



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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## MEETING MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE

MEETING INFORMATION						
Date	November 18, 2025	Start Time	7:00 PM	End Time	8:45 PM	
Meeting Held At	NYPD 50 <sup>th</sup> Precinct					
Address	3450 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463					
ATTENDANCE						
<b>Present</b>	Edward Green (Chair), Laura Spalter (Vice Chair), Angel Ortega (Vice Chair), Carol Blake, Michael Courtney (CCM), Margaret Della, Althea Eboh, Nick Fazio, Debra Harris, Laura Levine-Pinedo				<b>Total</b>	10
<b>Absent</b>	None				<b>Total</b>	0
<b>Guests</b>	Lieutenant Wolvers (NYPD), Joseph Giannini (American Legion), Marco Larios (Montezuma), Silvia Metrena-Nunez (Riverdale Steakhouse), Rodolfo Morales (Metate), Wesim Alsaidi (Joker City LLC), Andrew Cooper (Joker City LLC)					

Chair Ed Green called the meeting to order at **7:04pm**

### 1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

Roll Call of Committee Members. Committee members introduced themselves.

Chair Green introduced committee member Angel Ortega as the newly appointed 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair of the committee.

### 2. Approval of the October 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025, Public Safety Committee Minutes

The October 21st Public Safety Committee minutes were approved unanimously.

### 3. NYPD Report (\*See attached NYPD CompStat Report) –

Lieutenant Wolvers of the 50th Precinct read the NYPD CompStat report. Issues discussed:

- One arrest was made in the burglary and property destruction of Bokagua Restaurant at 3541 Riverdale Avenue. Another suspect still at large. Investigation ongoing.
- “Mailbox fishing” is responsible for many of the grand larceny crimes in the area (Grand larceny is determined if the value of stolen property exceeds \$1000).

- 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct Q-teams (Quality of life) overnight patrol hours are 7:30pm-4:05am.
- Resident complaints of homeless people loitering in lobbies on Broadway.
- Resident complaints of MTA construction on Broadway causing chaos for merchants, shoppers and commuters, diminishing quality of life for area residents.
- Resident complaints of mopeds and e-bikes speeding dangerously through the Kelly Commons path between 240<sup>th</sup> Street & Irwin Avenue up to Manhattan College Parkway, adjacent to the Kelly Commons building at Manhattan University.
- Assemblyman Dinowitz's office and Bronx Community Board 8 received complaints from residents of 3800 Waldo Avenue about loud music being played into the early morning hours at Fenwick's at 432 West 238<sup>th</sup> Street. Fenwick's withdrew their State liquor Authority application for an all-night New Years Eve permit several days prior to this Public Safety Committee meeting.
- Committee member reported an illegal smoke shop operating at 5586 Broadway, just down the block from a proposed legal cannabis retail store application appearing before the committee at tonight's meeting. The public can report any illegal smoke shops to the Office of Cannabis Management. On their website is an easily accessible incident reporting form that allows someone to report the business for various illegal activities including being an unlicensed location. Infractions will be investigated and cause the business to be closed and padlocked.
- The 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct and Public Safety Committee stressed the importance of making 311 calls and sending the information to BXC8. The more 311 calls directed at a specific location the more law enforcement attention that area receives. 311 calls are electronically mapped. Areas that receive many 311 calls are highlighted red on the electronic grid and become more visible and subject to increased police activity.

#### 4. FDNY Report

No representative of FDNY was available to attend the meeting. Chair Green presented the FDNY statistical report which was e-mailed to the Board by FDNY:

Stats for October 2025: The Bronx had 521 fires. Bronx Community Board 8 area had 25 fires, increasing 4.2% from last year with an average response time of 5 minutes and 20 seconds.

The Bronx had 6,263 EMS runs. Bronx Community Board 8 had 319 EMS runs, which decreased -7.5% compared to last year, with an average response time of 7 minutes and 22 seconds.

#### 5. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Renewal Applications

##### Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

William E. Irwin Jr. Post 774 American Legion Inc., located at 3035-37 Corlear Ave, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and cider.

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

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

La Villa 240 W Corp, located at 240 West 231st Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and cider.

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

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

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Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Montezuma Mexican Restaurant, located at 119 West Kingsbridge Road, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and cider.

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

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

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Wine, Beer & Cider

The Barbecue Pit, located at 5788 Mosholu Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license for wine, beer and cider.

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

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

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Wine, Beer & Cider

Emiliano's, located at 5626A Mosholu Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license for wine, beer and cider.

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

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

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## **6. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): New Applications**

### Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

Rodolfo Morales, Owner of Metate Corp, located at 3515 Johnson Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new liquor license for liquor, wine, beer and cider.

Rodolfo Morales stated he was previously employed by Metate and is assuming ownership of the business.

The applicant signed a 2AM closing agreement.

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

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## **7. NYS Liquor Authority (SLA): Corporate Change Applications**

Silvia Metrena-Nunez, a Representative and Attorney of Riverdale Steak House, located at 5700 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a corporate change.

Riverdale Steakhouse (aka Connaughton Enterprises Inc.) is transferring ownership to Terrence Connaughton, the current owner's son.

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

The Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

**In favor (10):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Opposed: 0**

**Abstained: 0**

## **8. Office of Cannabis Management (OCM): New Applications**

### **Joker City LLC – Cannabis Retail Dispensary Premises License**

Wesim Alsaïdi, Representative, and Andrew Cooper, Attorney of Joker City LLC, located at 5614 Broadway, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply for a new establishment retail dispensary premises license.

The applicants stated the trade name of the business would be Indoor Treez, a name associated with their franchise that had six operating locations in New York, including one on 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue in Manhattan.

Mister Alsaïdi stated he would be managing Indoor Treez at 5614 Broadway, but Mildred Williams, a resident of Arizona, was the principal Owner of all Joker City LLC locations and owns 51% of the business.

The applicants presented a signed 5-year lease for the premises at 5614 Broadway to the committee (a mandatory provision of the NYS Office of Cannabis Management for applicants).

The applicants stated the operating hours of the business would be 9am-10pm and they would employ two full time security guards.

The applicants stated that the few residential apartment units upstairs in 5614 Broadway were all vacant.

The committee distributed flyers of the Public Safety meeting agenda in nearby residential and commercial units, notifying residents of their opportunity to attend the meeting and express their views.

No community residents or merchants, either in person or via communication with Bronx Community Board 8, expressed any opposition to Joker City LLC.

Joker City LLC is not located within 500 feet of a school or 200 feet of a church, as per law, and meets all criteria of the NYS Office of Cannabis Management.

The Public Safety Committee approved this application.

**In favor (9):** C. Blake, M. Courtney, M. Della, A. Eboh, E. Green, D. Harris, L. Levine-Pinedo, A. Ortega, L. Spalter

**Abstained (1):** N. Fazio

**Opposed: 0**

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## 9. Old Business

### Broadway Corridor Collaboration – Strategizing on Effective Means to Improve Safety, Transportation, Quality of Life Issues:

Committee reviewed findings of the collaboration:

Board members and Staff of Bronx Community Board 8 did a Broadway commercial corridor walk-through on Friday October 31<sup>st</sup> to address abandoned vehicles, subway stop conditions, trash, graffiti and other issues affecting area businesses. DSNY Rep, Riverdale Press and others accompanied. The walk-through covered Broadway between West 225<sup>th</sup> Street – West 238<sup>th</sup> Street.

Merchants encountered during the walk-through discussed public safety issues including:

- Rampant shoplifting in various retail stores
- Merchant requests for increased police presence in the area

- Construction limiting public access to businesses
- Excessive noise from construction negatively affecting businesses
- Illegal dumping of construction materials by Staples
- Unsafe conditions in the early morning hours due to loitering vagrants and panhandlers
- Homeless people lingering in front of businesses during working hours
- ATM removed from bank due to robberies after work hours
- Youths fighting in the street in front of businesses
- Persistent theft at outdoor fruit markets

50<sup>th</sup> Precinct and DSNY were notified of merchant concerns. BXC8 will continue to observe and document all quality-of-life conditions that negatively affect the environment, residents and businessowners and could use improvement. All concerns will be reported to appropriate agencies and monitored until they are resolved.

#### Cannabis Showcase Event Regulations:

Discussion: A resolution regarding Cannabis Showcase Event Regulations was introduced from the floor of the 11/13/25 Bronx Community Board 8 meeting, with attached letter serving as BXC8's public comment.

The resolution was passed by the Full Board, and the public comment was sent to the Office of Cannabis Management Cannabis Control Board and selected Elected Officials before the 11/24/25 public comment deadline.

The committee still seeks clarification of unanswered questions (as presented in the Board's public comment), and will continue to monitor Cannabis Showcase Event Regulations, as they pertain to the BXC8 area, while awaiting a response from OCM.

#### **10. New Business**

None.

#### **11. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45pm

Minutes submitted by Public Safety Committee Chair Ed Green



Eric L. Adams  
Mayor

# Police Department City of New York



Jessica S. Tisch  
Police Commissioner

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## CompStat

50th Precinct

Report Covering the Week  
11/10/2025 Through 11/16/2025

### Crime Complaints

	Week to Date			28 Day			Year to Date*			2 Year	15 Year	32 Year
	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	2025	2024	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg	% Chg
Murder	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	1	1	0.0	-80.0	-80.0	-88.9
Rape	0	2	-100.0	1	2	-50.0	22	13	69.2	175.0	214.3	4.8
Robbery	1	4	-75.0	1	9	-88.9	98	125	-21.6	-29.0	-34.2	-82.1
Fel. Assault	3	6	-50.0	13	27	-51.9	196	225	-12.9	6.5	79.8	-16.6
Burglary	1	1	0.0	4	15	-73.3	114	147	-22.4	-10.9	-22.4	-88.7
Gr. Larceny	10	9	11.1	40	38	5.3	498	657	-24.2	-17.3	62.2	22.4
G.L.A.	8	10	-20.0	25	36	-30.6	246	306	-19.6	-20.1	123.6	-84.6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>-28.12</b>	<b>84</b>	<b>127</b>	<b>-33.86</b>	<b>1,175</b>	<b>1,474</b>	<b>-20.28</b>	<b>-14.42</b>	<b>40.89</b>	<b>-69.30</b>
Transit	0	1	-100.0	0	1	-100.0	7	6	16.7	-36.4	-56.2	xxx.x
Housing	1	3	-66.7	3	7	-57.1	48	60	-20.0	-33.3	20.0	xxx.x
Petit Larceny	18	11	63.6	99	85	16.5	1,021	975	4.7	-0.6	43.6	xxx.x
Retail Theft	4	4	0.0	18	21	-14.3	282	358	-21.2	-31.4	xxx.x	xxx.x
Misd. Assault	9	5	80.0	30	39	-23.1	335	321	4.4	21.8	-5.1	xxx.x
UCR Rape*	0	2	-100.0	1	2	-50.0	26	21	23.8	18.2	xxx.x	xxx.x
Other Sex Crimes	0	0	xxx.x	5	4	25.0	38	44	-13.6	18.8	xxx.x	xxx.x
Shooting Vic.	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	9	3	200.0	50.0	80.0	-25.0
Shooting Inc.	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	6	3	100.0	0.0	20.0	-40.0
Hate Crimes	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	0	2	-100.0	-100.0	xxx.x	xxx.x

### Traffic Statistics

Traffic Fatalities	0	0	xxx.x	0	0	xxx.x	1	1	0.0	-66.7	xxx.x	xxx.x
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### Historical Perspective

(Historical perspective is a complete calendar year of data.)

	1990	1993	1998	2001	2024	%Chg '24 vs '01	%Chg '24 vs '98	%Chg '24 vs '93	%Chg '24 vs '90	
Murder	14	11	3	8	1	-87.5	-66.7	-90.9	-92.9	Murder
Rape	36	24	22	21	14	-33.3	-36.4	-41.7	-61.1	Rape
Robbery	649	622	292	199	138	-30.7	-52.7	-77.8	-78.7	Robbery
Fel. Assault	230	271	146	147	252	71.4	72.6	-7.0	9.6	Fel. Assault
Burglary	1,219	1,151	599	357	157	-56.0	-73.8	-86.4	-87.1	Burglary
Gr. Larceny	527	457	306	295	721	144.4	135.6	57.8	36.8	Gr. Larceny
G.L.A.	2,408	1,786	917	458	344	-24.9	-62.5	-80.7	-85.7	G.L.A.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5,083</b>	<b>4,322</b>	<b>2,285</b>	<b>1,485</b>	<b>1,627</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>-28.8</b>	<b>-62.4</b>	<b>-68.0</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>

Figures are preliminary and subject to further analysis and revision.

As of January 2013, complaints occurring within the jurisdiction of the Department of Correction have been disaggregated from the borough and precinct crime totals and are displayed separately on the Department of Correction CompStat page.

Unless otherwise noted, Crime statistics reflect New York State Penal Law ("NYSPL") definitions and differ from the crime categories used by the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Program. All Crime statistics are translated to Uniform Crime Reporting categories for submission to the UCR Program.

\* Uniform Crime Reporting ("UCR") Rape consists of all crimes defined in the FBI UCR definition of rape.