



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 6**

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Honorable Ruben Diaz Jr., Bronx Borough President

MS. EVONNE CAPERS
Board Chairperson

MR. JOHN SANCHEZ
District Manager

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6
Meeting Minutes of Wednesday, June 18, 2020

Members Present:

Clarita Bailon, Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Nelson Chimilio, Margarita Espinosa, Frank Franz, Maria Garcia, Lanell Gardenhire, Julisa Hamilton, Laura James, Maria Latimer, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Reggie Powell, Lisa Sanchez, Gil Simmons, Lillie Steed, and Jacquetta Whaley.

Members Absent:

Virginia Bird, Diana Diaz, Audrey Harden, Michael Nelson, Rev. Marilyn Oliver, Jorge Ortiz, Rosa Peraza, Paul Ramirez, Helga Robles, Rev. Hiram Ratliff, Wendy Rodriguez, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez, Carrie Taft, and Noorjahan Wells.

Elected Officials Representatives Present:

Thomas Lucania, representing Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.

I. CALL TO ORDER:

The June 18, 2020 emergency meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was held at the was held via Zoom Audio and Video Conference meeting ID 826 0656 8626 and via Zoom Video at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82606568626> and was called to order at approximately by 6:43 PM by Chairperson Evonne Capers.

II. DISCUSSION

Chairperson Evonne Capers informed us that she called this meeting because District Manager John Sanchez sent a policy statement letter to Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson on June 12, 2020 to reduce the New York City Police Department's budget for fiscal year 2021. Chairperson Capers had no knowledge of the letter until she received a call from Mr. Thomas Lucania, Director of Community Boards Unit and Legislative Affairs of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr. Mr. Lucania informed her that the letter was posted on the community board's Facebook page and

a City Council Member raised concerns about the letter not having her signature on it. Chairperson Capers and Board Members expressed that they are in support of the letter.

Mr. Lucania explained that there is no issue with the content of the letter, however, the letter requires the approval of the Board approval because the letter is policy statement. He also explained that the District Manager is not allowed to composed a letter based on personal opinions using Bronx Community Board #6's letter head. Mr. Lucania recommended that the Board vote to approve the letter and to resend the letter including the Chairperson's signature.

VII. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

A roll call attendance was taken confirming quorum with the presence of eighteen (18) members.

X. ADOPTION OF MOTIONS

1. A motion to accept the letter sent to Mayor Bill de Blasio and City Council Speaker Corey Johnson on June 12, 2020 and resend the letter with the signature of Chairperson Capers was made by Mr. Gil Simmons, seconded by Ms. Maria Garcia, and adopted by a vote of sixteen in favor, zero opposed, and two abstentions.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the June 18, 2020 meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was adjourned at approximately 7:08 PM.

Respectfully submitted:

Carla Leon
Community Associate

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORD FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6 EMERGENCY MEETING OF JUNE 18, 2020

NAME	ATTENDANCE	LETTER TO THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL SPEAKER						
Clarita Bailon	Present	Abstain						
Virginia Bird								
Evonne Capers	Present	Yes						
Nicole Carter	Present	Yes						
Nelson Chimilio	Present	Yes						
Diana Diaz								
Margarita Espinosa	Present	Yes						
Frank Franz	Present	Yes						
Maria Garcia	Present	Yes						
Lanell Gardenhire	Present	Yes						
Julisa Hamilton	Present	Yes						
Audrey Harden								
Laura James	Present	Yes						
Maria Latimer	Present	Yes						
Matthew Martinez	Present	Yes						
Michael Nelson								
Floretta O'Brien	Present	Abstain						
Rev. Marilyn Oliver								
Jorge Ortiz								
Rosa Peraza								
Reggie Powell	Present	Yes						
Paul Ramirez								
Helga Robles								
Rev. Hiram Ratliff								
Wendy Rodriguez								
Maria Ruiz Gutierrez								
Lisa Sanchez	Present	Yes						
Gil Simmons	Present	Yes						
Lillie Steed	Present	Yes						
Carrie Taft								
Noorjahan Wells								
Jacquetta Whaley	Present	Yes						