

**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Bronx Community Board 8 Office**  
**April 6, 2026 7:00pm**

**Committee Members Present**

(15): Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Martin Wolpoff (ADA), Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Dr. Wayne Debeatham, Sergio Villaverde, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Daniel Rowen, Debra Travis, Laura Spalter, Julie Reyes, Caesar Tobar-Acosta, Joy Campbell Priveterre, and Rhashida Hilliard.

**Committee Members Absent**

Absent (4): Charles Moerdler, Sebastian Chittilapilly, Constance Barnes-Watson, Barbara Kail.

**Staff**

Farrah Kule Rubin

**Board and Community Guests**

None

Chair Reyes convened the meeting at 7:03pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

**Roll Call**

Quorum met

**Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: March 4, 2026**

Minutes unanimously approved.

(11): Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Martin Wolpoff (ADA), Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Dr. Wayne Debeatham, Sergio Villaverde, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Debra Travis, Laura Spalter, Julie Reyes.

**Chairperson's Report**

- Thank you Rabbi Kaplan for his service; he did not renew his service and concluded his appointment.
- Chair and DM reviewed potential office space, but it is currently ineligible for CB8 office space. Chair will follow up with the Department of Citywide Administrative Services (DCAS).
- Keep Full Board Meeting reporting brief, reference Meeting Minutes where possible, and do not delay other meeting speakers. Keep Meeting Minutes succinct, rather than transcript of discussion.
- Chair established a Social Media Working Group (SMWG): Constance Barnes Watson, Daniel Nunez, Caesar Tobar-Acosta, and Edward Green. Work will be forthcoming.

**Treasurer Report**

## April 2026 Treasurer's Report

- \$39,500 remaining in OTPS. The office will incur several expenses by mid-April and will follow its spending plan to utilize the full budget prior to June 30, 2026.
- No budget mods

## **District Manager (DM) Report**

- Attended Bronx Borough Cabinet meeting
- Will host my District Service Cabinet (DSC) meeting 4/7. Next meeting 5/5.
- Attended DOB workshops about inspection, facade, sidewalk sheds, zoning and other compliance issues.
- Focusing on outstanding District Lighting and Pothole issues.
- Will attend other upcoming trainings by/on City Planning
- Gave 40 bags to Theory9 event at Marie Curie High School
- Preparing for upcoming events: Salsa in the Streets with KRVC (5/3) during Bronx Week, North Riverdale Block Party (5/17), Riverdale Pride (6/2), KHCC (6/12), National Night Out in August, Friends of Bailey Playground and more.

## **Committee Reports:**

Board Members are reminded to read resolutions prior to meeting. [Board Calendar](#).

- Aging - Collaborating with Economic Development Committee on Kappock storefronts, updating Resource Guide, DFTA requesting proposals on NORC.
- Budget - Committees must finalize (and vote (recommended) during their April meetings. The deadline for the submission of the FY28 Capital and Expense list is on 5/15 COB.
- Economic Development (EDC) - Met 3/3 to discuss Knolls Crescent businesses and other business walk-thrus, community fellowship, budget priorities, MVM Award applications received and to be reviewed. Planning Fellow will present at the next Full Board Meeting April 14. SAPO Salsa in the Streets.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Met 3/24. SAPO application/resolution on KHCC Neighborhood Festival 6/12 from 10am-7pm unanimously passed. Next meeting 4/28.
- Environment & Sanitation - Met 3/18. Upcoming meeting to discuss Hudson River Foundation, green infrastructure, Ft Independence Park presentation on 4/15.
- Housing - Met on 3/23 - Requested feedback from Marble Hill/Ft. Independence Houses on budget requests, but no response yet. Speaking with co-ops, NYCHA, but have yet to meet with unhoused communities. Will seek input from direct service organizations and discuss ideas on affordable housing for the next generation. Next meeting 4/27.
- Health, Hospitals and Social Services (HHSS)- Met 3/5 - Discussion on Mosaic Mental Health Services letter of support, budget priorities, NY Health Act. Next meeting 5/13.
- Land Use - A Working group to discuss Van Cortlandt Village was established. Next meeting 4/23.
- Law Rules and Ethics (LRE) - Next meeting 4/13 to discuss Board Member recommended changes to CB8 structure.
- Parks & Rec - Met 3/25 to discuss budget items, and one SAPO:
  - James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Tree Giveaway on 4/27 with New York Restoration Project.

- Public Safety - Met 3/17 to discuss recent youth violence with the Bronx District Attorney's office. One Resolutions for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
  - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) RENEWAL→
    - Riverdale Steak House - 5700 Riverdale Ave
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Met 3/12 - SAPO applications unanimously approved:
  - North Riverdale Block Party 5/17/26
  - Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon 10/10/26

DOT walk through to be rescheduled. Milling Schedule to be added to minutes. Next meeting 4/16.

- Youth - Met 3/16 to discuss the Yankee Award - 7 nominees and advanced 5 applications. The award ceremony is on 4/13. Comeback Kid Award applications to be evaluated, deadline for applications is 4/10. Next meeting 4/20.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - Sent out Greater Greenways survey. No meeting anticipated until the fall.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Final meeting in May to review interim report and training members on deliverables for continuity.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services (SCVS) - Chair invited to join BXBP' S Veterans Council. Attended recent meeting where discussed ideas for Van Cortlandt Park/ Memorial Grove.
- Working Group on Committees - Recommendations under consideration: Education/Youth/Libraries merger; Housing/Land Use merger; HHSS/Aging merger; Parks/Cultural merger; dissolving LRE; convert SCRE into standing committee; reduce requirement for members to participate on one standing committee; codify members to be able to speak at committees, but may not vote, if not on the committee. Process: Group will present recommendations to LRE. If germane, will advance to Executive and possibly the Full Board. Members may bring recommendations to the Full Board floor for consideration.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Discussed upcoming transitional shelter advisory board and recommendation process to be discussed with DHS.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting at approximately 8:51 pm.

Next Executive Meeting 5/6/26 at 7pm.

Submitted by,  
Margaret Della, Secretary