

(Pending Committee Approval)
Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
February 5, 2025

[Executive Committee Meeting Recording February 2025](#)

Committee Members Present

(14): Julie Reyes, Margaret Della, Laura Spalter, Ramdat Singh, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Bob Bender, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Edward Green, Josh Land, Oscar Martinez, Rhashida Hilliard, Daniel Rowen, Charles Moerdler

American with Disabilities (ADA) Approved Committee Members Present

(2): Martin Wolpoff, Sylvia Alexander

Committee Members Absent

(3): Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Sergio Villaverde, Debra Travis

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin, Debby Allen

Chairperson Reyes convened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: January 8, 2025

Minutes unanimously approved. (15): Julie Reyes, Margaret Della, Laura Spalter, Ramdat Singh, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Bob Bender, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Edward Green, Josh Land, Oscar Martinez, Rhashida Hilliard, Daniel Rowen, Martin Wolpoff, and Sylvia Alexander.

Chairperson's Report

- Contact the Chairperson or District Manager for items not funded in your committee for consideration of elected officials' discretionary funds.
- New intern beginning from Hunter College
- Meeting with elected officials on resources for undocumented families in the community with a potential public forum in March
- Review of committee structure still under review. Recommendations will go to LRE prior to Full Board.

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer presented monthly report - FY25 February
- No budget modifications this month
- Expenses similar to January, paid out intern
- Nothing encumbered

District Manager (DM) Report

- Community District Needs Statement: sent all FY26 budget priority responses to Community Board Members today
- Thank you to Community Board intern Jaylen for all of her work on organizing the office and community outreach
- Happy Black History Month and Happy Lunar New Year
- Office will be closed for President's Day, Monday, February 17th
- Executive Committee must review March calendar and give DM any feedback prior to distribution
- Committee meeting on Henry Hudson Greenway will be in February not March
- Chairs should be comfortable with Zoom as office staff will not be at nightly meetings. Remember to record the meetings.
- Reminder to appoint Vice Chair to your committee(s)
- Fire at 3030 Health Ave. Office staff gave out information on resources. 45 people sent to hotels, families displaced. Cause of fire still under investigation.
- Bronx Borough Service Cabinet meeting today
- Notify NYC would like to inform the community about important notices and how to enroll

Committee Reports:

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

- Aging - Next meeting 2/13 Department of Finance re: financial assistance for older adults.
- Budget - City responses to CB8 submitted capital and expense requests posted on the website. CB8 response is due to the City Budget is due by end of February. Hearing preceding February Board meeting. Standing Committees: FY27 budget discussions January - March 2025. Recommends committees vote on priorities. Responses due to Budget Chair by 4/21.
- Economic Development - 2/4 meeting with Small Business Services (SBS). Will finalize Betty Campbell-Adams award criteria.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - No meeting in January. Sent letters to Principals for funding requests.
- Environment & Sanitation - Meeting on 1/15 - Department of Sanitation did not show. Hoping they will show at next meeting 2/15 to discuss snow removal.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - None
- Housing - Next meeting 2/24. Last meeting with Department of Buildings on 1/27 to discuss the agency's role including committee priorities, Local Law 97.

- Land Use - SNAD application: 5445 Palisade Ave application to expand. Unanimously approved by the Committee. Concerns: Van Cortlandt Village single homes converted to multifamily dwellings, future residents at Visitation site.
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- Next meeting 2/10 to review award criteria.
- Parks & Rec - Seton Park fitness area open, began FY27 budget request deliberations, Department of Environmental Protection to present on Daylighting project. Next meeting 2/26 to discuss Van Cortlandt Master Plan.
- Public Safety - Six new resolutions:
 - Renewal: An Beal Bocht (445 W 238th St), Flame (5740 Broadway), TCR Tennis Club (2600 Netherland Ave.), Punch Bowl (5820 Broadway), Jake's Steakhouse (6031 Broadway) - unanimously approved
 - Resolution for Priscilla's Law to amend administrative law of New York passed
 - Seeking greater detail on FDNY community data and implications
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Discussed step streets. Department of Transportation may come to the May meeting.
- Youth - Next meeting 2/6 to discuss FY priorities, Come Back Kid Award.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - Next meeting 2/27.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Next meeting 3/6.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - Meeting held 1/30 discussed November Veterans Event, potential April event acknowledging 50 years since the formal end to the Vietnam War, and the criteria for veterans' awards.
- Irving Latimer Committee - Working to schedule a meeting and press release went out.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Executive Session

Went into session at 8:52pm based on Open Meetings Law 105f and exited 8:56pm.

Adjournment

Next meeting March 5, 2025. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:57 pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary