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Sanitation Committee Meeting Minutes

Carol Robinson, Sanitation Committee Chairperson

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

The Sanitation Committee met on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Sanitation Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter (virtual), Sofia Delgado, Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet (virtual), Magdamary Marcano, Jessii Parham (virtual), Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Sanitation Committee discussed the following:

- **Presentation from Bronx Solid Waste Advisory Board**

The Bronx Solid Waste Advisory Board (SWAB) is a citizen-led board working in tandem with the Bronx Borough President's Office to advance sustainability and recycling initiatives outlined in the Solid Waste Management Plan. A representative from SWAB conducted a presentation for the Sanitation Committee to encourage community participation and support in achieving the following goals: Community Board representation, creation of Green Jobs, implementation of a Universal Organics Program, Pilot alternative waste handling solutions, and achieving a cleaner, greener borough with waterfront access. SWAB also hopes to recruit a representative from each Community Board and host a community tabling event once per month in different districts.

Sanitation and waste issues are inseparable from environmental justice. New York City's waste is often sent to other communities, such as Virginia or Newark, for landfills or incineration, making this an inter-state community issue. The group strives to reimagine existing waste infrastructure and create safer jobs through composting, waste conservation and diversion. SWAB is advocating for building a Bronx Zero Waste Center to locally process collected refuse into new materials that can be sourced by artists and artisans.

The deadline for submitting comments to the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan of 2026 (SWMP26) is Friday, January 16th. The comment period is an opportunity for residents to share their insights on what the 10-year framework that DSNY. Current considerations include increasing access to green jobs and cooperative ownership, prioritizing projects and funding opportunities to organizations that engage the local community, increasing recycling education, considering a more sustainable alternative to demolition, and piloting alternative waste handling solutions to increase waste prevention and reuse. DSNY did not want to address

illegal dumping in the SWMP26, but residents can submit comments to pushback and ask DSNY to address the issue in the plan.

Committee members expressed concern that excessive takeout leads to more garbage and rats. The SWAB representative explained that removing organics from trash bins, and placing it in brown bins for composting, is the most effective solution for reducing odors, the amount of trash, and the attraction of rats.

Committee members suggested connecting SWAB with partners, such as the Fordham Green Job Initiative, New York Sea Grant, and the Long Island Sound Partnership.

- **Review of Committee Meetings Quorum Records**

The committee reviewed and discussed committee meeting quorum records, quorum requirements, and the inconsistencies in their application during committee meetings. It was clarified that, pursuant to the New York State Open Meeting Law, meetings and votes require a majority of committee members to be physically present. Virtual participation is permitted only under limited circumstances. Quorum has frequently not been met, which limits the Board's ability to conduct official business. To address this, starting in February, the Board will begin enforcing stricter quorum requirements.

These measures include more rigorous standards for virtual attendance and earlier quorum deadlines. Additionally, the Executive Committee will meet to review attendance and overall committee structure. The committee also discussed potential strategies to improve in-person participation, such as consolidating committees, improving communication, and adjusting member assignments.



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**Economic Development, Environment and Parks, Sanitation,
 and Public Safety and Licensing Committee Meeting**

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Environment and Parks Committee

Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>Angelina Zervos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Sanitation Committee

Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado	<i>Sofia Delgado</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>ME</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>Angelina Zervos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Economic Development Committee

Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margrita Espinosa	<i>ME</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shantavia Inabinet		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed	<i>Renee Reed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson	<i>Carol Robinson</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Angelina Zervos		<input type="checkbox"/>
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JESSIE PARKHAM - VIRTUAL (SB)

REGGIE POWELL - PRESENT (SB)

MARGARMARY MARCANO - PRESENT (SB)

