

**Bronx Community Board 8**  
**Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting**  
**April 14, 2026, 7:00 PM**  
**Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale**  
**475 West 250<sup>th</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10471**

**Meeting Recording**

**Committee Members Present (29 present for quorum)**

Sylvia Alexander (Z), Debby Allen, Bob Bender, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong (Z), Althea Eboh, Nicholas Fazio, Miriam Filer, Steven Froot, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Laura Levine-Pinedo, Micole Lewis, Steve Matthews, Charles Moerdler, Angel Ortega, Julie Reyes, Brittany Reynoso, Daniel Rowen, Georgia Santiago (Z), Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Karen Walker, Martin Wolpoff (Z)

\* (Z) – Zoom

**Committee Members Absent (11)**

Constance Barnes-Watson, Carol Blake, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Yngrid DeLeon, Margaret Della, Dr. Julia Gomez, Debra Harris, Barbara Kail, Daniel Nunez, Richard Perez, Jyll D. Townes

**Staff**

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

**Guests**

Representatives from: NYPD 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct – Lieutenant Brian Wolvers & Detective Rasha Jamsheer, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark – Jeffrey Peña, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Flavia Salazar, NYS Senator Robert Jackson – Dario Quinsac, NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz –Nayise Gonzalez, NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez – Soraya Bonilla, NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz – Caleb Auebach; Gallery Speaker - Catie Diaz – Jacobi/North Bronx Central Hospitals; Public Attendees – W. Kozy, E. Namer, J. Bogaty, D. McCarthy, C. Sachs, S. Levenson, N. Pires, R. Iturralde, M. Smith, R. Varadu, J. Dutcher, J. Prince, M. Gilhooley, M. Sawyer, K. Boero, K. Kawaguchi, J. Caroll, M. Claude, D. Menahga, S. Coggins, Y. Pascal. M. Evers, S. Raven, S. Allen, P. Tashlik, A. Martin, I. Barrow, S. Seager, K. Jabbi

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the Regular Board meeting at 7:08 pm.

Introduction of board officers and staff.

Extended thanks to Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale 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, J. Townes, K. Walker and M. Wolpoff. Members must show their faces 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**

Catie Diaz – Jacobi/ North Bronx Central Hospitals, Public Affairs

Catie Diaz reported they have unveiled a new MRI Suite at North Bronx Central Hospital which was funded with support from Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson which offers faster scan times while delivering clear more distinct images to boost diagnostic function and decrease wait times. They offer various behavioral health services such as psychiatric care, addiction treatment, outpatient emotional and mental health services for all ages available at the North Bronx Central Hospital and the Premier health center for women's health. The Premier health center for women's health meets the gynecological needs for women of all ages such as pregnancy services, family planning urology and much more.

### **Irving Ladimer Community Service Award**

Emily Hausman presented the Irving Ladimer Community Service Award to Izaiah Barrow and Shakir Seagers of Theory 9 and to The Friendly Fridge BX cofounders Sara Allen and Selma Raven. The Bronx Borough President's Office also recognized the recipients and presented them with certificates.

### **Report from Bronx Borough President's (BP) Office**

The Bronx Borough President officially launched her new website. Bronx Week will be from Friday May 1<sup>st</sup> to Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The Borough President's Office launched its first lights out initiative in partnership with New York City Department of Transportation (DOT) to help identify and report malfunctioning streetlights where you can fill out the online form to make awareness of areas with malfunctioning streetlights. Potholes continue to be an issue so please report them to 311 and follow up with the Bronx Borough President's Office.

## **Report from the NYPD 50<sup>th</sup> Precinct**

Overall Crime is down 25.4 percent at 88 vs. 118 compared to the same 28-day period last year. For murders, we are at 0. For robberies, we are up 100% at 12 vs. 6. Felony assaults were up 21% at 23 vs. 19. Burglaries are down 61% now 7 vs. 18. Grand larcenies are down 36% at 31 vs. 49. Stolen Vehicles are down 66.7% 8 vs. 24. Hate crime was up 100% 1 vs 0.

## **Roll Call**

District Manager F. Kule Rubin announced the roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

## **Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026**

**In Favor (27):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Abstentions: (0)**

**Opposed: (0)**

**The Board Meeting Minutes of March 10, 2026, were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

## **Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of April 6, 2026**

None.

