local elections to presidential election years to boost voter turnout, though it raises concerns about whether this would result in a more informed electorate. He also mentioned**

that the Board had previously endorsed roughly half of the "City of Yes" proposals but, in June, opposed charter revisions that would reduce the Board's influence over zoning modifications.

VIII. TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Magdamary Marcano reported the following information:

Ms. Marcano reported that as of today, we have spent \$62,714.15 on supplies, materials, equipment rentals and various services. This leaves a remaining balance of \$ 234,505.85 in the budget. Ms. Marcano will provide a final report for Fiscal Year 2025 next month.

IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Lamont Parker, Disciplinary Committee Chairperson

Mr. Parker reported that the Disciplinary Committee discussed new guidance from the Law Department regarding removal proceedings for Community Boards. The Law Department stated that the City Charter requires Boards to consider six months of membership before initiating a removal motion. They clarified that this six-month period starts in July for new members (their appointment date). Additionally, the Disciplinary Committee reviewed attendance for September's Community Board and Committee meetings and has sent letters to five members who missed a meeting without prior notice, reminding them of the Board's notice requirement for absences.

Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson

Ms. Carter reported on the discussion regarding the Bronx Borough President's Office's Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI) Project Proposal. This proposal seeks state funds for capital improvements and economic activities in the Greater Fordham Road Corridor. She informed us that the Economic Development Committee also received an update on the proposed neighborhood rezoning along Park Avenue, which aims to transition it from a manufacturing to a residential zone. Public hearings for this rezoning are scheduled for January 2026. The Board recommended expanding the study area to include 3rd Avenue and considering a mixed-use zone between St. Barnabas Hospital and Fordham Plaza. Additionally, the Economic Development Committee recapped a recent merchant meeting. During this meeting, businesses shared their concerns and identified how the Neighborhood Initiatives Development Corporation (NIDC) could support them through a grant from the Department of Small Business Services. Finally, Ms. Carter informed us that the Economic Development Committee discussed the Preliminary Community District Needs for fiscal year 2027.

Ms. Margarita Espinosa, Environment and Parks Committee Chairperson

Ms. Espinosa reported that the Department of Parks and Recreation presented a revised public artwork design by Glendalys Medina for the Walter Gladwin Recreation Center. The new design incorporates the Bronx's history and diversity, including the impact of the Cross Bronx Expressway, with a focus on hope, unity, and cultural representation, while maintaining an original flag theme. Additionally, the NYC Office of Emergency Management (NYCEM) provided the Environment and Parks Committee with important information on emergency preparedness for extreme weather. Key recommendations included:

- Creating a personal emergency plan.
- Knowing evacuation routes.

- Understanding hurricane evacuation zones (which can be found at NYC.gov/knowyourzone or by calling 311).
- Having a "go-bag" prepared.
- Assembling a 7-day stay-at-home kit.

Residents can sign up for emergency alerts by texting "NOTIFYNYC" to 692-692 and can also volunteer for the CERT Team.

Ms. Espinosa also informed us that the Environment and Parks Committee was informed about the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)'s Lead Service Line Replacement Program. This program aims to inspect and replace lead and galvanized steel water service lines for eligible homeowners. While NYC water is lead-free, older homes may still have lead pipes, which pose a health risk, especially to children and pregnant women.

Kristine Rivera, Health and Human Services Committee Chairperson

Ms. Rivera informed us about a collaborative project with Weill Cornell Medicine, which is offering a mobile unit for lung cancer screenings. This initiative aims to improve survival rates in New York City through early detection, particularly in high-mortality areas of the Bronx. She outlined the eligibility criteria for these screenings: individuals between 50 and 80 years old, who are current smokers or have quit within the last 15 years, and who meet specific smoking history requirements. The screening process and financial details were also discussed. The Health and Human Services Committee is exploring potential partnerships with senior centers and Federally Qualified Health Centers (FQHCs) and has requested information on existing brick-and-mortar screening sites. Additionally, the Health and Human Services Committee had a discussion on a funding proposal to support Renee and Friends Thanksgiving Give Back with a donation of \$650.00. This event is scheduled for November 20th and will take place in front of Walter Gladwin Park. Finally, Ms. Rivera mentioned that the Health and Human Services Committee discussed the Preliminary Community District Needs for Fiscal Year 2027.

