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MEETING NOTICE

LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date	Monday, September 14, 2026	Start Time	7:30 PM
Location	Bronx Community Board 8 Office – Conference Room		
Address	5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471		
Zoom Link	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690		
Zoom By Phone	+16465588656	Meeting ID	2114033690#
All committee members must attend in person except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disability Act, who may request an accommodation from the chairperson of the Board permitting them to attend via video/teleconferencing and be counted in the quorum. The General Public is encouraged to participate via Zoom due to room limitations.			
AGENDA			

- Welcome and Introductions:
Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Steve Froot, Vice Chair, Steve Matthews, Vice Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Arlene Feldheimer, Joy D. Cambell Priveterre, Charles Moerdler, Jyll Townes, Sergio Villaverde
 - Approval of June 8, 2026 minutes
 - Naming of a second vice-chair
 - Meeting with Margaret Della
 - Committee membership and term limits
 - Committee Blurb
 - New Member Primer – Retrospective
 - Carryover items:
 - Objectives for this year
 - Roberts Rules
 - EGM
 - Suggested City Charter revisions – Department of Law Restrictions
- Question 1 Proposed Charter Amendment: Speed Up Process for Granting a Revocable Consent to Use Public Space Simplify process to use public space for uses such as ramps, planters and cafes, **by removing mandatory hearings and Council disapproval of sidewalk cafes, while maintaining community and Council input.** “Yes” speeds up process to use public space while maintaining community input. “No” maintains longer process with mandatory public hearing to use public space and Council review of sidewalk cafes.

Question 2 Proposed Charter Amendment: Reduce City Contractor Paperwork; Require Regular Meetings of Procurement Policy Board Reduce paperwork for City contractors by authorizing Procurement Policy Board to simplify contractor questionnaire. Require quarterly meetings of the Procurement Policy Board. Remove mandatory hearing for required client services report. **“Yes” amends Procurement Policy Board authority, including to simplify contractor questionnaire; authorizes Mayor to delegate certain contract approvals.** “No” leaves laws unchanged, with Mayor and Comptroller maintaining longer questionnaire. July 23, 2026

Question 3 Proposed Charter Amendment: Speed Up Street Safety Projects, Disposition of Unused City Property, Office Leasing Simplify review of street safety projects to reduce construction timelines. **Fast track disposition of unused City property with approval from City Planning Commission. Expedite leasing offices used for City workforce.** "Yes" simplifies street project approval, City property disposition and office leasing. "No" maintains intra-agency consultation for road projects, Council approval for City property dispositions and Council disapproval of office leases.

Question 4 Proposed Charter Amendment: Simplify Building Permitting and Move Waterfront Permitting to Department of Buildings Create centralized construction permits hub to simplify permitting. **Move waterfront permitting from Department of Small Business Services to Department of Buildings. Allow construction approval by additional Department of Buildings officials.** “Yes” simplifies permitting by authorizing a centralized permitting hub, moving waterfront permitting to Department of Buildings, and allowing additional Department of Buildings officials to issue approvals. “No” leaves laws unchanged.

Question 5 Proposed Charter Amendment: Set Contribution Targets for Rainy Day Fund to Promote Sufficient Budgetary Reserves Set target amount of money to hold in reserve funds, including rainy day fund, to address unexpected financial hardships in future years, and require development of methodology to calculate contributions. **“Yes” requires Mayor to develop methodology for calculating deposits to rainy day fund, with deposits subject to approval in the City budget.** “No” leaves laws unchanged, with no reserves target.

11. City Council Legislative Spreadsheet
12. Items from COIB
13. Unfinished Business
14. New Business
15. Next Dates: Thursday, Oct 22, Tuesdays: Nov 9, Dec 14, Jan 11, Feb 8, Mar 8, Apr 12, May 10, Jun 14

Martin S. Wolpoff, Chair
Law, Rules & Ethics Committee