## **Chairperson's Report & Resolutions**

Please look at minutes from Executive meeting minutes. Board member Rabbi R. Kaplan has not renewed to be a board member. We wish him well and thank him for the work he has done on the board and as a past Health, Hospitals & Social Services Chairperson. We also express our condolences to the family of Congressman Eliot Engel who represented our district for many years.

## **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 \$48,267 and there is \$39,590 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 \$5,000 in encumbered funds. \$1,604 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail.

## **District Manager's (DM) Report**

Wished all a very Happy Easter and Passover Holiday and thanked Conservative Synagogue Adath Israel of Riverdale for providing the space to host the meeting along with providing

us with security. Hosted District Service Cabinet (DSC) meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> and next DSC meeting is on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Attended the Bronx Borough Cabinet meeting on April 1<sup>st</sup>.

Attended a workshop with Department of Buildings on development and limited alterations applications.

The office has been busy with pothole and lighting outage complaints which we have made flyers for and have been following up on with the Department of Transportation.

Attended an Agency Privacy Officer (APO) training to be in compliance as the APO for Bronx Community Board 8.

Had the pleasure of attending the Community Planning Fellowship Forum last week and being able to see our very own Khadija Jabbi present along with many other interesting presentations which will share with the board members as soon as they are available.

Gave 40 bags to Theory 9 for their Theory Spectrum Event on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Marie Curie High School.

We also had the Yankee Youth Leadership Award Event on April 13, 2026 which our Youth Chair went to.

We have other upcoming events such as Salsa in the Streets Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, North Riverdale Block Party on Sunday May 17<sup>th</sup>, and the Pride event on June 7<sup>th</sup> and in August, usually the first Tuesday, for the NYPD National Night out event which we will love board members to volunteer for.

We also confirmed that we will help support the tree give away event on April 19<sup>th</sup> at Riverdale Neighborhood House with Senator Rivera. There will also be a James Baldwin Learning Center tree giveaway on April 19<sup>th</sup> and a Lag Boamer event at PS24 on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Very excited to be able to celebrate our Irving Ladimer Community Service recipients tonight.

Will be spending at least \$20,000 on supplies and office needs. The rest of the money is being held to the side for the resource guides committees are creating to be able to price out and order for printing.

**Presentation: Fund for the City of New York Community Planning Fellow by Kahdija Jabbi, MPA Candidate, Baruch College**

See link for presentation:

<https://cbbronx.cityofnewyork.us/cb8/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2020/10/Bronx-CB8-Business-and-Retail-Analysis-Final-Report-April-20-2026.pdf>

**Committee Reports & Resolutions**

a) **Economic Development** – C. Tobar Acosta made a motion to bring forward a resolution to the floor & presented the below resolution:

**BETTY CAMPBELL- ADAMS  
MOST VALUABLE MERCHANT (MVM)AWARD  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE RESOLUTION  
April 14, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 (Community Board) annually accepts nominations for the **Betty Campbell-Adams** Most Valuable Merchant (MVM) Award; and

**WHEREAS**, criteria for consideration are that the nominee has worked to enhance economic growth, improve community relations, and increase civic participation in the Bronx Community Board 8 area, and the award is open to individual merchants, and businesses operating in the community; and

**WHEREAS**, nominations for the MVM Award were received by the Community Board office between February 13, 2026, and the announced submission deadline of March 20, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Economic Development Committee reviewed the nominations received and unanimously selected a nominee to receive the MVM Award, which were submitted to the Executive Board on April 6, 2026; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the selection of Home Bx Steakhouse to receive the **Betty Campbell-Adams** Most Valuable Merchant Award (MVM); and

**In Favor (27):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed (1):** D. Travis

**Abstained:** None

**The Betty Campbell- Adams Most Valuable Merchant Award Resolution PASSED.**

The Economic Development Committee will not have their regular May meeting and will be participating in a walkthrough on May 1<sup>st</sup>.

