

**(Pending Committee Approval)**

**Bronx Community Board 8  
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting  
Bronx Community Board 8 Office  
June 3, 2026 7:00pm**

**Committee Members Present**

(16): Sylvia Alexander (ADA - on phone), Martin Wolpoff, Debby Allen, Sebastian Chittilapilly, Dr. Wayne Debeatham, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Barbara Kail, Daniel Rowen, Debra Travis, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar-Acosta, Constance Barnes-Watson, Sergio Villaverde, Rhashida Hilliard, and Joy Campbell Priveterre.

**Committee Members Absent**

Absent (3): Charles Moerdler (on the phone), Julie Reyes (on the phone), Bob Bender

**Staff**

Farrah Kule Rubin

**Board and Community Guests**

Clifton Smith

Vice Chair Villaverde convened the meeting at 7:15pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

**Roll Call**

Quorum met

**Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: May 6, 2026**

Minutes unanimously approved.

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**Chairperson's Report**

- Thank you to Committee Chairpersons Constance Barnes, Ed Green, Daniel Rowen, and Margaret Della and their committee members for the continued work done on the Broadway Corridor with continued interaction with the local business owners, agencies, and elected officials to assist in the various issues. A special thanks to Margaret Della for initiating a meeting with elected officials, agency representatives, and Board members on joint venture for continued discussions to look for real solutions in the district.
- Awaiting response from OMB if (1) the Board may offer Retention/Merit raise to staff- may have to wait one year anniversary, and (2) If so, does the Board have enough funds to increase salary.
- Thank you to the Board structure working group - Sergio Villaverde, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham and Julia Gomez on the information collected during. During the May Board meeting I mistakenly thanked Jessica. The LRE committee will continue discussions on the information presented.

- Due to Congressman Ritchie Torres schedule and venue availabilities, the breakfast meeting Congressman Torres will be hosting for Board members and invited elected officials will take place at a later date – tbd.
- Search committee for the Community Associate position will be formed. As in the past, the DM & Chairperson reviews the resumes, submit top choices to the Search committee and participate in the interviews with Search committee.
- Awaiting response from DSS regarding the shelter at 6661 Broadway.
- There is no update on any properties for consideration to relocate the Board office.
- Renewing the three Special Committees
- Letter sent out to Board members regarding the May 12th Regular Board meeting as it relates to actions done during and after the meeting.
- The next Board meeting: Wednesday, June 24th @ Wave Hill. Farrah & I are hosting refreshments prior to the start of the meeting. Though we will send out information, please extend the invitation to your community members.
- Thank you all for the work you continue to do for our community and for your guidance and assistance to me throughout my term.

### **Treasurer Report**

#### **June 2026 Treasurer's Report**

- \$4,678 remaining in OTPS, most remaining under Code 100.
  - DM plans to spend down that amount by purchasing among other things an office computer.
  - Zero funds requested and encumbered
  - \$1,381 remained for rent and energy

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

- Wished a very Happy Pride Month.
- Held monthly District Service Cabinet Meeting June 2 and next meeting will be on September 2, 2026.
- Nearly completed ordering supplies and a new computer for my office (as suggested by OTI) to spend down the balance of our budget
- CB8 represented at these great tabling events this past month:
  - May 17, 2026 – North Riverdale Block Festival,
  - May 29, 2026 - Theory 9 Food Distribution
  - May 30, 2026 - Marble Hill Shredding Event
- Riverdale Pride on Sunday June 7 from 2-5 pm and appreciate anyone who can come to volunteer at the table.
- Thank you to our volunteers for tabling at the past events in May: Debby Allen, Brittany Reynoso, Laura Spalter, Daniel Nunez and Steve Froot.
- KHCC is hosting their Neighborhood Festival on June 12 from 3-6 pm. if anyone would like to stop by.
- Details to follow regarding future events in August for National Night Out against Crime First Tuesday in August, and Marble Hill Family Day.
- Office distributed 150 tickets to our shelter families, schools, community organizations and residents to the NYBG Bronx Day Flower Power Event on June 13.
- Attending OPEN Records meeting to use the Open Records portal to manage and respond to FOIL requests
- Attended Bronx Borough Service Cabinet (BSC) Meeting today and will send the 3 presentations out when I receive it.

