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MEETING NOTICE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Date: **Wednesday, November 2, 2022**

Time: **7:00 PM**

Location: Zoom- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

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AGENDA

1. Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: October 6, 2022
2. Chairperson's Report
3. Treasurer's Report
4. District Manager's Report
5. Committee Resolutions
6. Committee Member Issues for Discussion
7. Follow-up on Outstanding Issues

Laura Spalter
Chairperson

1 – Operating Budget Update – FY2023

The budget for FY 2023 is \$259,208. This includes the standard budget allocated to Community Boards for FY2023. It was reported that Council Member Sanchez gave \$2,500 but we have since been told it was an error.

Appropriation	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
Personal Services (PS)	\$ 219,117	\$ 65,332	\$ 153,785
Other Than Personal Services (OTPS)	\$ 40,091	\$ 6,364	\$ 33,727
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 259,208</i>	<i>\$ 71,696</i>	<i>\$ 187,512</i>

This report details the progress on the current budget to date. Please note that ‘allocated’ includes money spent as well as encumbered but not yet paid.

1.1 - Other Than Personal Services Detail

The table below summarizes the progress to date on the various object codes within the OTPS budget.

Object Codes	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
100s - Supplies	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,589	\$ 911
300s – Equipment	\$ 3,250	\$ 1,558	\$ 1,692
400s – Office Items + Other	\$ 3,789	\$ -	\$ 3,789
600s - Services	\$ 5,750	\$ 3,218	\$ 2,532
700s - Fees	\$ 100	\$ -	\$ 100
Total OTPS	\$ 15,389	\$ 6,365	\$ 9,024

1.2 – Budget Modifications

There are no budget modifications.

1.3 – Purchase Order & Accounts Payable update

As of the date of this report, the Community Board has \$0 in requested funds and holds \$3,097 in encumbered funds.

“Requested” funds include any items that the board office has requested to purchase but have not been purchased yet.

“Encumbered” funds include any items that have been purchased, inputted into the system and are awaiting payment.

Object Codes	Requested	Encumbered
100s - Supplies	\$ -	\$ 442
300s – Equipment	\$ -	\$ 777
400s – Office Items + Other*	\$ -	\$ -
600s - Services	\$ -	\$ 1,878
700s - Fees	\$ -	\$ -
Total OTPS	\$ -	\$ 3,097

1.4 – Rent and Energy Detail

The budget for rent and energy is maintained separately from the standard community board budget. This is allocated and maintained directly by OMB per the lease contract. Progress is detailed below for reference.

Object Codes	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
414 – Lease	\$ 64,427	\$ 63,146	\$ 1,281
42C – Heat, Light & Power	\$ 3,022	\$ -	\$ 3,022
499 - Other	\$ 2	\$ -	\$ 2
Total OTPS	\$ 67,451	\$ 63,146	\$ 4,305

DRAFT
Hybrid Resolution Renewal
November 2, 2022
(Attach May 10, 2022 Resolution)

Whereas, On May 10, 2022 Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution (attached) in accordance with New York State's Open Meetings Law that authorizes **Bronx Community Board 8 and its Committees to adopt the Hybrid Model** at their discretion in order to promote public participation via virtual meetings; and

Whereas, a condition stated that this resolution be renewed by vote of the Board after six months; and

Whereas, under state law the Hybrid Model requires that board members must attend meetings in person unless qualifying for a virtual exemption under extraordinary circumstances; and

Whereas, the Laws, Rules, and Ethics committee and officers are engaged in establishing criteria and process for members seeking to utilize this exemption; and

Whereas, while the Board has experienced success in using the Hybrid Model from our office, the ability to fully implement the Hybrid option has been hampered in outside venues by inadequate technology (Wifi) and lack of technical support; and

Whereas, to date implementation and feedback regarding the Hybrid Model has been extremely limited due to the Mayor's Emergency Executive Order No. 210 that permits community board meetings to continue to be held remotely on a month to month basis;

Therefore, Be it Resolved that Bronx Community Board 8 renews its May 10, 2022 resolution extending our adoption of the Hybrid Model with the condition that the resolution be reviewed and renewed in six months by a vote of the Board to take place in June, 2023.

May 10th Hybrid Resolution

Whereas, the New York State Legislature has passed, and Governor Hochul has signed, new legislation concerning implementation of the Open Meetings Law, which will remain in effect through June 1, 2024; and

Whereas, Part WW of Chapter 56 of the Laws of 2022 mandates that as of June 9, 2022 all community board members must return to attending meetings in person unless the Board chooses the Hybrid Model option, which allows an exemption for Board members with extenuating circumstances, such as illness, disability, caretaking responsibilities, or any other significant or unexpected factor which precludes the member's physical presence at such meeting, to participate via videoconferencing; and

Whereas, under the Hybrid Model board members who are exempt from attending meetings in person, may vote offsite via videoconferencing; but will not be counted as quorum, and

Whereas, a board member appearing virtually must at all times be able to be heard, seen and identified; and

Whereas, In the event that a board member attends virtually the name and specific reasons for virtual attendance will be noted in the monthly minutes; and

Whereas, public engagement has increased significantly over the past two years, and the Hybrid Option allows for full participation at meetings on the part of the public via video conferencing; and

Whereas, Bronx Community Board 8 held a duly advertised public hearing on May 10, 2022 as required; and

Whereas, the Hybrid Model, which allows for remote public participation presents many technical challenges absent professional information Technology (IT) support as well as evening staff support; and

Whereas, Community Board 8 committees may or may not choose to implement the Hybrid Model at their discretion so long as the public notice specifically advises the community when the hybrid model will be utilized;

Therefore, be it resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 and its committees at their discretion adopt the Hybrid Model in order to provide the public, including those with disabilities, the ability to attend and participate remotely with the condition that the Board reviews its efficacy in 6 months when at such time a vote on its renewal will take place.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that Bronx Community Board 8 will endeavor to implement the Hybrid Model after research, investment in appropriate technology, and training of board members in its use have been completed.

Therefore, be it further resolved, that public meetings of the board or its committees that utilizes video conferencing will be appropriately publicly noticed and include physical locations and remote links with directions on how to participate pursuant to the new Open Meetings Law.