

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

**Committee Members Present**

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

**Committee Members Absent**

Absent (4): Charles Moerdler (on the phone), Constance Barnes-Watson, Sergio Villaverde, and Rhashida Hilliard.

**Staff**

Farrah Kule Rubin

**Board and Community Guests**

Jimmy Lutz

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

**Roll Call**

Quorum met

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

Minutes unanimously approved.

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**Chairperson's Report**

- Reiterated Executive Committee guidelines for participation:
  - Non-Executive committee members are not permitted to participate in discussions during the Executive committee meeting unless invited or to report for their committee, they may not remain during any portion of the Executive Sessions should one take place.
  - Non-ADA committee members present via video or teleconference may participate but not allowed to vote
  - Please wait to be called on
- Met with the Bronx Borough President's office regarding renewing and new members

- Requested Board term ends June 30th for future Board members and term limited members. Upon further exploration, request unlikely to be considered since City Charter only allows 60-day extension. Term limits will take effect in March 2027
- Meeting with elected officials regarding Board Budget and miscellaneous with DM, Budget Committee Chair and Vice Chair
- Met with Congressman Torres and DM – looking to host a meeting/breakfast with several elected officials and Board members with target date Monday, June 29th. We discussed several issues within the Board, and the Congressman was very interested and looks forward to continuing collaboration and assistance to the Board’s issues.
- Upcoming May Full Board meeting imperatives:
  - 6:30 start – must be out by 9pm
  - Need quorum next week – critical item is a Budget Modification Resolution to move funds for purchases by June 30th.
  - Board members must advise if they are unable to attend. If no quorum, special meeting may need to be called to vote on resolution.
  - Parking is severely limited. Board encouraged to carpool, some may use CB8 office parking lot to carpool.

### **Treasurer Report**

#### May 2026 Treasurer’s Report

- Since April, DM spent more than \$14,000 for general supplies.
- \$20,893 remaining in OTPS.
- Budget modification - essential to have quorum to spend down funds by June 30th: See addendum A - \$15,522 into line 100.
- \$10,000 remains a cushion
- Addendum B is FY27 Draft Operating Budget
  - Cushion reduced to \$6,000

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

- Attended mandatory Biennial Identifying Information Law training on 5/1
- Hosted District Service Cabinet (DSC) meeting 5/5. Next meeting 6/7.
- Planning vacation and will release dates when ready.
- See Spring newsletter recently published.
- Salsa in the Streets on 5/9 - was a great time! Thank you to all the volunteers.
- Preparing for upcoming events: North Riverdale Block Party (5/17), Marble Hill shredding event 5/30 - need 2 volunteers, Riverdale Pride (6/2), KHCC (6/12), National Night Out on the First Tuesday in August, Friends of Bailey Playground and more.
- Bailey Ave Walk Thru at 5/8 @3pm - hybrid meeting. Invites will be sent to Committee members.
- Need print guide materials by 5/12 or there will not be time to print before end of the Fiscal Year.
- Board Community Coordinator submitted resignation. Please be patient during transition.

## **Committee Reports:**

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

- Aging - Met 4/18, finalizing Aging Resource Guide, discussed Save Kappock Retail resolution. Awaiting NORC RFP and will discuss next steps. Next meeting 5/14.
- Budget - The deadline for the submission of the FY 28 Capital and Expense list is on 5/15 COB. Next meeting 6/3 before next Executive Committee.
- Economic Development (EDC) - No meeting due to Bailey Walk Thru cancellation. Next meeting 6/2.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Met 4/28. Discussed teen violence and cross-community involvement, presentation from Mosaic Mental Health Services Executive Director. Next meeting will be in September.
- Environment & Sanitation - Met 4/15. Hudson River Foundation discussion presentation using green infrastructure initiatives re: Ft Independence Park, discussed Bruckner Box, budget priorities. Next meeting 5/20.
- Housing - None.
- Health, Hospitals and Social Services (HHSS)- Met 4/8 - Discussion universal health and harm reduction, budget priorities, Green Book for Health. Next meeting 5/13.
- Land Use - Met 5/4. Resolutions: 1. Riverdale Country School playfield resurfacing; 2. LPC Application 404 W. 246th Street; 3. LPC Application 311 W. 245th Street. Discussed Arlington Ave issues: synagogue moving in, adjacent property splitting off portion of lot adding a house and street flooding; and Amalgamated/Van Cortlandt Village area/SRO/subcommittee.
- Law Rules and Ethics (LRE) - Met 4/13 to discuss Board Member recommended changes to CB8 structure. Next meeting 5/11.
  - CB8 Board Chair stated she would submit a Resolution in May to amend the Bylaws under Article V - Officers and Committee Chairs - to add sentence:
  - Sec. 6 – The Chairperson shall be the chief executive officer of the Board. All reports required by the Charter shall be filed by the Chairperson. The Chairperson shall use the provided cb.nyc.gov email address when acting on behalf of the Board. In addition, the Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board and shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.
- Parks & Rec - Met 4/22 to discuss VCP Stadium and community members came out to discuss temporary walls for handball courts, budget items, Mosholu Golf Course RFP and two SAPO Applications:
  - James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Farmers Market
  - New York Philharmonic on 6/9 on East Side of Broadway

Next meeting 5/28.

- Public Safety - Met 4/21 to discuss Five 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→
      - Gaelic Athletic Association of Greater NY - 201 West 240th Street
      - Metate - 3515 Johnson Ave

- New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) RENEWAL→
      - Frass Box, LLC - 3633 Kingsbridge Ave
  - Disapproved by Committee:
    - New York State Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) NEW APPLICATION→
      - C&L Distributor LLC - 436 West 238th Street
  - Committee Chair will bring a resolution to the Full Board on Int 0175-2026 in which CM Dinowitz is the lead sponsor. Executive Committee members gave feedback that legislation is broad as relates to implementation and asked Chair to discuss with CM on potential revisions.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Citibike concerns remain. Committee continues to make recommendations to DOT with feedback from community, push for data on usage in the district. Committee chair will consider FOIL request to get data/ contract. SAPO application unanimously approved:
  - Johnson Diner -position required before the Full Board meeting due to deadline. Office will send letter from Executive Committee with Board's preference.
- Youth - Met 4/20 to discuss the Comeback Kid Award Candidates. Executive Committee reviewed the two finalists. Next meeting 5/18.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - None.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Upcoming meeting 5/7 to discuss NYC Council Committee on Combating Hate - potential presentation by member CM P.Sanchez; debrief on recent Project RISE meeting hosted by CM P.Sanchez, invited CM Dinowitz to present on NYC Council Five Point Plan to combat hate; presentation by Mekong; review NYC Racial Equity Report and SCRE interim report documents.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services (SCVS) - None.

### **Unfinished Business**

Request informational meeting with Westhab. DM will follow up.

### **New Business**

Discussed upcoming term limit implications on votes for future Chairs, Vice Chair as terms will conclude in March 2027 (service extension only available up to two months).

Chair will offer resolution at the Full Board to modify the bylaws regarding mandating NYC email use when speaking for or conducting business on behalf of the Board.

Nominating Committee discussed language on ethical guidance regarding when the second committee meeting has to be scheduled. Board Chair asked for recommendations and for Nominating Committee to bring to Executive Committee in June.

### **Executive Session**

Motion requested to go into Executive Session Based on Open Meetings Law (OML) 105.F at 9:34pm and exit at 9:39pm.

### **Adjournment**

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:40 pm.

Next Executive Meeting 6/3/26 at 7pm.

Submitted by,  
Margaret Della, Secretary