



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

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*Honorable Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough President*

**MS. EVONNE CAPERS**  
Board Chairperson

**VACANT**  
District Manager

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6**  
**Meeting minutes of Wednesday, June 8, 2022**

**Members Present:**

Clarita Bailon, John Barczak, Cornell Brown, Milagros Cancel, Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, Sadija Cekovic, Frank Franz, Maria Garcia, Lanell Gardenhire, Marilyn Gurley, Audrey Harden, Maria Latimer, Magdamary Marcano, Matthew Martinez, Floretta O'Brien, Lamont Parker, Rosa Peraza, Reggie Powell, Paul Ramirez, Carmen Rivera, Kristine Rivera, Lisa Sanchez, Gil Simmons, Lillie Steed, and Jacquetta Whaley.

**Members Absent:**

Virginia Bird, Michelle Bialeck, Michael Caraballo, Darwin Collazo, Diana Diaz, Margarita Espinosa, Angela Hernandez, Laura James, Francene Miller, Michael Nelson, Maria Ruiz Gutierrez, Divine Sikanku, and Noorjahan Wells.

**Elected Officials Present:**

New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera  
New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda

**Elected Officials Representatives Present:**

Alexis Ruiz, representing Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz Jr.  
Davon Harris, representing New York City Councilmember Rafael Salamanca Jr.  
Francisco Aquino Ramirez, representing New York State Senator Gustavo Rivera  
Emilia Cabrera, representing New York State Senator Luis Sepulveda  
Adrian Cacho, representing New York State Assemblymember Chantel Jackson  
Leon Tulton, representing New York State Assemblymember Yudelka Tapia  
Carlos Torres, representing Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

The June 8, 2022 meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was held via Zoom Audio and Video Conference meeting ID 943 4398 5082 and via Zoom Video at <https://zoom.us/j/94343985082> and was called to order at approximately 6:35 PM by Chairperson Evonne Capers.

## **II. INVOCATION**

The meeting's invocation was delivered by Board Member Jacquetta Whaley.

## **III. COMMUNITY PERIOD**

Individuals who asked to address the community board as part of the meeting's Community Period included:

### **Gail Nathan and Hector Canonge, representing Bronx River Art Center**

Ms. Nathan announced that the Bronx River Art Center will be having a reception for their end-of-year Student Exhibition on June 18, 2022 at 4:30PM and their Summer Education program. She also informed us that they will be having their 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Bronx River Sounds Performing Arts Festival: Healing, Harmony and Rejuvenation in the month of June. To register for their program or the event, please visit [bracbx.eventbrite.com](http://bracbx.eventbrite.com).

### **Kim Girard**

Ms. Girard shared her community concerts and expressed interest in joining the community board.

### **John Barczak, Board Member**

Mr. Barczak announced two LGBT pride events that will be happening on June 19, 2022 and June 26, 2022 in the Arthur Avenue area of the district.

### **Carrie Taft, representing Hope And Victory Evolves (H.A.V.E.)**

Ms. Taft informed us about the Tenant Protection benefits of the Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP). For assistance and more information, Ms. Taft can be contacted at (917) 226 - 7960.

## **IV. BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Bronx Borough Vanessa L. Gibson's report for the month of June will be sent via email.

## **V. ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORTS**

Due to technical issues with the audio recording of Bronx Community Board #6's Community Board meeting of June 8, 2022, the Elected Official section of the meeting was not recorded. Therefore, the Elected Official reports are not available.

## **VI. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

**Chairperson Evonne Capers thanked Community Associate Sanzida Talukder and Search Committee members: Nicole Carter, Frank Franz, Matthew Martinez, and Gil Simmons for their assistance in the search for a District Manager. She also informed us that the Search Committee has selected Mr. Rafael Moure-Punnett as their District Manager candidate.**

## **VII. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**At this time, Bronx Community Board #6 went into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters. At the end of the Executive Session, the Board reconvene by proceeding with the agenda items.**

## **VIII. DISTRICT MANAGER**

**The district manager's report was presented by Ms. Carla Leon. The report included the following information:**

- **Ms. Leon gave a recap of the events, workshops, classes and activities that were held during fiscal year 2022.**
- **Ms. Leon reminded Board Members to complete their required Sexual Harassment Prevention training.**
- **Ms. Leon also announced that Bronx Community Board #6's committee meetings for the month of June will be held next week.**

## **IX. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**The committee reports were sent to the board members by email and are available on Bronx Community Board #6's website. Chairperson Evonne Capers requested that we read the reports at our leisure.**

## **X. ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE**

**A roll call attendance was taken confirming the presence of a quorum with the presence of twenty-six (26) members.**

## **XI. ADOPTION OF MOTIONS**

1. **A motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel matters in regards to the District Manager position search process was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Mr. Gil Simmons and adopted by a vote of twenty-six in favor, zero oppositions and zero abstentions.**

2. A motion to end the executive session was made by Ms. Evonne Capers, seconded by Mr. Lamont Parker and adopted by a vote of twenty-six in favor, zero oppositions and zero abstentions.
3. A motion to adopt the minutes of Bronx Community Board #6's meeting of May 12, 2022 was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Mr. Gil Simmons, and was adopted by a vote of twenty-five in favor, one opposition, and zero abstentions.
4. A motion to hold all meetings in person as we did prior to COVID-19 emergency declarations and suspension in accordance with the New York State Open Meetings Law was made by Ms. Maria Garcia, seconded by Ms. Magdamary Marcano, and was adopted by a vote of fifteen in favor, eleven oppositions, and zero abstentions.
5. A motion to issue a conditional letter of support to the Department of Transportation for the East 180<sup>th</sup> Street and East 179<sup>th</sup> Street Safety Improvement Project was made by Ms. Clarita Bailon, seconded Mr. Lamont Parker, and was adopted by a vote of twenty-four in favor, one opposition, and zero abstentions. *(Please note that Board Member, Milagros Cancel, was not present during this motion.)*
6. A motion to hire the District Manager candidate, Rafael Moure-Punnett, recommended by the Search Committee accompanied with the salary of \$97,500 was made by Mr. Lamont Parker, seconded by Mr. Matthew Martinez, and was adopted by a vote of thirteen in favor, one opposition, and ten abstentions. *(Please note that Board Member, Milagros Cancel, was not present during this motion.)*
7. A motion to approve Bronx Community Board #6's revised By-Laws was made by Ms. Magdamary Marcano, seconded by Ms. Maria Garcia, and was not adopted by a vote of nine in favor, thirteen oppositions, and two abstentions. *(Please note that Board Member, Milagros Cancel, was not present during this motion.)*

## XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business to discuss, the June 8, 2022 meeting of Bronx Community Board #6 was adjourned at approximately 9:35 PM pursuant to a motion made by Ms. Jacquetta Whaley seconded by Mr. Gil Simmons, and unanimously adopted by acclamation (twenty-five in favor, zero opposed and zero abstention). *(Please note that Board Member, Milagros Cancel, was not present during this motion.)*

Respectfully submitted:

Carla Leon  
Community Coordinator

ATTENDANCE AND VOTING RECORDING FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #6 MEETING OF JUNE 8, 2022

NAME	ATTENDANCE	ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION	END EXECUTIVE SESSION	MEETING MINUTES OF MAY 12, 2022	OML	LOS TO DOT	HIRE RAFAEL MOURE-PUNNETT FOR DM	OTHER MOTION REVISED BY-LAWS	ADJOURNMENT
Clarita Bailon	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
John Barczak	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Virginia Bird									
Michelle Bialek									
Cornell Brown	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Milagros Cancel	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No				
Evonne Capers	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Michael Caraballo									
Nicole Carter	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes
Sadija Cekovic	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Darwin Collazo									
Diana Diaz									
Margarita Espinosa									
Frank Franz	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Maria Garcia	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Lanell Gardenhire	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Marilyn Gurley	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes
Julisa Hamilton									
Audrey Harden	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Angela Hernandez									
Laura James									
Maria Latimer	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Magdamary Marcano	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Assana Lloyd									
Matthew Martinez	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Francene Miller									
Michael Nelson									
Floretta O'Brien	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Lamont Parker	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Rosa Peraza	Present	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	No	Abstain	Yes	Yes
Reggie Powell	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Paul Ramirez	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Carmen Rivera	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes
Kristine Rivera	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Abstain	Yes
Maria Ruiz Gutierrez									
Lisa Sanchez	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Divine Sikanku									
Gil Simmons	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes
Lillie Steed	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes			
Noorjahan Wells									
Jacquetta Whaley	Present	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	No	Yes