

Pending Committee Approval
Minutes of Aging Committee Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8
Thursday, May 14, 2026 at 4:00 pm
Board Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471

[Meeting Recording Link](#)

Committee Board Members in Attendance (4): Barbara Kail (Chair) , Jyll Townes (ADA zoom) Georgia Santiago (ADA zoom)

Committee Board Members Absent (1): Lee Chong

Other Board Members and Staff (2): Julie Reyes; Chairperson (zoom), Jaylyn Adorno

Community Committee Members (CCM) (3): E. Doyle McCarthy, CCM; Aubrey Balcolm representing River Springs, Sharon Asherman representing Riverdale Y

Community Guest: Lili Lopez (Center for Independent Disabled NY)

Barbara Kail opened the meeting at 4:04

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

River Springs successfully opened a new short term rehabilitation facility. They have also inaugurated a program of fall prevention activities and are rolling out another new program based on the John Hopkins Capable Model.

Roll call: a quorum of at least 3 Board members was met.

Approval of April Committee minutes with an explanation of the Elder justice program listed in the expenses request. Approved

Chairs Report. I spent several hours with Jaylyn Adorno putting the Older Adult Resource Guide together. It is not quite ready to print before the summer. Sharon Asherman suggested we might Beta test it over the summer and print in the Fall. The Committee agreed. at the last full Board Meeting, I took the liberty of introducing a Resolution supporting the efforts of “Save Knolls/Kappock Retail”. This is the final version edited by Jyll Townes. (Shared on the zoom so all could read it.) I will send it to the organizers of this group.

Unfinished Business

We reviewed the Older Adults Resource Guide –some services need a fuller description. There are comments on Google Doc. To be worked on over the summer.

New Business

The RFP for NORC programs has not been released by the City yet. Aubrey will be networking with the State Agency to consider some possibilities of local delivery models.

The advocacy group “Save Knolls/Kappock Retail” has met with landlords Friedlander and a Representative of ABC Realty, concerning the empty storefronts in the area with little success. They have taken it upon themselves to advertise the empty properties. Work on the new supermarket has begun. The arrival of Citibikes on Knolls Crescent remains controversial

Aubrey described his participation in an initiative “Riverdale Wise Bronx Fellowship Against Hate, a coalition of nonprofits across the Bronx. It is coordinating neighborhood walks across the Bronx. The goal is to bring neighbors together on a regular basis, promoting a more cohesive environment. They receive some funding from the mayor’s office. We will make the connection with the CB8 Committee on Racial Equity

Our next meeting is Thursday June 11, 2026 at 4pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Kail, Chair