

(Pending Committee Approval)

**Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Executive Committee Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8 Office
October 29, 2025 7:00pm**

Committee Members Present

(17): Sylvia Alexander (ADA), Debby Allen, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Sebastian Chittilapilly, Margaret Della, Edward Green, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Daniel Rowen, Laura Spalter, Cesar Tobar-Acosta, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff and Julie Reyes

Committee Members Absent

Absent (2): Charles Moerdler, Dr. Wayne Debeatham

Staff/Board Members and Guest

Farrah Kule Rubin, David Zarnitsky

Chair Reyes convened the meeting at 7:05pm and welcomed Board Members and guests.

Roll Call Quorum met

Approval of Executive Committee Minutes: September 7, 2025

Minutes unanimously approved.

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Chairperson's Report

- ADA Zoom (video/teleconference) attendees must be marked as such in the minutes.
- Every committee should have a Vice Chairperson.
- Before a committee meeting is cancelled please look to the Vice Chairperson or a committee member to host the meeting if the Committee Chair is unable to attend.
- The Board structure group will be dissolved in December.
- Recommend Committee Chairs start a list of procedures, questions, etc. for the future Chairs of the committee.
- The Board will not present a Resolution regarding the current Charter Revisions on the upcoming NYC election ballot.
- Mentoring Program – Board member Emily Hausman continues to work on the program and asks all to consider signing up. Member will make mention at the Board meeting.
- There will be no Executive committee meeting in November.
- The November Board meeting will be held on Thursday, Nov. 13 at Manhattan

University.

- The office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, 11/28.
- The office may be closed last week in December.
- Regular monthly meetings will now have committee chairs give their respective reports earlier in the agenda and elected officials to follow. This will allow chairs enough time to give their reports.
- Requests that chairpersons send their committee report to Secretary, Margaret, to use for the meeting minutes.
- Thank you to Vice Chair Villaverde for attending Borough President's meeting in September and T&T Chair Allen for attending in October.

Treasurer Report

- October 2025 Treasurer's Report
- Budget Modifications - Addendum A \$12,000 from Personnel Services to OTPS (supplies and materials)

District Manager (DM) Report

- Worked on budget priorities this month. All chairs received updates related to their committees' requests.
- CB8 tabled at many events and the Office is awaiting notice of turkey donations.
- Attended meeting with BCEQ and Bronx Parks Commissioner Aponte.
- Met with NYC DOT Commissioner Adonis.
- Attended District Service Cabinet meeting this week. The next meeting will be on November 5, 2025.
- Conducted site visits for future CB8 Board meeting locations.
- Office received notice that will be awarded Community Planning Fellow, who will report to CB8 Economic Development Chair.
- Search Committee reviewing resumes and will present on Community Associate process.
- Several technology issues arose in the office and DM has plan to resolve them. Please be patient.
- For future volunteer opportunities, please reach out to the office.
- Thank you to the Yankees for supplying us with some bookbags to distribute and working with Senator Rivera's office for bookbags for the IN TECH event.
- Please review the Summer into fall newsletter.
- As we begin this year, chairs must give us their agendas and minutes within 10 days of meeting. We will post a generic agenda if we don't have one in time. Best practice is 14 days prior to meeting to help the office get information **out in time**.

Committee Reports:

Board Members are reminded to read resolutions prior to meeting. [Board Calendar](#)

- Aging - Meeting 10/16 to review mission statement. Next meeting 10/30 to discuss needs assessment by Aging New York to help update the resource manual.
- Budget - Public Hearing 10/30 to discuss and approve FY27 Budget Priorities.
- Economic Development - Next meeting 11/5. Broadway Corridor Walk Thru scheduled 10/31 2-4pm. Community Fellow to work on reviewing open storefronts in the District.

- Education, Libraries, & Cultural Affairs - Next meeting is 11/25. SAPOs: Boo on Mosholu 10/25/25, Tricks & Sweets 10/25/25, and BioBus 11/21/25. Review minutes.
- Environment & Sanitation - Next meeting 11/19. See minutes.
- Health, Hospitals & Social Services - Next meeting 11/12. SAPO James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Clear the Air rally 9/16/25.
- Housing - Next meeting 11/24 with HPD Regional Director. Last meeting on 10/27 with Center for NYC Neighborhoods: home fix, retro fits and flood prevention. Review the minutes.
- Land Use - Last meeting 9/4. Joint meeting with LRE: Discussed 3 issues on the ballot. Discussion had on Charter Revision and the Board's role. The office will send documents as it relates to this issue. Next meeting 11/6.
- LRE - Next meeting 11/10. Resolution: Amending CB8 Bylaws, Article VI, Committees; Article V.
- Parks & Rec - Next meeting 12/11. Resolutions: Fort Independence Playground revised plan; Sid Augarten BallField/North Riverdale Baseball League lighting.
- Public Safety - Next meeting 11/18. 14 resolutions for consideration at the next Regular Board meeting:
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) → RENEWAL APPLICATIONS
 - Aramark Educational Services LLC – 4513 Manhattan College Parkway
 - Malecon Restaurant – 5592 Broadway
 - Cocina Chente Mexican Cuisine – 3535 Riverdale Avenue
 - College of Mount St. Vincent – 6301 Riverdale Avenue
 - Home the Bronx Steakhouse – 222-224 West 238th Street
 - Aoyu Sushi – 3532A Johnson Avenue
 - Kai Fan – 3717 Riverdale Avenue
 - Greek Express – 3733 Riverdale Avenue
 - Downey's Bar & Grill – 5790 Mosholu Avenue
 - Frieda's Tacos - 5786 Mosholu Avenue
 - Palace of Japan - 3505 Johnson Ave.
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) → NEW APPLICATIONS
 - Noir Restaurant Lounge - 3638 Bailey Ave
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) → METHOD OF OPERATION CHANGE
 - Cocina Chente Mexican Cuisine – 3535 Riverdale Avenue
 - New York State Liquor Authority (SLA) → OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATIONS
 - An Beal Bocht – 445 West 238th Street
- Traffic & Transportation (T&T) - Next meeting 11/20. Resolutions: amended Summit Street Project resolution; Co-naming Manhattan University/College Parkway; PS/IS307 Eames Place Safety Routes.
- Youth - Next meeting 11/17. No October meeting.
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway - None.
- Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) - Next meeting 12/4. Participating in Broadway Corridor Walk Thru.
- Special Committee on Veterans Services (SCVS) - Help with clean up on 11/1 and 11/2 annual CB8 veterans commemoration event at 12pm. Brief discussion had of the Board's SCVS award consideration and criteria.

Unfinished Business

Term Limit list will be forwarded to Committee Chairs for their perusal.

New Business

Discussion on reckless driving in the district, potential office space.

Inquiry as to the profanity sprayed on building near/adjacent to the Bronx Ale House.
The office will follow-up.

Adjournment

Next Full Board meeting October 30, 2025 at 7:00 PM following the 6:30 PM Public Hearing. A motion to adjourn was made and seconded. The chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:15 pm.

Next Executive Meeting 12/3 at 7pm.

Submitted by,
Margaret Della, Secretary