

**Pending Committee Approval**  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**HELD ON SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**  
**VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Committee Members Present (15)**

Laura Spalter, Chair	Robert Fanuzzi	Julia Gomez	Debra Travis
Sylvia Alexander	Nicholas Fazio	Edward Green	Sergio Villaverde
Lisa Daub	David Gellman	Omar Murray	Martin Wolpoff
Diomarys Escaño-Bell	Rosemary Ginty	Daniel Padernacht	

**Committee Members Absent (4)**

Bob Bender	Charles Moerdler
Theodore Morris	Jyll Townes

**Staff (1)**

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

**CB8 & Guests**

Joyce Campbell-Priveterre (CB8), Ethan Stark-Miller (Riverdale Press), Orlando Ovalles (rep. AM De La Rosa) Community Attendees (2)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:05pm.

Secretary Daub confirmed the quorum.

**Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes of June 2, 2021 Executive Committee seconded and approved: In Favor (13): Alexander, Daub, Escaño-Bell, Fazio, Gellman, Ginty, Gomez, Green, Padernacht, Spalter, Travis, Villaverde, Wolpoff, // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

**Chair's Report – L. Spalter**

- NYS legislative body met to vote on extending the rent moratorium. Extension through January 15<sup>th</sup> passed.
  - Grateful that Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz sponsored the extension of the waiver to the OML allowing community boards to meet virtually due to the COVID spread. The extension expires January 15, 2022. Community Boards throughout NYC were unified in calling for continued virtual meetings.
- Captain Melendez is retiring this month. NYPD's new program provides for community input on selection of the new commanding officer. The eight-member nominating committee includes Chair Spalter and DM Gannon, two presidents of the 50<sup>th</sup> pct. community council and four people selected by the Borough President.
- At our request, DOH will hold pop-up vaccination sites in CB8 areas showing low vaccine rates.
- Ridgewood Savings Bank, in part due to the Board's advocacy, will stay open in Van Cortlandt Village. Nick Fazio worked diligently, along with his committee, Julia Gomez, the chair and office staff to retain banking service for the community.

**Treasurer's Report – D. Escaño-Bell**

- Our total FY22 budget is \$281,804 which includes \$5,000 from CM Rodriguez. OMB may provide a slight change. We do not need a budget modification this month.

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### District Manager's Report – C. Gannon

- Our board office was flooded in July's storm. We dried the carpets, hired cleaners and purchased dehumidifiers and air purifiers<sup>1</sup>.
- Budget consultation schedules are out. Chairs should try to attend.
- Yankee Youth Leadership awardees received their checks. On-field event is cancelled. The Yankees also provided us with 300 tickets to a game that we distributed to local organizations.

### Capital & Expense Budgets – D. Gellman

- Work progressed over the summer, discussing budget requests with committee chairs and agencies. Budget chair noted that the list is good but is concerned that he had little opportunity to provide input.
- Chairs briefly discussed capital and expense requests and prioritization.

L. Daub confirmed committee attendance.

### Committee Resolutions

Chair Spalter called for committee resolutions to be presented at the September Board meeting:

- Traffic & Transportation – A DOT proposal for an enhanced crosswalk on Greystone and 242<sup>nd</sup> street was opposed by the T&T committee in June. DOT said they will proceed. However, construction was delayed. A resolution regarding the enhanced crosswalk will be brought to the board.

### Issues for Discussion –

- E. Green – Encouraging that 50<sup>th</sup> precinct has been confiscating illegal vehicles that have been plaguing the community.
- S. Villaverde – Thankful that noise from Washington Walk has subsided and that a flag was replaced at PS207.

### Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

**Chair called for an executive session** per §105.f of the Open Meetings Law at which “the medical, financial, credit or employment history of a particular person or corporation, or matters leading to the appointment, employment, promotion, demotion, discipline, suspension, dismissal or removal of a particular person or corporation”. The chair also called for executive session per §105.h of the Open Meetings Law at which a “proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property would substantially affect the value”.

A motion to go into executive session was made, seconded and adopted

In Favor (15): Alexander, Daub, Escano-Bell, Fanuzzi, Fazio Gellman, Ginty, Gomez, Green, Murray, Padernacht, Spalter, Travis, Wolpoff, Villaverde. Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

Motion to End Executive Session – Motion passed by unanimous consent.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm by unanimous consent.

Prepared and submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> NOTE: Our office incurred damage again due to hurricane Ida (this evening) with flood water entering through the main entrance to the building and running down through our lower-level office.