Frank Franz, Housing and Land-Use Committee Chairperson

Mr. Franz reported on a rezoning proposal for the Sojourner and Mapes sites, presented by Phipps Houses and Marvel Architects to the Housing and Land-Use Committee. The proposal includes rezoning the Sojourner site from R7-1 to R8, and the Mapes site from R7-1/C1-4 to R8/C2-4, along with the establishment of a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) area. The Sojourner site is slated to feature 159 affordable housing units within a 16-story building. Of these, 150 units will be available at up to 80% of the Area Median Income (AMI), and 9 units at 110% AMI. Additionally, 91 units will be specifically allocated to existing tenants of the Mapes site. The Mapes site proposes 298 affordable housing units, excluding a superintendent's unit, in a 14-story building. These units will be distributed across 40%, 60%, and 80% AMI levels, with 15% designated for formerly homeless individuals. The Committee raised concerns regarding the proposed AMI percentages, the allocation for homeless individuals, and the absence of supportive housing services for formerly homeless tenants. They also suggested the possibility of offering duplex units in the Sojourner development as ownership opportunities. Formal recommendations for this ULURP action are anticipated in November. Mr. Franz also indicated that the committee proposed a neighborhood rezoning along Park Avenue, with the objective of transitioning it from a manufacturing to a residential zone. Finally, the Housing and Land-Use Committee discussed the Preliminary Community District Needs for fiscal year 2027.

Carmen Rivera, Public Safety and Licensing Committee Chairperson

Ms. Rivera reported that the Public Safety and Licensing Committee reviewed several liquor license applications. The committee recommended favorable renewals for 2376 Arthur Avenue Restaurant Corp

(Frankie's Restaurant), The Bronx Beer Hall, and Glitch Bar & Grill Inc. A favorable recommendation was also issued to El Braserito Taqueria Corp, with specific closing hours. Furthermore, Palace Club Corp, located on the 2nd floor at 608 East Fordham Road, received a favorable recommendation under the condition that they implement specific closing hours, employ security personnel, install security cameras, and utilize ID scanners, as a result of prior issues at that location. The committee, however, withheld recommendations for permits for 880 Roy's Restaurant & Bar Corp, A & K Party Hall Corp (Aqua Bar and Grill), Boca Restaurant & Steak House Corp, Glitch Bar & Grill Inc, and Star Billiards Bar Corp, pending further input from the 48th Precinct. Additionally, an update was provided regarding the Q-Team, which commenced operations on July 21, 2025. This team was formed to address persistent 311 and 911 quality-of-life complaints. The Q-Team operates in two shifts, covers designated sectors, and prioritizes the resolution of noise complaints.

Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson

Ms. James reported that the Youth and Education Committee received a funding proposal from the Bronx River Art Center (BRAC), a nonprofit organization offering art and environmental programs. BRAC sought financial support and proposed alternative funding models to improve youth access to their programs. They noted that previous scholarship offers resulted in lower participation due to the availability of free programs, administrative hurdles, and TRIE discounts. BRAC also requested opportunities to engage with our Board. The committee recommended that BRAC submit a one-page funding proposal, including a specific dollar amount, for review at our next meeting. Additionally, Ms. James announced the 4th Annual Toy Giveaway and Holiday Party, scheduled for Saturday, December 13, 2025, at the Bronx River Art Center. Committee Chairperson Laura James will provide an outline with event details, costs, and outreach plans at the next meeting. Board Member Brigitte Brantley has committed to donating toys. The Youth and Education Committee also discussed the Preliminary Community District Needs for Fiscal Year 2027. The committee emphasized allocating capital budget funds for BRAC facility maintenance and expressed concern regarding the NYC Department of Education's ongoing challenges in providing mandated services for students with Individualized Education Programs (IEPs).

X. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A roll call attendance was taken confirming the presence of quorum with the presence of twenty-four (24) members.

XI. ELECTION OF PARLIAMENTARIAN

A ballot featuring the Nominating Committee's candidates was presented. Before the Parliamentarian vote, nominations were opened to the floor. Candidate Reggie Powell subsequently withdrew his candidacy from the election.

The results of the election was as follows:

Lamont Parker — 24 votes

Following the vote, Lamont Parker was elected as the Parliamentarian, effective immediately.

XII. ADOPTIONS OF MOTIONS

- 1. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board 6's September 2025 Community Board and October 2025 Committee Meetings was made by Ms. Nicole Carter, seconded by Ms. Kristine Rivera, and adopted by a vote of twenty-four in favor, zero oppositions, and zero abstentions.**
- 2. A motion to adopt Bronx Community Board 6's Employee Manual was made by Ms. Lamont Parker, seconded by Ms. Laura James, and adopted by a vote of twenty-one in favor, three oppositions, and zero abstentions.**
- 3. A motion to support Renee and Friends' Annual Thanksgiving Giveaway, scheduled for November 20, 2025 with a \$650 contribution was made by Ms. Gladys Sotomayor, seconded by Ms. Magdamary Marcano, and adopted by a vote of twenty-four in favor, zero oppositions, and zero abstentions.**
- 4. A motion to adopt Bronx Community Board 6's District Needs Statement for Fiscal Year 2027 was made by Ms. Kristine Rivera, seconded by Mr. Lamont Parker, and adopted by a vote of twenty-three in favor, one opposition, and zero abstentions.**

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the October 29, 2025 meeting of Bronx Community Board 6 was adjourned at approximately 8:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

**Carla Leon
Community Coordinator**

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORDING FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6 MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2025

NAME	ATTENDANCE	MEETING MINUTES	EMPLOYEE MANUAL	RENEE AND FRIENDS THANKSGIVING GIVEAWAY	FY 27 DISTRICT NEEDS STATEMENT	ADJOURNMENT		
	Motion By: <i>Lucy</i> Second By: <i>Christine</i>	<i>Lamar</i>	<i>Lucy</i>	<i>Glady</i>	<i>Christine</i>	<i>Renee</i>		
Brigette Brantley	<i>Present</i>							
Cornell Brown	<i>Present</i>							
Evonne Capers	<i>Present</i>							
Nicole Carter	<i>Present</i>							
Ashonda Culcleasure	<i>Present</i>							
Sofia Delgado	<i>Absent</i>							
Patrick Downer	<i>Absent</i>							
Margarita Espinosa	<i>Present</i>							
Frank Franz	<i>Present</i>							
María García	<i>Absent</i>						<i>opose</i>	
Fousani Hamidou	<i>Absent</i>							
Shantavia Inabinet	<i>Present</i>							
Gail Irby	<i>Absent</i>							
Laura James	<i>Present</i>							
Julio Jimenez	<i>Present</i>							
Maria Latimer	<i>Absent</i>							
Magdamary Marcano	<i>Present</i>						<i>no</i>	<i>no</i>
Nicole Ndiaye	<i>Absent</i>							
Angel Nunez-Garcia	<i>Present</i>							
Jessii Parham	<i>Present</i>							
Lamont Parker	<i>Present</i>							
Reggie Powell	<i>Present</i>							
Paul Ramirez	<i>Absent</i>							
Katrina Rawlins	<i>Present</i>							
Renee Reed	<i>Present</i>	<i>abstain</i>						
Carmen Rivera	<i>Present</i>							
Kristine Rivera	<i>Present</i>	<i>opose</i>						
Carol Robinson	<i>Absent</i>							
Hoshi Salcedo	<i>Absent</i>							
Lisa Sanchez	<i>Absent</i>							
Glady Sotomayor	<i>Present</i>							
Porscha Wilson	<i>Present</i>							
Annette Wright	<i>Present</i>							
Angelina Zervos	<i>Present</i>							
Present:	Yes: <i>24</i>							
Absent:	No:							
	Abstain:							
Total: 34	Total:	34	34	34	34	34		
Quorum: 18								