**b) Land Use** – The Land Use Committee will have a special meeting on Land Use on April 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss overdevelopment in the Van Cortlandt Village area. Expressed their opposition with the proposed idea to develop multi micro units in this area. West Bridge Group met with the Land Use Committee about a site they are developing on W. 230<sup>th</sup>

Street behind the post office and the Kingsbridge Historical Society who brought up concerns that there could be remains of either Native Americans, Civil War bodies, artifacts of cultural significance or African American Slaves. The next regular Land Use Committee meeting will be held on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at the board office.

**c) Housing** – The Housing Committee’s last meeting was on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, where they discussed the budget, affordable housing and the unhoused. The Housing committee would like to create a palm card with information for the unhoused or people at risk of being unhoused. A student lead group called Civic Reset from Fordham University who advocate for zoning reforms that enable mixed-use higher density developments to help address New York City’s housing crisis and bridge the growing rent income gap, are expected to speak at the next Housing Committee meeting which is on April 27<sup>th</sup>.

**d) Health, Hospitals & Social Services** – The Health, Hospitals & Social Services last meeting was on April 8<sup>th</sup>. They continued to follow 2 pieces of legislation one in the city council concerning the education on the availability of fentanyl strips and one in the state legislature concerning the New York Health Act, which is a statewide health insurance plan. These legislation and budget priorities will be discussed at the next Health, Hospitals & Social Services meeting on May 13<sup>th</sup>.

**e) Environment & Sanitation** – The next Environment & Sanitation meeting will be held on April 15<sup>th</sup>, and we will be discussing the Hudson River Foundation. Parks will be speaking on Fort Independence Park and Moshulu Parkway.

**f) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs** – S. Alexander presented the below resolution:

**SAPO RESOLUTION - ELCA COMMITTEE - 3-24-26**  
**KHCC Neighborhood Festival 6-12-2026**  
**April 14, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee had a SAPO application presented by the Kingsbridge Heights Community Center at March 24, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, Kadijah Caban attended the meeting and told the committee and shared that on June 12,2026 between 10:00am and 7:00pm KHCC was requesting closing Kingsbridge Terrace between Perot Street and Summit Place to celebrate their Neighborhood Festival; and

**WHEREAS**, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center has had this event previously and it was successful; and

**WHEREAS**, the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee voted to approve this event.

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

**In Favor (28):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**The SAPO application for the KHCC Neighborhood Festival PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

In the last Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs Riverdale library manager Rebbeca Brown Barbier presented on the digital library platforms for any one with a library card to access eBooks, magazines, movies, practice exams and more. Please view the March Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs meeting YouTube recording for more information. The next Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs meeting is on April 28<sup>th</sup>.

**g) Budget** - Thanked everyone who has submitted their capital and expense budget request for FY28. Reminder that the budget is due on May 15<sup>th</sup>.

**h) Aging** - The Next Aging Committee meeting will be held on April 16<sup>th</sup>.

**i) Special Committee on Veterans' Services** - The New York City's Veterans Guide is posted on our Facebook and the Bronx Community Board 8 website.

**j) Special Committee on Racial Equity** - Take a look at the last meeting minutes.

**k) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway** - No Report

**l) Youth** - The last Youth Committee meeting was on March 16<sup>th</sup> where the committee spoke about the Budget and voted on the nominees for the New York Yankee Award which was present on April 13<sup>th</sup> where the awardees were bought on the field and celebrated. At the next meeting on April 20<sup>th</sup> the committee will discuss and vote on the comeback kid award nominees and work on finalizing the youth resource guide.

**m) Traffic & Transportation** - D. Allen presented the below resolutions:

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SAPO APPLICATION  
NORTH RIVERDALE BLOCK PARTY FESTIVAL MAY 17, 2026  
APRIL 14, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) presented its intent to hold a block party festival on Riverdale Avenue from W 258<sup>th</sup> to W 259<sup>th</sup> Street (the North

Riverdale Block Party) on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown; and

**WHEREAS**, RMSA held similar events in May 2022, June 2023, May 2024 and 2025 without any issues or complaints; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant will coordinate with the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) to modify impacted bus operations; and

**WHEREAS**, the applicant will maintain a 15-foot emergency lane through the center lane; and

**WHEREAS**, the North Riverdale Block Party received favorable feedback from the community after the other events; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic & Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party festival on Riverdale Avenue from West 258th to West 259th Street on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES the issuance of the permit to the Riverdale Main Streets Alliance (RMSA) to hold the North Riverdale Block Party festival on Riverdale Avenue from West 258th to West 259th Street on Sunday, May 17, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 6 PM, inclusive of set up and breakdown, for the sole purpose of hosting a one-time block party.

