



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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BOARD MEETING NOTICE Amended

DATE: Tuesday, March 11, 2025

TIME: 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

PLACE: IN-Tech Academy M.S./H.S. 368 – Library

2975 Tibbett Ave, Bronx, NY 10463 – **Parking Available**

Join Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone: **+1(646) 558-8656** Pin: **2114033690#**

All Board Members must attend in-person, except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act who may request an accommodation from the chairperson of the Board permitting them to attend via video/teleconferencing and be counted in the quorum.

The public is invited to participate via Zoom or in-person.

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Report from the Mayor's Office
4. Report from the Bronx Borough President's Office
5. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
6. Council Member's Report
 - Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
 - Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
 - Council Member Eric Dinowitz
7. Elected Officials Reports
8. Roll Call
9. Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of February 11, 2025
10. Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2025
11. Treasurer's Report & Resolutions
12. Chairperson's Report & Resolutions
13. District Manager's Report

14. Committee Reports and Resolutions

- Aging
- Economic Development
- Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
- Environment & Sanitation
- Health, Hospitals & Social Services
- Housing
- Land Use
- Law, Rules & Ethics
- Parks & Recreation
- Public Safety
- Traffic & Transportation
- Youth
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
- Special Committee on Racial Equity
- Special Committee on Veteran Services
- Irving Ladimer Community Service Award Committee
- Budget

15. Miscellaneous

16. Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 8, 2025

17. Adjournment

Julie Reyes

Chairperson



Pursuant to New York State legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul (Bill S1150A), The Community Board is required to post material to be discussed at a public meeting. Please know that the material below has not been voted on or discussed by the full board at this time.

RESOLUTIONS

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 – AGING COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SUPPORTING INTRO. 1096-2024
February 13, 2025

Bronx Community Board 8 Resolution to support and advocate on behalf of the New York City (NYC) Municipal Retirees and urging the New York City Council to pass Intro. 1096-2024, which will preserve retiree health care choices by mandating the City to offer Medicare-eligible City retirees and their Medicare-eligible dependents at least one Medigap plan with benefits equivalent to or better than those available to City retirees and their dependents as of December 31, 2021.

- WHEREAS,** so many constituents have served the New York City (City) and are now enjoying the retirement benefits they earned, and;
- WHEREAS,** the issue of healthcare is extremely important and must be protected for the 250,000 NYC retirees who worked for their healthcare rights, and;
- WHEREAS,** Intro. 1096-2024 is in the Civil Service and Labor Committee in the New York City Council (Council) and awaits a hearing so it can move forward in the Council, and;
- WHEREAS,** the NYC retirees are being forced into a Medicare Advantage Plan (MAP) with no alternative option provided, and;
- WHEREAS,** this plan threatens retirees' access to the level of health care they have received in the past, in that retirees would be forced into a MAP with limited medical providers and would also be at the MAP's whims for preauthorization decisions that may be based - at least in part - on Artificial Intelligence - instead of the medical decisions from their current regular medical providers, and;
- WHEREAS,** the proposed plan would draw millions of dollars away from traditional Medicare into a privatized MAP, and;
- WHEREAS,** the proposed plan sets a harmful precedent for the rest of the Nation, and;
- WHEREAS,** the NYC Retirees have testified in various forums, including at the January 11, 2023, NYC Council Civil Service and the Labor Committee public hearing, that they have been subjected to unconscionable stress due to this violation of their earned healthcare benefits, and;
- WHEREAS,** the Bronx Community Board Aging Committee unanimously supported this draft resolution at its February 13, 2025, meeting.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 urges all of its elected officials to publicly support the NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees' efforts to enact Intro. 1096-2024. We request that the City maintain the choice of the original Medicare plan and a Medigap plan provided at the time of employees' hiring, and not force retirees into a private, profit-driven healthcare plan, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge Council Members Eric Dinowitz, Carmen De La Rosa, and Pierina Ana Sanchez to uphold the City's obligations to its retirees, including its obligations set forth in New York Administrative Code §12-126. Consistent with these obligations, the City has for several decades (since 1967) paid the out-of-pocket cost of the GHI Senior Care plan, a Medigap plan which the majority of NYC Retirees have chosen; and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, we urge the New York City Council to exercise leadership by bringing the vote to the floor for membership to vote to enact Intro. 1096-2024.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
March 4th, 2025**

**Dining Out NYC Roadside Cafe Application
Blackstone Brill & Grill 3713 Riverdale Ave. Bronx, NY 10463**

WHEREAS, Black Stone Bar & Grill of 3713 Riverdale Avenue has submitted an outdoor dining application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

WHEREAS, a Representative of Black Stone Bar & Grill appeared before the Economic Development Committee on November 21, 2024 to provide details of their request which would allow them to use a portion of the public sidewalk ("the sidewalk cafe") dimensioned at 12" X 12" for 4 tables and 8 chairs in front of their restaurant; and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted as required by the new DOT requirements for sidewalk café setups and the proposed layout of tables and chairs describes existing conditions; and

WHEREAS, the Economic Development Committee recommends approval for the Black Stone Bar & Grill application for the 12" X 12" Roadside cafe.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval for the Black Stone Bar & Grill application for the 12" X 12" Roadside cafe.

**RESOLUTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
February 18th, 2024**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Buffalo Wild Wings located at 193 West 237th Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

WHEREAS, representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Smashburger #1485 located at 193 West 237th Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

WHEREAS, representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Great Performances/Artists as Waitresses, Inc and Wave Hill Incorporated, located at 675 West 252nd Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

WHEREAS, representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS On February 18th, 2025, P&K's Grille Inc located at 170-174 West 231st Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

WHEREAS, Representatives of NYPD's 50th Precinct stated they were unaware of any prior significant disturbances or complaints at the location of this establishment.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.

NEW APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on February 18th, 2025, Benjamin Saritsky & Nick Bulio, Representatives of Shake Shack located at 5510 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license.

WHEREAS the applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement for the first year of operation.

WHEREAS the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

Therefore, **BE IT RESOLVED** Bronx Community Board 8 approves this application.
