

(Pending Committee Approval)
Bronx Community Board No.8
Minutes of the Budget Committee Meeting
June 3rd, 2026

Attendees:

Committee Members Present (12): Sebastian Chittilappilly, Margaret Della, Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Constance Barnes-Watson, Dr. Wayne DeBeetham, Edward Green, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Daniel Rowen, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Deb Travis

Committee Members Absent: None

CB8 Members/Staff: F Kule Rubin, Julie Reyes (on Zoom)

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 completed the roll call and confirmed quorum.

3. Minutes of January 7, 2026 budget meeting was approved unanimously with one friendly amendment. Committee member Caesar Tobar Acosta name was spelled wrong in the minutes.

2. Chair's Report

- The committee discussed the distinction between capital and expense priorities.
- FY 2028: Committee members discussed Draft FY28 Budget and Capital priorities. Chair thanked committee chairs for their timely submissions.
- Chair and District manager clarified committee that Rankings are for presentation to elected officials. Efforts were made to ensure that all committees (Priority 1) was in the top 10 rankings for Capital and Expense. All priorities submitted by committees will be entered into OMB in the order that they are submitted by the committee and by agency.
- Discussions were held to get clarification on some of the expense items which could possibly be classified as a capital item.

- Clarifications are needed following expense items – truck signage (T &T), Bruckner Box (Parks) and safe crossing (T&T).
- Committee members discussed the need for voting for the priorities in the June Budget meeting, June full board and September board meeting.
- E and S requested to swap their item ranked #14 on Capital (Fort Independence green infrastructure) to #5 (Spuyten Duyvil Waterfront improvements).

5. Discussion and Approval of FY28 Capital and Expense priorities (with suggested changes).

In Favor (11): Sebastian Chittilappilly, Margaret Della, Debby Allen, Edward Green, Barbara Kail, Cesar Tobar Acosta, Constance Barnes-Watson, Dr. Wayne DeBeetham, Rashida Hilliard, Daniel Rowen, Deb Travis

Abstain (1): Sylvia Alexander

Opposed: None

Please refer to the recording of the minutes:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v6amxfDHSJk&feature=youtu.be>

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Sebastian Chittilappilly

Chair, Budget Committee