**In Favor (28):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**The SAPO application for the North Riverdale block party festival PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

**TRAFFIC & TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE  
SAPO APPLICATION  
Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon October 10, 2026  
April 14, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Thomas Struzzieri, 319 Main St Saugerties NY 12477 event coordinator for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon presented to the Traffic & Transportation Committee on this event scheduled for October 10, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Triathlon includes Swim, Bike and Run; featuring a Sprint and Olympic distance. The event will include a swim in the Hudson River, bike on the West Side Highway and run into Central Park. This will impact road closures on Mosholu Parkway between Henry Hudson Parkway between West 56th Street South Bound from 7am -2pm; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alpha Win Apple Triathlon event coordinator has submitted a safety plan that includes New York City Police Department and notification plan of the communities involved; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 unanimously approves the issuance of a permit for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon for October 10, 2026 from 7am-2pm; contingent that they provide CB8 the following: Proof of notification to the MTA of the event, medical management plan and engagement of NYC social media of the event.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the issuance of a permit for Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon for October 10, 2026 from 7am-2pm; contingent that they provide CB8 the following: Proof of notification to the MTA of the event, medical management plan and engagement of NYC social media of the event.

**In Favor (28)**: S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed**: None

**Abstained**: None

**The SAPO application for the Alpha Win Big Apple Triathlon PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The Traffic & Transportation Committee continues to engage with DOT and will participate in the May 1<sup>st</sup> DOT walkthrough alongside the Special Committee on Racial Equity, Public Safety Committee and Economic Development Committee from 231<sup>st</sup> to 238<sup>th</sup> street and Bailey Avenue. The next Traffic & Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, April 16.

**n) Public Safety** – E. Green presented the below resolution:

**RESOLUTION  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

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

**WHEREAS**, on March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Riverdale Steak House located at 5700 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license; and

**WHEREAS**, representatives of NYPDs 50<sup>th</sup> 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 (28):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

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

At the last Public Safety Committee meeting there was a few assistant district attorneys from Darcel Clarks office presented on the recent murder of a 16-year-old 238<sup>th</sup> street and other high-profile events that occurred in our community, please take a look at the minutes for more details. The next Public Safety Committee meeting is on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the 50<sup>th</sup> precinct.

**p) Parks & Recreation** – D. Travis presented the below resolution:

**Parks and Recreation Committee  
Resolution in Support of  
Street Activity Permit Request for James Baldwin Plaza  
On April 19, 2026  
April 14, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center presented their request to close public access to James Baldwin Plaza, which is a public plaza created from a closed slip lane bordered by Goulden Avenue, Sedgwick Avenue and West Mosholu Parkway South on Sunday, April 19, 2026 between the hours of 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm including setup and breakdown time;

**WHEREAS**, Raymond Pultinas, one of the founders of the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center, appeared before the Parks and Recreation Committee on March 25, 2026 to provide details of their request which would facilitate a native tree giveaway in partnership with the New York Restoration Project;

**WHEREAS**, trees will be loaded into vehicles on West Mosholu Parkway South and will not interrupt the flow of traffic on Sedgwick Avenue or around DeWitt Clinton High School and the public will have access to sidewalk areas to circulate through the area;

**WHEREAS**, the Bronx Community Board 8 Parks and Recreation Committee supports the street activity permit for the full closure of the James Baldwin Plaza as requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for a tree giveaway.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, the Bronx Community Board 8 supports the street activity permit for the full closure of the James Baldwin Plaza as requested by the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for a tree giveaway.

**In Favor (28):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**The SAPO application for the James Baldwin Plaza PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

Look at our meeting minutes for highlights of our last meeting. The next Parks and Recreation Committee meeting is on April 22<sup>nd</sup> where the Van Cortlandt Park Stadium will be discussed along with the Moshulu golf course asking people for comments.

**q) Law, Rules & Ethics** – M. Wolpoff presented the below resolution:

**LAW, RULES & ETHICS COMMITTEE  
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8  
RESOLUTION: BYLAWS AMENDMENT – ARTICLE VI, SECTION 9  
MARCH 9, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, the implementation of term limits for community board members will soon become operational; and

**WHEREAS**, the Law, Rules & Ethics committee seeks to permit any term-limited Board members who are interested in continuing to offer their expertise and time in the form of Board service as a Community Committee Member to have at least one year of eligibility to serve as a Community Committee Member of all standing committees (but not including the Executive Committee or Budget Committee, where only committee chairs are members), thus retaining their experience and permitting them a year to reapply for appointment to the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, it would facilitate their service to the Board if such individuals could become Community Committee Members on any standing committees on which they have served within the past five years, without the requirement (based on the longstanding practice of the Board) that they attend three consecutive committee meetings before seeking appointment as Community Committee Members, although such appointment would still require committee chair and Board chair approval.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Bylaws of Bronx Community Board 8 be amended by adding the following as Article VI, Section 9:

*Notwithstanding any contrary provisions contained in subsections 7(2) and 7(3) of this Article VI, any former member of the Board, in the year subsequent to becoming term-limited, may apply to serve as a Community committee member on any standing committee (with the exception of the Executive and Budget committees) of which they had been a member during any of the past five years, subject to the approval of the chairperson of the committee involved and the Board Chairperson, with no requirement that such recently term-limited individual attend three consecutive meetings of the committee involved before applying to be appointed as a Community committee member. The "year subsequent" is understood to extend from the date that such individual's Appointed Member status terminates as the result of term limits until June 30 of the following year. After such one-year period, any such term-limited former Board member may reapply for appointment to the Board or continue their service as a Community committee member.*

**In Favor (26):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed(2):** E. Hausman, S. Villaverde

**Abstained:** None

**The Bylaws Amendment – Article VI, Section 9 PASSED.**

Suggest looking at the Executive Committee meeting minutes. Reminder that any changes made to the bylaws go through the Laws, Rules & Ethics Committee and ask for any comments from committee that would be affected by the suggestions made to email them.

**Chairperson J. Reyes moved to amend the agenda and add a SAPO resolution for “Salsa in the Streets”**

**The motion was APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.**

L. Levine-Pinedo presented the Following resolution:

**Economic Development Committee  
RESOLUTION  
April 7, 2026  
SAPO APPLICATION KRVC “Salsa in the Streets”  
Regular Board Vote April 14, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Kingsbridge Riverdale Van Cortlandt Development Corporation has applied for a SAPO application to host a single-block festival, “Salsa in the Streets”, on West 239th Street between Broadway and Review Place to bring music to the community, and

**WHEREAS**, KRVC (Applicant) 505 W 236th ST, Bronx, NY 10463 has applied to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in to host the “Salsa in the Streets Festival” held on West 239th Street between Broadway and Review Place on Sunday May 3, 2026, and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant requested to close the sidewalk and street at West 239th Street between Broadway and Review Place on Sunday May 3, 2026 from 10:00 am to 7:00pm; which includes set-up and breakdown, and

**WHEREAS**, the festival was previously known as “Bamba Fest”, and unanimously approved by the Economic Development Committee,

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8, supports the issuance of a permit to the KRVC for the street and sidewalk closures on West 239th Street between Broadway and Review Place, on Sunday May 3, 2026 from 10:00 am to 7:00pm.

**In Favor (27):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, M. Lewis,

S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Present but not Entitled to Vote (1):** L. Levine-Pinedo

**The SAPO for the KRVC “Salsa in the Streets” PASSED.**

**Election of Nominating Committee – Nominating Committee following tonight’s Board meeting**

The following board members were nominated to be on the Nominating Committee:

**Ed Green** (Nominated by S. Matthews)

**Bob Bender** (Nominated by C. Tobar Acosta)

**Jessica Sosa** (Nominated by R. Hilliard)

**Carol Blake** (Nominated by B. Bender)

**Caesar Tobar Acosta** (Nominated by J. Sosa)

**In Favor (27):** S. Alexander, D. Allen, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, M. Filer, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

**Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Ed Green, Caesar Tobar Acosta and Jessica Sosa are UNANIMOUSLY ELECTED as members of this year’s Nominating Committee.**

The five (5) Nominating Committee members will meet following tonight’s Board meeting. The following guidance was read aloud to the Committee by Chairperson J. Reyes:

“Board Members who are putting together a proposed slate should make their choice bearing in mind that it is both good policy as well as conducive to the smooth functioning of the Board to strive for a Nominating Committee and a slate of proposed Officers and Committee Chairs who represent diversity in geographic areas within the Board, communities, ethnic and racial groups, professional and work backgrounds and ages. The

choices made should also consider the experience of any nominee as a Board Member and the extent of the interest shown by any such nominee in participating in Board matters. These factors, while not meant to impel any particular individual choice, should always serve as general guidance.”