- September 11th Victim Compensation Fund (VCF)
- DEP New York City Noise Code
- DOHMH Bronx Community Health Profiles -Mapping by Community District
  - Working on the new meetings calendar for next term over the summer.
  - Finalizing putting out Ads for a New Coordinator with NYC Careers, City & State, Riverdale Press, Norwood News, El Diario and also posted on our website, Socials, and Linked In. Deadline to apply is June 30 and then will review resumes and will start interview process with a committee in July. Please let anyone you know who is qualified to apply. Details are on our webpage. I thank the board for their support throughout this process.
  - I also want to thank the board members for all you do as volunteers in shaping this community.
  - Have a wonderful summer!

### **Committee Reports:**

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

- Aging - Met 5/14, finalizing Aging Resource Guide, following up on Kappock Street Next meeting 6/11.
- Budget - Met 6/3. FY 28 Capital and Expense list as amended to be voted on in June and September Full Board meetings.
- Economic Development (EDC) -Bronx Summit will take place on 6/5-6/6 on economic development. Met 6/2.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - None.
- Environment & Sanitation - Met 5/20. SAPO for Make Music New York at James Baldwin Outdoor Learning. Next meeting 6/17 to discuss containerization, warning period just began and September begins enforcement. Dog waste signs are coming!
- Housing - None.
- Health, Hospitals and Social Services (HHSS)- Met 5/13 - Discussion regarding Health/Jacobi Health. Next meeting 6/10 with presentation from Emblem Health, health insurance options, Green Book for Health, and FY27 agenda items.
- Land Use - Met 5/4. Resolutions: 1. LPC Application forthcoming; 2. Resolution Arlington Ave; and 3. Discussing public safety issues with Amalgamated/Van Cortlandt Village area/SRO/subcommittee.
- Law Rules and Ethics (LRE) - Next meeting 6/8 on CB8 Board Chair offered/passed Resolution in May to amend the Bylaws under Article V - Officers and Committee Chairs. Will review Robert's Rules of Order vs NYC Charter regarding abstentions as part of the voting total.
- Parks & Rec - Next meeting 6/23 Parks to come back to discuss VCP Stadium and discuss Parks Resource guide.
- Public Safety - Met 5/19 to discuss Three Resolutions for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
  - Unanimously approved by Committee:
    - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) RENEWAL→
      - Estrellita Poblana Taqueria Express - 5975 Broadway
    - New York SLA NEW APPLICATION AND TEMPORARY PERMIT→
      - Artizen NYC, located at 3700 Riverdale Avenue
      - Yukka Latin Bistro Corp, located at 5686 Riverdale Avenue

- Revising Raise the Age Law, with proposed changes to the law advocated by Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark that will balance rehabilitation with public safety issues concerning gun violence.
- FDNY requested support concerns reducing Sedgwick to one lane, bike lanes, Commish has to approve DOT plans, opportunity for FDNY to contribute to DOT designs before implementation.
- 311 flyer created and posted.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Met 5/14 SAPO Soccer Street at PS 24-Full Street Closure West 235th already took place. Next meeting 6/12.
- Youth - Meet 6/15 Will discuss Resource Guide and Youth financial education.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - None.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Broadway Corridor follow up; Standing Committee Chairs to make edits.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services (SCVS) - None.

### **Unfinished Business**

None

### **New Business**

Nominating Committee - Will meet one last time and send out report by required 10 days prior to June Full Board meeting.

### **Executive Session**

None.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 pm.

Next Executive Meeting anticipated 9/2/26 at 7pm.

Submitted by,  
Margaret Della, Secretary