

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8 Office
February 4, 2026 7:00pm

Committee Members Present

(15): Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Debby Allen, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Sebastian Chittilapilly, Dr. Wayne Debeatham, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Barbara Kail, Debra Travis, Daniel Rowen, Caesar Tobar-Acosta, Laura Spalter, Sergio Villaverde, and Rhashida Hilliard.

Committee Members Absent

Absent (4): Julie Reyes, Charles Moerdler, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Martin Wolpoff

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin

Guests

Steven Froot, Vice Chair LRE

Vice Chair Villaverde convened the meeting at 7:08pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Roll Call

Quorum met

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: January 7, 2026

Minutes unanimously approved. (13): Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Sebastian Chittilapilly, Dr. Wayne Debeatham, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Barbara Kail, Debra Travis, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Sergio Villaverde, and Rhashida Hilliard.

Chairperson's Report

- Vice Chair Villaverde shared Chair Julie Reyes report:
 - Thank you to staff for work on the newsletter. A copy was shared with attendees.
 - Irving Ladimer Community Service Award
 - Need for all committees to have Vice Chairperson

Treasurer Report

January 2026 Treasurer's Report

- Few changes other than spending down personnel lines
- Office anticipates increasing OTPS expenditures on supplies in March 2026
- \$118,167 remaining balance, \$42,532 remaining in OTPS

District Manager (DM) Report

- New Community Associate, Jaylyn Adorno, has been undergoing many trainings: website, financial portals, committees, process. I appreciate your patience.
- Released winter newsletter.
- Sending out flyers featured in our district: Black History Month, Irving Ladimer Award, MVM Award, Yankee Youth and Comeback Kid Award.
- District Service Cabinet meetings on February 3rd, March 3rd.
- Attended Privacy Officer training.
- Interviewed by News12 regarding empty storefronts on Knolls Crescent.
- EDC Chair and DM spoke with XYZLIVE about retail store maps in our district - vacant or not.
- Office will be closed February 16th, President's Day.
- Public Auction Site to get rid of gently used items for people to purchase.

Committee Reports:

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

- Aging - Met 1/8 Discussed Older Adult Resource Guide and how to make it as user friendly as possible. Next meeting 2/11.
- Budget - Supposed to receive 1/26 City responses on previous budget requests. In a transition, City has until 2/17. Budget Committee Public Hearing meeting will need to move to March Full Board meeting to discuss City agency responses to FY27 requests.
- Economic Development (EDC) - Met 1/8 to discuss Knolls Crescent businesses, created a letter for elected officials; met 2/3 at KHCC - discussion on Kingsbridge Armory, free tax prep and checking accounts.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Met 1/17 - Wave Hill presentation on internships on horticulture, discuss Chabad Lubavitch of Riverdale Lag Baomer Picnic SAPO application for 5/5 event at 2pm, which does not need CB8 approval due to religious exemptions.
- Environment & Sanitation - Met 1/21 - Sanitation guest speaker did not show. Discussed snow removal. Next meeting 2/18 to discuss SBS Mobile Event SAPO application and hopefully Sanitation.
- Housing - Jan meeting canceled due to snow. Next meeting 2/23 aiming for NYCHA guest speaker on PACT goals.
- Health, Hospitals and Social Services (HHSS)- Met 1/14 - SB345 Single Payer Health bill presented by Gustavo Rivera. Steve Matthews is new Vice Chair. Next meeting 2/11 on Alzheimer's Association.
- Land Use - Next meeting 2/5 Resolution: LPC Application #-26-03973 for 4475 Waldo Avenue Window Facade Replacement.
- Law Rules and Ethics (LRE) - Next meeting 2/9 but may be rescheduled. Discussion on Bylaw revision on Land Use/LRE community members for one year after term limited.
- Parks & Rec - Met 1/28 to discuss capital renovations at Parks and ADA, including turf at the stadium, discussion on Seton Park Dog Run. Next meeting 2/25 hoping to discuss results on Stadium Survey and community needs.
- Public Safety - Met 1/20 - new Commanding Officer, discussed robberies near C-Town and Greystone Ave. Check new stats on COMSTAT, include quality of life data, 311 community engagement, Broadway Corridor follow up. Four Resolutions for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) RENEWAL→
 - The Johnson Diner & Bar located at 3533 Johnson Ave
 - Tin Marin Bar & Lounge, located at 3708 Riverdale Ave

- Mon Amor Coffee & Wine, located at 234 West 238th Street
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) → NEW APPLICATIONS
 - Jarto E Sushi, located at 5784 Mosholu Avenue
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - 1/15 discussion with ConEd on W. 254th Street. Next meeting 2/17 to discuss potholes, Access-a-ride, postal truck parking. One resolution for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
 - SAPO - SAR 57th Anniversary Dinner February 1, 2026
- Youth - Next meeting 2/12 to discuss the Resource Guide, Yankee Award and Comeback Kid Award, spreading word on Summer Youth Employment Program. Brittany Reynoso accepted as Vice Chair.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - Met 1/29 meeting with EDC to discuss Greenway Plans will be presenting to community this spring; and MTA presentation on resiliency project along Hudson Line. Steve Froot accepted as Vice Chair. Next meeting TBD.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Next meeting 3/5 to discuss draft documents for June Interim Report. As SCRE priorities over the last several years have been to increase CB8 visibility in all corners of the district, increase community agency and partnering with City agencies in problem solving, ensure residents receive equitable services, and improve the quality of life across the district, potential presentation on new division, NYC Mass Engagement.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services (SCVS) - Next meeting 2/26.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Discussion Irving Ladimer Community Service Award (CSA) Ad hoc Committee.

Discussed ongoing issues regarding pet waste around Jerome Reservoir. Seeking to collaborate with Parks/Public Safety Committees. There are sanitation cameras for illegal dumping. Office will look into signs to distribute to the community.

Discussion on how to educate the public and CB8 on nycOpenData.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The Vice Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:00 pm.

Next Executive Meeting 3/4/26 at 7pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary