

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
October 30, 2025, 7:00 PM
Amalgamated Housing Cooperative – Vladeck Hall
74 Van Cortlandt Park South, Bronx, NY 10463

Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (24 present for quorum)

Debby Allen, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Margaret Della, Miriam Filer, Steven Froot, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Debra Harris, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail (Z), Steve Matthews, Daniel Nunez, Angel Ortega, Julie Reyes, Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Martin Wolpoff (Z)

* (Z) – Zoom

Committee Members Absent (19)

Sylvia Alexander, Carol Blake, Lee Chong, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Yngrid DeLeon, Althea Eboh, Nicholas Fazio, Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Laura Levine-Pinedo, Micole Lewis, Charles Moerdler, Richard Perez, Brittany Reynoso, Adiana Rivera, Daniel Rowen, Georgia Santiago, Jyll D. Townes, Karen Walker, John Timothy Yanong

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager), Ardy Malziu (Community Coordinator)

Guests

Representatives from: NYPD 50th Precinct – Lieutenant Brian Wolvers & Detective Rasha Jamsheer, NYC Mayor Eric Adams – Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough President (BP) Vanessa L. Gibson – Alexis Ruiz, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark – Jeffrey Peña & Carlos Torres, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Flavia Salazar, NYS Senator Robert Jackson – Dario Quinsac, NYS Assembly Member (AM) George Alvarez – Jaylee Santos, NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz – Nayise Gonzalez, NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Sanchez – Brenda Muniz; Public Gallery Session Speakers – Rob Spalter, David Zarnitzky, Miguelina Espiritu LMSW, Joel Guerrero; Public Attendees – M. Claude, C. Meisner, K. Smith, J. Lovelace, D. Rodriguez, B. Ambaye, E. Singh, G. Singh, D. Burke, O. Young, R. Velez, L. Giagrande, C. Penalo, P. Gauss, S. Alicea, E. Tung

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the Regular Board meeting at 7:07 pm.

Introduction of board officers and staff.

Thanks to Amalgamated Housing Cooperative for hosting the meeting.

Board members approved for Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) excusal for the meeting are S. Alexander, L. Chong, B. Kail, G. Santiago and M. Wolpoff. Members must show their face if on video (Zoom). Board members who are on Zoom, but not approved for ADA excusal, will be marked absent and will be allowed to participate in the meeting but will not have voting privileges.

Public Gallery Session

David Zarnitzky – In support of installation of lighting at Sid Augarten Field.

Rob Spalter – Opposed to installation of lighting at Sid Augarten Field.

Miguelina Espiritu LMSW – Introduction of the Education Debt Consumer Assistance Program (EDCAP), a free statewide program that helps New Yorkers manage student loan debt.

Joel Guerrero – Discussed Washington’s Walk’s new trees placed in the tree pits at Old Fort Four Park and proper ways we can maintain them, potentially getting tree guards in the future to allow us to maintain them without interference, please add to FY27 budget priority request.

Report from Bronx Borough President’s (BP) Office

Thank you to all the board members that attended the BP’s Zoning and Land Use Training. The BP has been in contact with the Jamaican Consulate in New York on any resources that they may need – will follow up when updates are available.

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

For the previous 28-day period, ending on October 26th, there was a 0% change in robberies, 7 vs. 7. Down 52.6% in felony assaults, 9 vs. 19. Down 50% in burglaries, 7 vs. 14. Down 30.9% in grand larcenies, 38 vs. 55. Down 43.3% in grand larceny auto (GLA), 17 vs. 30. Overall crime reduction of 37.3%, 79 vs. 126, for the 28-day period. For the year-to-date statistics, crime reduction of 19.6%.

Vice Chair S. Villaverde made the precinct aware of hate speech defacement at S & S Cheesecake Inc. in late September. The owners of the establishment sent the picture to the police. The board office will send the picture to the precinct for follow-up.

Car window break-ins brought up as an issue in the area.

Roll Call

M. Della announced the roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The Board Meeting Minutes of September 9, 2025 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September 3, 2025

None.

Chairperson's Report & Resolutions

The agenda's order has been revamped this term. The elected officials will report following committee reports.

The Board structure group will be dissolved in December.

There will be no Executive committee meeting in November.

The November Board meeting will be held on Thursday, November 13th at Manhattan University.

