

(Pending Committee Approval)

**Minutes of the Special Committee on Racial Equity Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8 (CB8)
Thursday, May 7, 2026 at 7:00PM
Board Office – 5676 Riverdale Ave, Suite 100, Bronx, NY 104671**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HY6n0Eqiod0>

Attendees:

Committee (1): Margaret Della (Chair)

Absent (2): Althea Eboh (Vice Chair) - on Zoom, Daniel Nunez

Board and Guests: Julie Reyes (Chairperson, Bronx CB8), Khamarin Nhann (Mekong NYC), Regina King

The Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) meeting began at 7:02 pm and the Chair welcomed the community to the meeting. A quorum was present.

Minutes:

Quorum not present.

Presentation from Mekong NYC, Khamarin Nhann, Co-Founder. Established in 2012, serves primarily Southeast Asian communities in the Bronx, specifically Vietnamese, Cambodian refugee and immigrant communities. Office based in CB8. History of serving the community since the early 1980s. Key services: advocacy, benefit enrollment, immigration, intergenerational, policy work, arts and culture. Family Health Center is an easy way to plug into services. Office located near Fort Four. Family Day is coming up in June and will be shared with CB8 in advance.

The Presenter and Committee discussed Project RISE - West Bronx Safety efforts - investment to reduce violence and crime led by CM Sanchez and DA Clark. This project is funded through NYS DCJS and will focus on Fordham/Kingsbridge areas. Comprehensive neighborhood actions using layered approaches in:

- Mental Health
- Family and Community Engagement
- Wraparound services
- Trauma informed services
- Opportunities for youth
- Vocational Training/Life Skills

The Committee discussed the following areas:

- CB8 Standing Committees can be working together to focus on recent violence, youth-led initiatives and support as our path forward
- [Preliminary Report on Racial Justice](#) released by the Mayor's Office to inform SCRE efforts going forward

- Invited CM Sanchez and CM Dinowitz respective work on mitigating hate in NYC: NYC Council on Combating Hate and Speaker Menin's Five Point Plan

NEXT STEPS

- Follow up on outstanding questions re: 175-B, CM Dinowitz bill that requires the NYPD to create security perimeters or "buffer zones" around educational facilities to manage protests.
- Share information on Project RISE as initiative develops.
- Interim Report draft to Chair Reyes by first week of June
- Search for update from NYPD designation of Hate Crime

The meeting adjourned at 7:48 pm.

Minutes submitted by Margaret Della.