



BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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Daniel Rowen

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Housing
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Land Use
Charles G. Moerdler

Law, Rules & Ethics
Martin Wolpoff

Parks & Recreation
Debra Travis

Public Safety
Edward Green

Traffic & Transportation
Debby Allen

Youth
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Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
Bob Bender

Special Committee on Racial Equity
Margaret Della

Special Committee on Veterans' Services
Sergio Villaverde

MEETING NOTICE

LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Date	Monday, September 8, 2025	Start Time	7:30 PM
Location	Bronx Community Board 8 Office – Conference Room		
Address	5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 10471		
Zoom Link	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690		
Zoom By Phone	+16465588656	Meeting ID	2114033690#

All committee members must attend in person except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disability 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 General Public is encouraged to participate via Zoom due to room limitations.

AGENDA

- 1. Roll Call, Welcome & Introduction of New and Returning Committee Members –**
Martin Wolpoff, Chair, Steve Froot, Vice Chair, Sylvia Alexander, Charles Moerdler, Jessica Sosa, Jyll Townes, Sergio Villaverde
- 2. Approval of Minutes: June 9, 2025**
- 3. Chairperson's Report**
- 4. Carry Over Items**
 - Albany Legislation to Amend Open Meetings Law
 - Possible Bylaws Amendment Concerning Filling Midterm Officer and Committee Chair Vacancies – Concern Over Appearance of Contradiction

Bylaws - Article V
Officers and Committee Chairs
“Sec. 3 – Upon the death, resignation, termination of Board membership or removal of any officer or elected Committee Chairperson, the vacancy created shall be filled by the Board. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson shall assume the position of the Chairperson for the remainder of the term. The election to fill any vacancy shall take place upon written notice not later than the second regular meeting”

following the creation of the vacancy. The election procedure shall be the same as that set forth in Section 2 of this Article V, except that no nominating committee shall be elected and all candidates shall be nominated from the floor. Any officer elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified.
[Added 3/9/04]”

Proposed Amendments (in boldface):

“Sec. 3 – Upon the death, resignation, termination of Board membership or removal of any officer or elected Committee Chairperson, the vacancy created shall be filled by the Board. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Section, upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of **Board** Chairperson, the **Board** Vice-Chairperson shall assume the position of **Board** Chairperson for the remainder of the term. The election to fill any vacancy shall take place upon written notice not later than the second regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy. The election procedure shall be the same as that set forth in Section 2 of this Article V, except that no nominating committee shall be elected and all candidates shall be nominated from the floor. Any officer **or Committee Chairperson** elected to fill a vacancy shall hold office for the remainder of the unexpired term, and until a successor shall have been elected and shall have qualified. **In the event a vacancy in the position of Board Chairperson cannot be filled because the Board Vice-Chairperson is neither available to serve for the remainder of the unexpired term nor available to serve on an interim basis until an election to fill a vacancy in the position of Board Chairperson is held, as otherwise provided for in this section, then the Board Secretary, and if the Board Secretary is not available to serve, the Board Treasurer, shall assume the position of Board Chairperson on an interim basis until such election is held.**

Committee vote: In favor - 2 (Wolpoff, Froot); Abstention – 1 (Alexander)

5. Analysis of 2024-25 CB 8 Award Presentations
6. Recommendation to Encourage Committee Chairs to Appoint Second Vice Chairs
7. Anticipated Report from Working Group on CB 8 Committee Structure
8. Latest from NYC Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB)
9. NYC Council Spreadsheet
10. Unfinished Business
11. New Business
12. Adjournment

Next Meetings – Thursday, October 23, 2025 (Due to Succot), Monday, November 10, 2025, Monday, December 8, 2025, Monday, January 12, 2026, Monday, February 9, 2026, Monday, March 9, 2026, Monday, April 13, 2026, Monday, May 11, 2026, Monday, June 8, 2026

Martin Wolpoff, Chair
Law, Rules & Ethics Committee