The office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving, November 28th.

Office may be closed last week in December.

If you have a suggestion for a meeting place within the confines the Board's boundary, please contact the office. We would like to hold our meetings throughout the district.

If you see a possible office space available for the Board office to relocate to, please contact the office.

Treasurer's Report & Resolutions

The total budget is \$282,534 and it is broken down by Personal Services (PS) and Other than Personal Services (OTPS). The total OTPS budget is \$36,267 and there is \$35,944 left in the OTPS budget. A breakdown of the various object codes in the OTPS budget was announced in Table 1.1. \$0 in requested funds and \$0 in encumbered funds. \$56,275 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail.

Treasurer J. Campbell Priveterre presented the below FY2026 PS & OTPS Budget Modification:

The following tables detail the current operational budget for FY2026 for Bronx Community Board 8 and the budget modifications necessary to properly reallocate funding to support the work of the Board office.

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget has confirmed that funds are available to transfer from PS to OTPS; and

WHEREAS, to support the work of the board office, a budget modification for FY2026 has been prepared; and

WHEREAS, \$12,000 from Personal Services (PS) will be transferred to Other Than Personal Services (OTPS), broken down as follows,

- \$12,000 will be transferred to Code 100 – Supplies and Materials – General

BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the budget modification in order to further support the work of the Community Board Office.

| Appropriation | Budget | FY2026 October MOD | Remaining |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|
| Personal Services (PS) | \$ 246,267 | \$ (12,000) | \$ 177,185 |
| Other Than Personal Services (OTPS) | \$ 36,267 | \$ 12,000 | \$ 47,944 |

*Refer to 1.1

The FY2026 PS & OTPS Budget Modification **PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

District Manager's (DM) Report

Very busy working on the Budget Priorities. Had Budget Consultations with fellow Bronx District Managers, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) and City agencies, and sent board members the responses as it related to their committee from those meetings. The FY27 priorities must be finalized and submitted by this Friday, October 31, 2025.

We had fun tabling at the Boo on Mosholu Event last weekend with A. Malziu and thank you to B. Bender, and our former intern, J. Adorno for volunteering. Waiting to hear if we will get a donation of turkeys again this year to do a Turkey Giveaway event before Thanksgiving.

Along with Chairperson J. Reyes, I attended a lunch event with Bronx Council for Environmental Quality (BCEQ) and Bronx Parks Commissioner Aponte at the Van Cortlandt

Park Golf House about *Lowering the Temperature*. I attended a Round Table Lunch with Bob Bender alongside NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) Commissioner Ydanis Rodriguez and Bronx stakeholders to discuss transportation issues in our communities. Many spoke about their concerns over the loss of parking in their districts. We also voiced our concerns about the many streetlight outages that have been occurring in our district lately.

I held my District Service Cabinet Meeting in October, and the next meeting will be on November 5, 2025.

Conducted several site visits with A. Malziu to secure more spaces for our meetings in the future.

We sent our *Summer Into Fall 2025* Newsletter.

Happy to report we have a community planning fellow for the next 8 months reporting to C. Barnes Watson, Chair of the Economic Development Committee. She will give more information on her proposal. We can apply again next year with other proposals.

Search for a new Community Associate is moving forward. We have a few promising candidates to interview.

We have been focusing on updating the tech issues we have at the office. We had a new router installed this week to help with the glitching during our zoom meetings. As a result, we had to deal with other issues: our printers all had to be reconfigured, and we will need a new color printer. We also needed to update our modem and luckily Optimum sent someone in this week to upgrade that. We also had to upgrade our phones. Hopefully this addresses the issues, and we will be functioning better than before. Please be patient while we work through this process.

