

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

Committee Members Present

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

Committee Members and Staff Absent

Absent (4): Julie Reyes, Charles Moerdler, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Rhashida Hilliard

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin

Guests

None

Vice Chair Villaverde convened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Roll Call

Quorum met

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: December 3, 2025

Minutes unanimously approved. (14): Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Sebastian Chittilapilly, Constance Barnes-Watson, Dr. Wayne Debeatham, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Barbara Kail, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar-Acosta, Sergio Villaverde, and Martin Wolpoff (ADA).

Chairperson's Report

- Vice Chair Villaverde shared Chair Julie Reyes report:
 - Wishing all a prosperous and healthy New Year.
 - The committee's that do not have a Vice Chairperson (VC), kindly advise tonight or email Chair Reyes and cc the office this week to advise who the committee's VC will be.
 - Discussed a letter in support of the good work, communication and support CB8 has received from the Mayor Adam's Bronx representative Alina Dowe.
- Discussed Vice Chair Villaverde and Public Safety Chair Green's participation in the panel vetting of the 50th Pct. Commanding Officer.

Treasurer Report

December 2025 Treasurer's Report

- Expenditures on office supplies
- \$182,361 remaining balance, \$42,000 remaining in OTPS

District Manager (DM) Report

- New Community Associate, Jaylyn Adorno, began tenure. Community email will go out. She will be trained in her role and assigned to committees.
- District Service Cabinet meetings on January 6, February 3rd.
- Sent all Committee Chairs meeting dates for the year in order to secure the dates well in advance.
- Worked with NYPD, elected officials, regarding Fenwick's after-hours illicit behaviors.
- Attended Bronx Borough President/Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) virtual information session re: community grant reinvestment funds.

Committee Reports:

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

- Aging - Met 12/11 at/with Amalgamated NORC, Older Adult Resource Guide. Next meeting 1/8 to discuss FY28 Budget Priorities.
- Budget - Met 1/7/26 and will meet before Feb Full Board meeting to discuss City agency responses to FY27 requests.
- Economic Development - Met 1/6 to discuss Knolls Crescent businesses, met with Bronx Green Jobs at Fordham, FY28 Budget priorities. Next meeting 2/3.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - No December meeting. Next meeting 1/17/26.
- Environment & Sanitation - Meeting on 1/21 to discuss snow removal.
- Health, Hospitals & Social Services - Met 12/11 to discuss federal changes to vaccine schedules, fentanyl harm reduction, seasonal flu resources.
- Housing - None.
- Land Use - Next meeting 1/22 to discuss religious institutions concerns: Yeshiva and sanitary system permit; new synagogue to be built on West 252nd Street/Arlington Ave; and mosque to be built in North Riverdale.
- LRE - Next meeting 1/12
- Parks & Rec - Met 12/11 to discuss public restroom renovations at Van Cortlandt Park (VCP) and related resolution, street tree planting strategy, concessions committee regarding RFP for VCP Golf Course, and poor condition of VCP stadium turf. Next meeting 1/28.
- Public Safety - Met on 12/9. Discussed lack of 311 complaint accountability and increasing community engagement, questionnaire for cannabis applicants, and two resolutions for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) → NEW APPLICATIONS
 - Riverdale Yacht Club, 800 West 254th Street
 - SLA New Year's Eve All Night → NEW APPLICATIONS
 - El Pollocon 2 Inc. (aka Tijuana Nites), 216 West 242nd Street
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Met 12/18 - MTA attended but did not attend walk thru on West 261st and Broadway location issues. Chair will reschedule walk thru with MTA. Three resolutions for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
 - West 254th Street Improvements Capital Project HWX406

- NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission Livery Care Base License Renewal for Alltown Limo Corp (BASE #B02537)
- NYS Assembly Speed Limiter Bill A2288B
- Next meeting 1/20.
- Youth - Next meeting 2/12 to discuss the committee handbook.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - 1/29 meeting to discuss MTA resiliency project along Hudson Line.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Met 12/4 to discuss recommendations to standing committees on Broadway Corridor. See minutes for recommendations for your committee and we welcome additional conversations. Next meeting 2/4.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services (SCVS) - Senator Gustavo Rivera seeking nomination for Veterans award living in Senate District 33. Meeting in February.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Discussion had on Board members' attendance

Adjournment

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

Next Executive Meeting 2/4/26 at 7pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary