

**Minutes of Aging Committee Meeting  
Bronx Community Board 8  
Thursday, February 12, 2026 at 4:00 pm  
Board Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471**

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

**Committee Board Members in Attendance (3):** Lee Chong (ADA Zoom), Jyll Townes, Barbara Kail, Chair

**Committee Board Members Absent (2):** Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Georgia Santiago

**Other Board Members (1):** Julie Reyes, Chairperson, Bronx CB8

**Community Committee Members (CCM) (5):** Aubrey Balcolm, representing River Spring Living; Miryam Rabner, representing MJHS; Sharon Asherman, representing Riverdale YMHA; Merritt Claude, Doyle McCarthy

**Community Guest:** Alexis Rummey, Lili Lopez, representing Center for Independent Disabled NY

**CB8 Staff:** Jaylyn Adorno

Barbara Kail opened the meeting at 4:07 pm

Each participant introduced him/herself and where applicable described the services provided by the organizations they represent.

Roll call: quorum (3) met.

Doyle reported on a movement to restore and maintain the stores in the Knolls Crescent shopping strip. A meeting of concerned residents of the Knolls Crescent Apartments is planned.

The minutes of January 8, 2026 were unanimously approved.

**Guest Speaker: Council Member Susan Zhuang, Chair of Committee on Aging, NYC Council:**

Budget hearings will be held in March. She is anxious to hear from us what our needs are concerning capital funding. Which OACs need updating. She noted several other priorities.

- Food insecurity and in particular HRA should keep track of stolen food stamps and provide information on alternatives.
- Affordable housing for older people.

- Increased access to iPads and training to enhance social connection

Aubrey Balcolm inquired as to the best way to advocate for more neighborhood and community-based NORCs.

Council Member Zhuang suggested testifying at hearings and writing letters to different Council Members. She requested a Google Contact list of Committee members so she could forward information. Jaylyn will take care of this. Eric Dinowitz's office should have information on zoom links for hearings.

**Old Business:**

We briefly discussed the further development of the Resource Guide. More information will be posted on Google Drive.

**New Business**

Meritt Claude asked that a presentation by the Alzheimer's Association at last night's Health Hospitals and Social Services Committee meeting might be of interest to all.

Link to view the presentation: <https://youtu.be/qMVHNuBYw9E>

Next meeting: March 12, 2026

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Kail, Chair