Committee Reports & Resolutions

a) Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) – SCRE will not be meeting this month or in November. The committee will be meeting on December 4th. Joining the Broadway Corridor Walkthrough with various committees. Check the meeting minutes for annual priorities.

b) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – No meeting planned for the next month.

c) Community Associate Search Committee – There has been no Community Associate for several years. Normally have three people in the office. Members of the committee include B. Bender, M. Della and C. Tobar Acosta. Went through the resumes of the finalists. The office received almost 300 applications for the position. Brought it down to 12. The committee selected a small number of strong candidates out of those 12 finalists. The committee hopes to do interviews, alongside Chairperson J. Reyes and District Manager F. Kule Rubin, with the candidates in November.

d) **Youth** – The Youth Committee did not meet in October. Next meeting is on Monday, November 17th.

e) **Traffic & Transportation** – D. Allen presented the below resolutions:

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
DEPARTMENT OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION (DDC) SUMMIT PLACE STEP STREET
PROJECT**

WHEREAS, Department of Design & Construction (DDC) presented on the Capital Project for-Summit Place Step Street at the Traffic & Transportation (T&T) Committee meeting on May 15, 2025; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide universal accessibility ADA Ramp; and

WHEREAS, this project will provide new efficient led light poles to improve safety; and

WHEREAS, this project will improve draining system connection to the nearby sewer; and

WHEREAS, the T&T Committee requests additional green options, trees and plants be placed; and

WHEREAS, the T&T Committee requests privacy/safety issues with those apartments adjacent to the step be addressed; and

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 T&T Committee Unanimously supports the Capital Project-Summit Place Step Street if the two conditions requested will be addressed.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 Unanimously supports the Capital Project-Summit Place Step Street if the two conditions requested will be addressed.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The DDC Summit Place Step Street Project resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 25, 2025
DDC #HWCSH4D SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL NEAR PS/IS 307 EAMES PLACE**

WHEREAS, Department of Design & Construction (DDC) presented on Safe Routes to schools near PS/IS 307 124 Eames Place Phase 4: Project ID: HWCSCH4D for upgrades on West Kingsbridge Road from Webb Avenue to Reservoir Avenue; and

WHEREAS, this project is necessary to provide safety measures for pedestrians by decreasing long crossing and increasing visibility for drivers; and

WHEREAS, the project will create a new catch basin and watermain upgrades; and

WHEREAS, DDC provided an outline of community impacts and mitigation plan; and

WHEREAS, the Bronx Community Board 8 Traffic & Transportation committee supports the DDC #HWCSH4D Safe Routes to School Near PS/IS 307 Eames Place.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the DDC #HWCSH4D Safe Routes to School Near PS/IS 307 Eames Place.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The DDC #HWCSH4D Safe Routes to School Near PS/IS 307 Eames Place resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

A resolution regarding the Manhattan University Parkway Street Co-Naming was withdrawn. Next meeting is on Thursday, November 20th.

f) Public Safety – E. Green presented the below resolutions:

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Aramark Educational Services LLC, located at 4513 Manhattan College Parkway, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Malecon Restaurant, located at 5592 Broadway, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Cocina Chente Mexican Cuisine, located at 3535 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, College of Mount St. Vincent, located at 6301 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Home the Bronx Steakhouse, located at 222-224 238th Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Aoyu Sushi Inc., located at 3235A Johnson Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Kai Fan, 3717 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Greek Express, located at 3733 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Downey's Bar & Grill, located at 5790 Mosholu Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Frida Tacos, located at 5786 Mosholu Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Palace of Japan, located at 3505 Johnson Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

METHOD OF OPERATION CHANGE: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Jennifer Delgado and Juan Gabriel Rosado, Representatives of Cocina Chente, located at 3535 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a Method of Operation Change; and

WHEREAS, the Method of Operation Change requested is to add a Disc Jockey; and

WHEREAS, representatives stated they would only have a Disc Jockey one day a week on Fridays for three hours and would take every available measure to ensure the music would not disturb neighborhood residents; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

OUTDOOR DINING APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED UNANIMOUSLY:

WHEREAS, on September 16th, 2025, Robert M. Hull, a Representative of An Beal Bocht, located at 445 West 238th Street, appeared at the Public Safety Committee to apply for an outdoor dining liquor license; and

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

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

Discussion held on the resolution to disapprove the new application for Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC located at 3638 Bailey Avenue, on the applicant's refusal to sign the 2AM Closing Agreement and the drug activity in the area. Friendly amendment proposed to remove the following clause in the resolution, as the board was made aware that an applicant in the past did refuse to sign the 2AM Closing Agreement:

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee is unaware of any other business ever coming before the committee and refusing to sign the 2AM closing agreement; and

Friendly amendment accepted by E. Green to remove the above clause.

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION**

NEW APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider PASSED TO DISAPPROVE, AS AMENDED:

WHEREAS, on October 21st, 2025, Elvin Cabrera and Argilio Rodriguez, Representatives of Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC, located at 3638 Bailey Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license; and

WHEREAS, the establishment's Owner and Attorney both stated they planned to keep the business open until 4AM from Thursday to Sunday and refused to sign the Committee's customary 2AM closing agreement for new businesses; and

WHEREAS, the committee agreed that exempting Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC from signing the 2AM closing agreement would grant them preferential treatment over every other business that willingly signed the agreement in good faith; and

WHEREAS, Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC plans to have live music, security personnel and their food menu meets the minimum legal food requirements for food service; and

WHEREAS, the location of the establishment is an area that has generated many complaints about drug activity in the past few years and arrests have been made by the 50th Precinct; and

WHEREAS, the Public Safety Committee unanimously disapproved this application.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 disapproves this application.

In Favor (to disapprove): (19) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: (4) J. Gomez, D. Harris, J. Sosa, S. Villaverde

Abstentions: (1) D. Nunez

The Public Safety Committee will also join the Broadway Corridor Walkthrough.

g) Parks & Recreation – D. Travis presented the below resolutions:

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE NYC DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
DESIGN FOR THE FORT INDEPENDENCE PLAYGROUND RECONSTRUCTION
OCTOBER 22, 2025**

WHEREAS, Fort Independence Playground was selected as a recipient of the Community Parks Initiative program, and the New York City Parks Department held community feedback sessions in 2025 to guide updates to the Fort Independence Playground in Kingsbridge Heights; and

WHEREAS, the Bronx Borough Parks Department Capital Division presented its plan for reconstruction of Fort Independence Playground to the Community Board 8 Parks Committee on September 29, 2025; and

WHEREAS, modifications were made to the design based on input from community stakeholders and members of the committee, and the Parks Department presented its modified plan to the Parks Committee on October 22, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee approves the revised plan as presented.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the revised plan as presented.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation Design for the Fort Independence Playground Reconstruction PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion held on the resolution in support of lighting in the Sid Augarten Ballfield, on the following: amount of days the league will use the field (everyday); Vinmont Homeowners' request to make the end time for lighting at 8:30PM instead of 9PM; L. Spalter unable to vote due to COIB ruling that her home property value will decrease living across the street from the field if the lights are installed; disputed the amount of homes in the sixth clause; league expansion beyond North Riverdale area. Friendly amendment proposed to change the word "adjacent" with "opposite" on the sixth clause. Friendly amendment accepted by D. Travis.

**PARKS AND RECREATION COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF LIGHTING IN THE SID AUGARTEN BALLFIELD
OCTOBER 22, 2025**

WHEREAS, the North Riverdale Baseball and Softball League (NRBL) is requesting support from Bronx Community Board 8 for installation of lighting on the Sid Augarten Ballfield (Sid Field) in Vinmont Veterans Park in North Riverdale; and

WHEREAS, NRBL is the incumbent, renewing permit holder for Sid Field, which gives it the status of sole permit holder with the expectation that it will care for the field; and NRBL has been the sole permit holder for seventy-two years at Sid Field; and

WHEREAS, NRBL is requesting lighting be installed at Sid Augarten Ballfield to be used approximately nine weeks a year primarily during their fall season because they are unable to meet current demand for playing time due to shorter daylight hours; and

WHEREAS, the NRBL proposal would allow its fall game schedule to match its spring game schedule by adding fifty-six more fall games and enabling an additional one hundred and fifty children to play, and is supported by a petition from 489 local residents; and

WHEREAS, twenty-six residents of the Vinmont Houses neighborhood signed a petition of opposition to the proposal citing concerns of double parking, glare from the lighting, and additional noise impacting quality of life; and

WHEREAS, of the eight single and two-family houses directly opposite to the baseball field, five households signed a petition opposed to the lighting and three signed a petition in support; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee supports installing lighting on Sid Augarten Ballfield contingent on NRBL using its best efforts to discourage double-parking by parents; the lighting ending no later than 9pm; and the lighting units minimizing glare and light spillover, following the best-practice standard from the International Dark-Sky Association for sports fields that 85% of lumens fall onto the field of play or equivalent; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Committee requests that the Parks Department return to the committee upon completion of the preliminary design for lighting on Sid Augarten Ballfield.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports installing lighting on Sid Augarten Ballfield contingent on NRBL using its best efforts to discourage double-parking by parents; the lighting ending no later than 9pm; and the lighting units minimizing glare and light spillover, following the best-practice standard from the International Dark-Sky Association for sports fields that 85% of lumens fall onto the field of play or equivalent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that the Parks Department return to the committee upon completion of the preliminary design for lighting on Sid Augarten Ballfield.

In Favor: (22) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Present – Ineligible to Vote: (1) L. Spalter

Abstentions: (1) E. Green

Opposed: (0)

The **AMENDED** resolution in support of lighting in the Sid Augarten Ballfield **PASSED**.

h) Law, Rules & Ethics – Discussion on the New York City Conflicts of Interest Board (COIB) and their stance on the "Plain Language Guide to Chapter 68 of the City Charter for Community Board Members" that “any impact on your private interest is speculative and indirect” and a board member may vote. This causes a conflict between the written document and the COIB’s advice to L. Spalter advising her not to vote on the Parks & Recreation Committee resolution in support of the lighting at Sid Augarten Ballfield due to her home property value being decreased living across the street from the field if the lights are installed.

M. Wolpoff presented the below resolutions (amendments to the Bylaws):

**LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
OCTOBER 23, 2025**

Resolved that Community Board 8, Bronx amend its bylaws as follows:

**Article VI
Committees**

The Board may create such additional standing committees to cover additional substantive areas of responsibility, as it deems necessary or advisable. No person may serve as Chairperson of more than one standing committee. ~~Each committee Chairperson shall select a Vice-Chairperson who shall be an Appointed Member of the Board.~~ **At their discretion, each committee chairperson shall structure the committee with at least one Vice-chair who shall be an appointed member of the Board.** When there is a vacancy in a committee chair, or when the Chairperson, and the Vice-Chairperson if any, of a committee will be unavailable to conduct a meeting or hearing, the Chairperson of the Board, in his or her discretion, may appoint any Appointed member of such committee, or any member of the Board's Executive Committee, to conduct, on an ad hoc basis, a scheduled meeting or public hearing of such committee, or any public hearing of such committee which is mandated by law.

*[Added 5/1/96]

In Favor: (21) C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed: (3) D. Allen, M. Della, J. Reyes

Abstentions: (0)

The resolution to amend Article VI, Committees, in the Bylaws PASSED.

**LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
OCTOBER 23, 2025**

Resolution to Amend the Bylaws of Community Board 8, Bronx

WHEREAS, there has been some confusion over the interpretation of the current bylaws with respect to the filling of interim vacancies for the positions of Chairperson of the Board and committee chairpersons,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Article V, Section 3 be replaced.

***Article V
Current***

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]

Suggested Amendment

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 as follows:

1. 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. 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 a special election to fill a vacancy in the position of Board Chairperson is held, in accordance with the special election procedure provided for in Subsection B of 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 special election is held.

2. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of any other Board officer, a special election to fill such vacancy shall take place upon written notice not later than the second regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy. The special 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 such officer so 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.

3. Upon the occurrence of a vacancy in the position of Committee Chairperson, a special election to fill such vacancy shall take place upon written notice not later than the second regular meeting following the creation of the vacancy. The special 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 such Committee Chairperson so 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 Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution to amend Article V, Section 3, in the Bylaws PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Both amendments to the bylaws will be voted on again at the November 13, 2025 Regular Board meeting.

i) Land Use – The Land Use and Law, Rules & Ethics Committee had a joint committee meeting on September 30th to discuss the Charter Revision Commission Ballot Proposals.

j) Housing Committee – Met on September 18th to set the calendar goals. One of the committee’s goals is to create robust resolutions. The second goal is to get speakers who can speak on the needs of the community. That being said, during the last committee meeting, the Center for NYC Neighborhoods (CNYCN) attended and spoke about the services/programs offered. Refer to meeting minutes for more information. The next meeting is on Monday, November 24th.

k) Health, Hospitals & Social Services – The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 12th. J. Gomez presented the below resolution:

**HEALTH, HOSPITALS AND SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE STREET ACTIVITY PERMIT FOR THE JAMES
BALDWIN OUTDOOR LEARNING CENTER CLEAR THE AIR RALLY AND AIR WE SHARE
TOWN HALL
SEPTEMBER 10, 2025**

WHEREAS, Raymond Pultinas of the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center (JBOLC) appeared before the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee to request a street activity permit to host a Clear the Air Rally and Air We Share Town Hall at JBOLC Garden Community Farmers Market on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, 10 AM – 5 PM; and

WHEREAS, the event will occur on an unused, former slip lane bordered by Sedgwick Avenue, Goulden Avenue and Paul Avenue adjacent to DeWitt Clinton High School with no impact to parking or the vehicular right of way; and

WHEREAS, JBOLC has operated a farmers market every summer at this location since August, 2020 without incident involving sound, crowd control or vehicle access and is broadly perceived as a positive benefit to the community; and

WHEREAS, the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Clear the Air Rally and Air We Share Town Hall.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Clear the Air Rally and Air We Share Town Hall.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the Street Activity Permit for the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Clear the Air Rally and Air We Share Town Hall PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

l) Environment & Sanitation – The next meeting is on Wednesday, November 19th. The committee will be joining the Broadway Corridor Walkthrough. Refer to the last committee meeting minutes for information to request trash bins or report businesses for not picking up litter, etc.

m) Education Libraries & Cultural Affairs – The below resolutions were presented:

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
SAPO APPLICATION BOO ON MOSHOLU
OCTOBER 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, Kingsbridge, Riverdale, Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC) attended the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on September 30, 2025, to ask for the SAPO application for their BOO on Mosholu event; and

WHEREAS, Shari Hall of KRVC, presented on their request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its BOO on Mosholu event to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested a street closure on Mosholu Avenue Between West 256th Street and Liebig Avenue for a bounce house and stage set up on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 6:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant confirmed there will be a 15-foot emergency lane for emergency vehicles to drive through; and

WHEREAS, this event has been held before with no complaints known to us; and

WHEREAS, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to KRVC for the street closure on Mosholu Avenue Between West 256th Street and Liebig Avenue, on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to KRVC for the street closure on Mosholu Avenue Between West 256th Street and Liebig Avenue, on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 10:00am to 6:00pm.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris,

R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter,
C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

**The resolution in support of the Street Activity Permit for the Kingsbridge,
Riverdale, Van Cortlandt Development Corporation (KRVC) Boo on Mosholu event
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION SEPTEMBER 30, 2025
SAPO APPLICATION TRICK OR STREETS WITH THEORY9
OCTOBER 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, Theory9 attended the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on September 30, 2025, to ask for the SAPO application for their Trick or Streets with Theory9 event; and

WHEREAS, Shakir Seagers of Theory9, presented on their request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its Trick or Streets event that transforms the streets into a safe and festive space filled with treats, games and activities for all ages to be held on Saturday, October 25, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested a full street closure on West 231st Street between Sedgwick Ave. & the dead end on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 12:00pm to 9:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant confirmed there will be a 15-foot emergency lane maintained at all times; and

WHEREAS, this event has been held before with no complaints known to us.; and

WHEREAS, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to Theory9 for the street closure on West 231st Street between Sedgwick Ave. & dead end on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 12:00pm to 9:00pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Bronx Community Board 8 unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to Theory9 for the street closure on West 231st Street between Sedgwick Ave. & dead end on Saturday, October 25, 2025 from 12:00pm to 9:00pm.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the Street Activity Permit for the Theory9 Trick or Streets event PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**EDUCATION, LIBRARIES & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE
RESOLUTION
SAPO APPLICATION BIOBUS AT PS315
10/30/2025**

WHEREAS, Bio Bus at PS 315 attended the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee meeting on September 30, 2025, to ask for the SAPO application for K-8 elementary school students to learn about various science topics in a mobile science lab next to PS315.

