

Bronx Community Board No.8
Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting
January 7th at 6.34 PM
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Attendees:

Committee Members Present (7): Sebastian Chittilappilly, Margaret Della, Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Debby Allen, Edward Green, Barbara Kail, Caesar T. Acosta

Committee Members Absent (5): Constance Barnes Watson, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Rashida Hilliard, Daniel Rowen, Deb Travis

CB8 Members/Staff: District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin

Guests: None

Committee Chair Sebastian Chittilappilly started the meeting to order at approximately 6.35 PM.

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair welcomed committee members and conducted introductions.

2. Chair's Report

- The FY 2028 budget timeline was emailed to committee members in December. A copy was also shared during the meeting. Members were reminded to adhere to the timeline and begin discussions with their respective committee members.
- The committee discussed the distinction between capital and expense priorities.
- FY 2027: City agency responses are expected on January 16, 2026. A public hearing will be held prior to the February Full Board meeting to review agency responses.
- Community Outreach: CB8 reached out to community members for ideas and suggestions for FY 2028. The Board Office received responses, which will be shared with committee chairs for discussion within their committees.
- Voting on Budget Priorities: The Chair noted that while a vote is not required at the committee level, it is considered best practice to conduct one.

3. Roll Call

Roll call was conducted (see sign-in sheet).

Quorum was met.

4. Approval of June 2025 Budget Committee Meeting Minutes
The minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sebastian Chittilappilly
Chair, Budget Committee