

(Pending Committee Approval)

**Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
October 1, 2024**

Executive Committee Meeting Recording October 2024

Committee Members Present

Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Edward Green, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Josh Land, Oscar Martinez, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowan, Laura Spalter, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Extraordinary Circumstances (ADA) Committee Members Present

Sylvia Alexander

Committee Members Absent

Joy Campbell Priveterre, Rhashida Hilliard, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Charles Moerdler, Ramdat Singh, Debra Travis

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin

Chairperson Reyes convened the meeting at 7:00pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: September 4, 2024

"Executive members may join via Zoom, participate but may not vote" to be added to the end of one of the sentences in September Exec. Minutes.

Minutes unanimously approved as amended.

Chairperson's Report

- The Chair recognized that CB8 Board Member Christopher Calhoun passed away.

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer's monthly report was presented by District Manager - FY25 October
- Some expenses incurred: paying intern, rent, cleaning company, etc.
- No budget modifications this month

District Manager (DM) Report

- DM recognized that Chris Calhoun was an outstanding Board Member, who volunteered at every event, and will be missed for his humor and being so connected to the community.

- Participated in Back to School events, Boo on Mosholu and Turkey Distribution upcoming
- Participating in the Borough-wide District Managers working group on various issues to be presented to City agencies and will send Q&A to/from agencies to CB8 Committee Chairs for upcoming meetings.
- Will be meeting elected officials. Next meeting with Councilmember Sanchez to discuss community needs and budgetary items
- Addressing Half Moon Overlook Parks Department property overgrown trees and weeds. Parks Department will provide proposal. DM will direct to CB8 Parks Committee for further discussion and potential letter of support.
- District Service Cabinet meeting held today. Next meeting will be November 6th. Please send DM items before then.
- Office is working on the Summer into Fall Newsletter
- Reminder: Chairs must give minutes and agendas to the Office within 10-day requirements. If no agenda is received, a generic agenda will be distributed.

Committee Reports:

Committee Reports: If a Committee has a resolution, the Committee will go first. Board Members are reminded to read resolutions prior to meeting. [Board Calendar](#).

- Aging - 10/10 next meeting. Attended 50th Anniversary at Riverdale Senior Services and met the new Director; 10/10 Hebrew Home upcoming event.
- Budget - FY26 capital and expense budget priorities posted for community review. Next meeting will be 10/8 at 6:30pm where public may speak up to 3 minutes in the gallery. Requests must be submitted to Office prior to the meeting. Board will then vote on priorities.
- Economic Development - Next meeting 10/10 at 7:30pm at Cote Wine Bar.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - 10/22 next meeting 7:30 pm.
- Environment & Sanitation - Draft resolution on EPA on Hudson River. October 7th, organic recycling begins and can be set out with regular trash. 11/12 trash must be in a bin with a lid - no bags. November next meeting.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - Rescheduling joint meeting with SCRE - combating hate - for available November date.
- Housing - none
- Land Use - 10/7 next meeting. Discussing the Van Cortlandt Jewish Center, 3111 Henry Hudson Parkway (non-ULURP), and 3040 Scenic Place.
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- 10/29 next meeting. Discussion on legislation to lower requirements for a quorum from $\frac{1}{2}+1$ Board Members present to $\frac{1}{4}+1$; and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) parameters for EC.
- Parks - 10/30 next meeting. September meeting with new director of Van Cortlandt House Museum. Fence around Museum is being repaired, but the Museum is open.
- Public Safety - 10/15 next meeting. Committee will bring 7 resolutions before the full Board next week:
 - Renewal: Savor (3725 Riverdale Avenue), Caribe Bites (5586 Broadway) - unanimously approved
 - New application: EL DF Mexican Patio (5602 Broadway), Tokyo House (at 5648 Riverdale Avenue) while long-standing business this is a new application as new owner - unanimously approved

- Temporary retail: Sweet Billiards Corp (3004 Heath Avenue) - unanimously approved
- Corporate change: Bokagua (3441 Riverdale Ave) - unanimously approved
- Renewal: Tijuana Nights (216 West 242nd Street) - unanimously disapproved due to numerous community complaints without Management addressing any concerns. Chair followed up with the State Liquor Authority (SLA) on problematic businesses. Community should complain to SLA if they wish to weigh in on future liquor licenses.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - September meeting discussed Tobala Dining Out NYC application and SAPO Horace Mann resolution on street closing in Fieldston, DOT presentation on Van Cortlandt South. Next meeting in November to discuss 254th street and sidewalk repairs near SAR Academy.
- Youth - None.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - None.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Rescheduling joint meeting with HHSS - combating hate - for available November date.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - September discussed Veteran Award criteria and Memorial Grove ceremony for 11/3 noon. Two new benches at Memorial Grove with one unveiling at the event. Chair will draft a resolution on the Veteran Award criteria. Seeking volunteers for 10/24 and 10/31 Memorial Grove community cleanup 1-4pm.

New Business

- Chair extended appreciation to Vice Chair Villaverde for representing the Community Board on the Co-Naming ceremony of Betty and Lloyd Adams.
- Acknowledgement of the work conducted the past week by the Board's Community Coordinator Ardy Malziu.
- Reminder, during the course of the Board meeting, kindly raise your hand and wait to be acknowledged by the Chairperson to speak.

Old Business

None

Executive Session

None

Adjournment

Next meeting November 6, 2024. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:16pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary