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District Manager

Economic Development Committee Meeting Minutes
Nicole Carter, Economic Development Committee Chairperson
Wednesday, March 11, 2026

The Economic Development Committee met on Wednesday, March 11, 2026 in-person at the district office and on Zoom Video Communications. The following board members attended the Economic Development Committee Meeting: Nicole Carter, Sofia Delgado (Virtual), Margarita Espinosa, Shantavia Inabinet (Virtual), Laura James (Virtual), Nicole N'diaye (Virtual), Jessii Parham (Virtual), Reggie Powell, Renee Reed, Carmen Rivera, Carol Robinson, and Angelina Zervos.

The Economic Development Committee discussed the following:

- **Update on the New York City Civic Engagement Commission (CEC)'s People's Money**

The city is conducting participatory budgeting, allowing residents to decide how some city funds are spent. The Bronx River Arts Center is offering a free teen program funded through this process, and the next round of voting will occur in the spring. The board encourages community members to participate in the voting process, which will be held at various locations throughout the city.

The Participatory Budgeting process is entering Stage 4 and new ideas that have been submitted are under review. Of the 400+ submissions, 82 are in the Bronx. A group of volunteers will be tasked with creating a ballot with about 20 proposals covering different program areas that constituents can vote for. Ballots are typically distributed at the May and June Board meetings. Voting takes place around the city at different community-based organizations. Community groups and nonprofits are welcome to request and collect ballots. The Civic Engagement Commission (CEC) volunteers are also available to table at events or community spaces to distribute ballots and encourage participation

- **Update on the City's Outdoor Dining Program Expansion**

The District Manager informed the committee of a new bill concerning outdoor dining, which is currently under review in the New York City Council. In response to the pandemic, restaurants were allowed to have outdoor dining set-ups. Last year, the city implemented rules and the season for limited outdoor dining from April to November. Due to fees and the paperwork involved in the outdoor dining application process, the city authorized temporary permits until restaurants were able to meet all the application requirements. Of the 2,600 applications received, only 400 applicants completed the entire application and were licensed. The remaining 2,200 did not pay all the fees and did not submit all the required documentation, and will be required to remove their outdoor dining set-ups by November. The proposed bill, Int 0655-2026, seeks to make outdoor dining year-round and expand the types of eligible businesses.

A motion to issue a letter to local New York City Council Member Oswald Feliz recommending support for the legislation was made by Angelina Zervos, and seconded by Reggie Powell, and adopted unanimously.

- **Other Business**

- **Discussion on the Liquor License Renewal Application for Dervish Jahjaga, doing business as Parisienne Cafe Inc., located at 2339 Arthur Avenue**

The Economic Development Committee heard the SLA liquor license application, as Public Safety did not have quorum. The committee reviewed the application for a liquor license renewal for Dervish Jahjaga, doing business as Parisienne Cafe Inc. located at 2339 Arthur Avenue, Bronx, New York 10458. The hours of operation are 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 10:00 A.M. to 11:00 P.M. on Sunday, and closed on Tuesday. After reviewing the applications for renewal and NYC311 complaints, the Economic Development Committee will issue a favorable recommendation to the New York State Liquor Authority for the establishment.

- **48th Precinct Community Council Updates**

Chairperson of the Public Safety and Licensing Committee, Carmen Rivera, reported on two shooting incidents that occurred on March 4th on behalf of the 48th Precinct Community Council. The first incident took place at approximately 2:06 p.m. at 2254 Hughes Avenue. The victim was transported to the hospital and was pronounced dead upon arrival. The incident remains under investigation. A second shooting occurred later that evening at approximately 10:00 p.m. between East Tremont Avenue and Belmont Avenue. A male victim was shot in the leg and transported to the hospital. He was reported to be in stable condition. The incident is also under investigation.

The District Manager also shared an update from the New York Police Department (NYPD) regarding a proposed change to the Bronx Borough command structure. The NYPD is considering dividing the Bronx command into North and South borough commands to increase administrative capacity and provide greater oversight for precincts.



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Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>Margarita Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shantavia Inabinet	<i>Shantavia Inabinet</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Reggie Powell	<i>Reggie Powell</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed	<i>Renee Reed</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>Angelina Zervos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sanitation Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Renee Reed		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carol Robinson		<input type="checkbox"/>
Angelina Zervos	<i>Angelina Zervos</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Environment and Parks Committee		
Board Members	Signature	Virtual Attendance
Nicole Carter		<input type="checkbox"/>
Sofia Delgado		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Margarita Espinosa	<i>M. Espinosa</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
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Nicole Carter	<i>TC</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Maria Garcia		<input type="checkbox"/>
Nicole Ndiaye		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Angel Nunez-Garcia		<input type="checkbox"/>
Reggie Powell	<i>Reggie Powell</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Paul Ramirez		<input type="checkbox"/>
Carmen Rivera	<i>Carmen Rivera</i>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Kristine Rivera		<input type="checkbox"/>
VIRTUAL (3)		
LAVIA JAMES		
NICOLE N'DIAYE		
SOPIA DELGADO		
JESSIE PERAZICH		

