

Pending Committee Approval  
**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD NO. 8**  
**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**HELD ON JANUARY 6, 2021**  
**VIDEO CONFERENCE**

**Committee Members Present (15)**

Laura Spalter, Chair	Diomarys Escaño-Bell	Julia Gomez
Sylvia Alexander	Robert Fanuzzi	Edward Green
Bob Bender	Nicholas Fazio	Theodore Morris*
Lisa Daub	David Gellman	Omar Murray
Eric Dinowitz	Rosemary Ginty	Martin Wolpoff

\*Mr. Morris as Vice Chair of Housing represents his committee

**Committee Members Absent (2)**

Charles Moerdler	Daniel Padernacht
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**Staff (1)**

Ciara Gannon – District Manager

**CB8 & Guests**

Guests: M. Della, C. Tepelus, S. Villaverde (CB8); Community Attendees (5)

Chair Spalter welcomed everyone and convened the meeting at 7:00pm, wishing everyone a healthy and happy new year.

L. Daub conducted a roll call to confirm the quorum.

**Minutes**

- Motion to approve minutes of December 2, 2020 Executive Committee seconded and approved: In Favor (14): Alexander, Bender, Daub, Dinowitz, Escaño-Bell, Fanuzzi, Fazio, Gellman, Ginty, Gomez, Green, Murray, Spalter, Wolpoff, // Opposed: (0), Abstain (0)

**Chair's Report – L. Spalter**

- Daris Jackson, Chair of Housing Committee and SCRE resigned from the Board. We wish him well. Housing Vice Chair, Ted Morris, will carry out the role pending an election to chair the committee within two months in accordance with CB8 bylaws.
- Supports S. Villaverde's suggestion to re-start the special Veterans committee. Chair will share more info and gauge interest of board members to join the special committee.
- Training on OML for CB members on January 14<sup>th</sup>. Sign up if interested.
- Mayor issued order for all agencies to trim expenses due to huge deficit. We already gave back funds and an additional one percent is required this year plus 2.5 percent in next fiscal year. Due to advance planning, CB8 is in a good position to comply.

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

- Shared this month's report. We mostly incurred basic expenses. No need for budget modification.
- Discussed anticipated budget cuts. Unlike many CBs, we have a cushion in PS so will not need to cut staff.

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

- Reminder for committee chairs to appoint a vice chair and advise the office.
- Office will automatically send chairs and minute-takers a link to zoom recording to download (if needed) to assist with minutes. Zoom cloud storage is runs out quickly. Office maintains a copy of videos, as required by law, plus a backup - but file size is large for email transmission.
- Staff is busy with constituent issues including many land use development queries. Discussed Post Road / Stagg developer property issues and complaints.
- Work continues on preparing new website to go live.
- Refer to District Service Cabinet (DSC) meeting minutes.
- Updated SCRE report went out to board members and board distribution list. Contact office if a paper copy is needed.
- Issues with office voice mail. Contractor will fix incorrect “full box” messages.

R. Fanuzzi discussed issue of dumping at Jerome Park Reservoir. DM is working on it. Also gave briefing on ConEd discussions on capacity improvement, cables, and down-tree traffic rerouting.

### Committee Resolutions

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

- Public Safety – E. Green  
Approval of renewal liquor licenses for (1) El Economico Restaurant, (2) Kingsbridge Social Club, (3) Spanglish, (4) Bronx Post 95 War Veterans, and (5) Jake's Steak House.
- Youth – J. Gomez  
Request for LinkNYC kiosks in CB8 to enhance WiFi access for youth and underserved residents. All concur with importance of expanding internet connectivity. Exec committee discussed and suggested enhancements to the resolution and additional research. LinkNYC, a franchise, is one of the connectivity solution ideas – others planned for discussion at upcoming Youth meeting.

### Issues for Discussion –

- L. Daub – Procedures Manual - Chair section was distributed to Chairs and posted under Member Resources on CB8 website. Provides a thumbnail of key responsibilities for easy reference.
- D. Gellman – reviewed city budget timeline and key dates for the board. The budget will be a challenge and many unknowns. Possible that there will be delays. Start talking to committee about FY23 budget request priorities to be finalized in April. So much has changed and requests should reflect current needs with a strong narrative. Also, prepare to comment on FY22 responses from the city.
- R. Fanuzzi – The 242<sup>nd</sup> bus bulb problematic design prevents sanitation pick-up from pedestrians and merchants. Working with EcDev for solution. Also caused problems with snow removal.
- M. Wolpoff – Monday's LRE meeting will include guest speaker, Alex Kipp from COIB to discuss abstention for cause [present but not eligible to vote]. Encourages board member to attend.
- L. Daub – Discussed the Communication Principles and Channels document prompted by member-initiated email blasts, was first brought to Exec committee in May 2020. The content and its dissemination was recently discussed at LRE.

### Follow-up on Outstanding Issues - None

Meeting adjourned at 8:35pm by unanimous consent.

Submitted by Lisa Daub, Secretary