

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
September 4, 2024

[Executive Committee YouTube Recording September 4, 2024](#)

Committee Members Present

Bob Bender, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Joy Campbell Priveterre, David Gellman, Mary Ellen Gibbs, Rhashida Hilliard, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Julie Reyes, Daniel Rowan, Ramdat Singh, Laura Spalter, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff

Committee Members Absent

Charles Moerdler, Oscar Martinez, Sylvia Alexander, Josh Land

Staff/Board Members/Guests

Farrah Kule Rubin

Chairperson Reyes convened the meeting at 7:22pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: June 5, 2024

Minutes unanimously approved.

Chairperson's Report

- Welcome to new Chairs
- Reminders: Executive members may join via Zoom, participate but may not vote. Non-Executive committee members and the public are not permitted to participate in discussions during the Executive committee meeting. The Community is welcomed to attend Committee meetings where they will have more of an opportunity to engage and discuss their issues. Contact the Board office to be put on a mailing list or go onto the Board's website to view the dates of the various committees open to all.
- The September Board meeting will be moved to 9/12/24 due to the upcoming presidential debate.
- Present at Yankee stadium with District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin for the - Youth Leadership Awards to the students who were recognized on the field for their achievements. Orientation for new members and Committee Chairperson will take place 9/10/24
- Met with a few elected officials over the summer with District Manager Rubin
- Motion to amend the agenda to move the Treasurer's report after new business.

District Manager (DM) Report

- Thank you for Members' support in creating the calendar for the year

- Tabled at National Night Out
- Attending Mosholu Montefiore Community Center Back to School event on Saturday, Sept 6, and will provide Yankee backpacks
- Boo on Mosholu and Turkey Distribution upcoming
- Working with Assemblymember Dinowitz on illegal dumping and ways to resolve issues
- Along with Chairperson Reyes, we met with Senator Jackson, Council Members (CM) Dinowitz & De La Rosa, and next meeting with CM Sanchez
- Attended CM Dinowitz Budget Forum
- Borough President Gibson's New Board Member Orientation was held and CB8 Office will hold CB8 Members' Orientation tomorrow, Sept 5th - Nine new members.
- Walk thru scheduled with Department of Housing Social Services (DHS) for Transitional Housing on 238th Street and Waldo Ave. Facility should open in the next few weeks.
- Office is working on the Summer 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.
- Thanks to our summer intern, Jaylyn, for all her tremendous work and hope will continue with her in the future.
- All invited to the orientation event 9/10/24.
- District Cabinet September meeting minutes will be distributed. Please send any questions to the DM
- Thank Chairperson Julie for her support during the summer.

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.

- Aging - 9/12 next meeting
- Budget - 9/4 meeting held and approved FY26 capital and expense budget priorities. Next meeting will be Budget Public Hearing 10/8 at 6:30pm.
- Economic Development - 9/3 meeting held at Bronx Public. SAPO application resolution will be submitted to the Full Board. Next meeting 10/10.
- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - None. 9/24 next meeting 7:30pm.
- Environment & Sanitation - 9/18 next meeting. DSNY to present on compost and new initiatives.
- Health Hospitals & Social Services - 9/30 joint meeting with SCRE - conference on combating hate
- Housing - 9/23 next meeting.
- Land Use - 9/10 next meeting. Concerns for properties on Manhattan College Parkway, Scenic Dr., and a local school
- Law Rules & Ethics (LRE)- 9/9 next meeting. Discussion on legislation to lower requirements for a quorum from $\frac{1}{2}+1$ Board Members present to $\frac{1}{4}+1$.
- Parks - 9/25 next meeting 7pm.
- Public Safety - 9/17 next meeting.
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - None.
- Youth - 9/16 next meeting.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - None.

- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - 9/30 joint meeting with HHSS - conference on combating hate.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services - 9/26 next meeting. Discussion planning Memorial Grove ceremony for 11/3 and criteria for local veteran's award.

Old Business

None

New Business

None

Treasurer Report

- Treasurer presented monthly report - FY25 September \$\$264,087.
- Presented Addendum B for FY24 May and Addendum B for FY25 September
- Maintained larger contingency to be discussed in Executive Session

Executive Session

A motion to go into Executive Session was made at 8:16pm and a motion to adjourn was made at 8:35pm.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:36pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary