

Bronx Community Board No. 8
Minutes of the Health, Hospitals and Social Services Committee
Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 7:00pm

1) Welcome & Roll Call

Present (4): Rabbi Bob Kaplan (Chair), Sebastian Chittilappily, Dr. Wayde DeBeatham, Barbara Kail

Absent (1): Dr. Julia Gomez

Committee meeting started at 7:00 p.m. Rabbi Kaplan welcomed everyone to the meeting. A quorum was present.

2) Approval of Committee Minutes – April 9, 2025 & May 24, 2025

The approval of the committee meeting minutes of April 9, 2025 & May 24, 2025 were tabled for the next committee meeting.

3) Chairperson's Report

The chair reviewed the work the committee has done for the past several months. There has been an emphasis on mental health and how to improve access to the various resources available.

The chair also noted that he was stepping down as chair for the next term. He noted that unfortunately there were many meetings that lacked a quorum and hoped that there could be a real emphasis on combining committees that share similar issues so as the membership of the committees grow, then they are able to more efficiently address these issues.

The committee is very optimistic about the future of the committee and the role it can play in addressing important matters.

4) Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business.

5) New Business

There was no new business.

6) Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Rabbi Bob Kaplan, Chair, HHSS Committee