WHEREAS, the BioBus (Ruth Duran-Chea, the Applicant), 2865 Claflin Ave, Bronx, NY 10468, presented on their request to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with its BioBus to be held at 2865 Claflin Ave., Bronx, NY 10468 on Friday, November 21, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant requested to restrict all parking on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 7:00am to 3:00pm; and

WHEREAS, the Applicant has requested to put Biobus in the parking lane; and

WHEREAS, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Committee of Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the parking restrictions on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue for the Lab School at 2865 Claflin Ave., on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Community Board 8, Bronx, unanimously supports the issuance of a permit to the BioBus PS315 for the parking restrictions on Reservoir Avenue Between Claflin Ave. and Webb Avenue for the Lab School at 2865 Claflin Ave., on Friday, November 21, 2025 from 7:00am to 3:00pm.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The resolution in support of the Street Activity Permit for the BioBus at PS 315 PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

n) Economic Development – The next committee meeting is on Wednesday, November 5th. The committee will be conducting the Broadway Corridor Walkthrough with other committees on October 31st to provide information and resources to local businesses in the

area. Our proposal for a community planning fellow has been accepted. Building off the concerns shared about Knolls Crescent, and rising rents, the fellow will examine the empty retail spaces, zoning and usage, and the diversity of businesses in our area.

o) Budget – Public Hearing on the FY27 capital and expense budget priorities was held before the Regular Board meeting on Thursday, October 30th. No comments from the hearing. One comment was made during the public gallery session: request to add tree guards to #5 on the capital budget priorities. A vote was held to amend the budget priorities to include tree guards to #5 on the capital budget priorities.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The amendment to include tree guards to #5 on the capital budget priorities PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
FY 2027 BUDGET PRIORITIES RESOLUTION
OCTOBER 30, 2025**

WHEREAS, Budget Chairperson Sebastian Chittilappilly presented the FY 2027 Budget priorities which had been prioritized and distributed to the Board for review; and

WHEREAS, discussion ensued and recommendations for amendments and additions were reviewed; and

WHEREAS, the final capital and expense budget priorities were presented to the Board; and

WHEREAS, the question was called and seconded. Chairperson Julie Reyes called for a vote on the budget priorities and requests as amended.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 approves the FY27 budget priorities by a vote of:

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0) Opposed: (0)

The FY2027 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities, as amended, PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

p) Aging - The committee met on October 16th. The Department for the Aging attended the meeting and spoke about their Needs Assessment Survey. The committee also reviewed and updated the mission statement and it will be finalized at the next committee meeting on Thursday, November 6th.

q) Special Committee on Veterans' Services (SCVS) - The Veterans Day Memorial Grove event will be held at 12 noon this Sunday, November 2nd. There is a cleanup before the event at Memorial Grove on Saturday, November 1st from 10AM - 1PM.

Subcommittee consisting of S. Villaverde, K. Walker and J. Townes who are reviewing board structure. If not contacted yet, should be contacted by a subcommittee member before December for feedback on committee structure and what can be made more efficient on the board.

Mentoring Program Report

E. Hausman made the last call for board members to fill out forms (mentors/mentees) to be included in the Bronx CB8 mentorship program.

NYC Council Member's (CM) Report

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz:
None.

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez's Office: B. Muniz

NYC Council Member (CM) Carmen De La Rosa:
None.

Report from the Mayor's Office

If there are any pressing issues that may have not been addressed, please reach out to Alina Dowe at the Mayor's Office at adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov.

Elected Officials Report

Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark's Office: J. Pena
Alongside the NYPD, hosting a Gun Buyback event on Saturday, November 22nd at St. James Episcopal Church.

NYS Senator Robert Jackson:
The Senator's priority is dealing with SNAP benefits during the government shutdown. The office is located at 5030 Broadway, Suite 701, New York, NY 10034 and can be reached at 212-544-0173 or jackson@nysenate.gov.

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera:

Office offers many services such as free immigration assistance and housing assistance. Sign up for the e-newsletter. The office is located at 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458 and can be reached at 718-933-2034 or grivera@nysenate.gov.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

Although not in our district, but across the street from our district, C. Tobar Acosta announced the New York City Council's approval of an ambitious plan to transform the Kingsbridge Armory in the Bronx into a thriving, community-centered hub. A comprehensive Community Benefits Agreement will be executed that includes commitments to local hiring, living wages, environmental sustainability, small business protections, and affordability provisions to ensure that Kingsbridge residents and merchants are active participants in the Armory's economic success.

Announcements

Next Regular Board Meeting: Thursday, November 13, 2025, at 7:00 PM
Place: Manhattan University

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by J. Gomez and SECONDED by B. Bender to adjourn.

In Favor: (24) D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, M. Filer, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:24 pm.

Submitted by: Ardy Malziu, Community Coordinator, Bronx Community Board 8

Reviewed by: Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager, Bronx Community Board 8