The policy and rules of the Nominating Committee may be found in the Bronx Community Board 8 Ethical Guidance Manual: <https://cbbronx.cityofnewyork.us/cb8/wp-content/uploads/sites/3/2024/04/ethical-guidance-manual-v4.1.24.pdf>

### **NYC Council Member’s (CM) Report**

*NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez: Soraya Bonilla*

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center, KHCC will have a town hall to discuss violence and get the youth opinions on these issues (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez’s Office will also have a town hall on April 27<sup>th</sup> where other leaders will be there to discuss what the community would want to see more of. It is Participatory Budgeting season, and you can vote at [vote.nycpb.gov](http://vote.nycpb.gov).

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

*NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz: C. Auerbach*  
Council Member (CM) Dinowitz’s office is at their final stages of DOT Street Repaving in Riverdale and are hoping to wrap up this week. For upcoming event we are co-hosting an event at KHCC. Paper shredding is coming up on May 3<sup>rd</sup> outside Assembly member Dinowitz’s Office & May 9<sup>th</sup> on West 235<sup>th</sup> and Johnson Ave. We also host our library hours every second Tuesday of the month at the Van Cortlandt Library and at Riverdale Library on every third Wednesday of the month. If you are in need of legal assistance, we have NYLAG at our office every first Friday of the month. If you are a renter and need housing assistance, we can connect you with West Bronx Housing. On a legislative note, on March 26, Council Member Dinowitz passed Control 175A which requires NYPD to publish a clear operation plan for responding when threats, intimidations, or obstructions interfere with access to schools.

### **Report from the Mayor’s Office**

None.

### **Elected Officials Report**

*Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark: J. Peña*

The office is located at 198 East 161st Street, Bronx, NY 10451 and can be reached at 718-590-2000.

*NYS Senator Robert Jackson: D. Quinsac*

Reported budget season and tax season. You must file your taxes or an extension by April 15. If you are waiting for your New York State tax refund and you applied before February 31<sup>st</sup> you might experience delays due to tax software issues if you do not hear back about your taxes within 45 days, call your state elected official. Our office is 212-544-0173.

*NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera: F. Salazar*

Senator Rivera is currently in Albany. Following the state budget which was due on April 1<sup>st</sup> but is still under negotiation. There will be an Earth Day and tree giveaway event that will take place on Sunday April 19<sup>th</sup> in collaboration with Riverdale Neighborhood House, The New York Restoration Project, KRVC, and Bronx Community Board 8 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and the event will continue into 5:00PM with other fun activities such as crafts. The shredding truck will also be at this event so you can bring any papers you need shredded.

*NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz: N. Gonzalez*

Paper Shredding events are coming soon on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, May 9<sup>th</sup> & May 17<sup>th</sup>. Free notary services in the office. The office is located at 3107 Kingsbridge Ave, Bronx, NY 10463 and can be reached at 718-796-5345.

### **Unfinished Business**

N/A

### **New Business**

N/A

### **Announcements**

The Nominating Committee will meet following tonight's Board meeting. Within 5 business days of the formation of the nominating Committee, each current officer or committee chair must notify the committee of their intention to either be considered for renomination or not. The Nominating Committee will then promptly notify all board members of those positions as to which committee has received notification that the incumbent chair or officer is not seeking renomination. In the event that a board member does not provide notification within the given time frame, the committee may deem such officer or committee chair to not be seeking renomination. A member of the board can seek nomination for only one position. The Next Regular Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, at St. Stephen's Methodist Church, 146 W. 228th St. Bronx, NY 10463.

### **Adjournment**

**A MOTION was made by L. Levine-Pinedo and SECONDED by C. Tobar Acosta to adjourn.**

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**Opposed:** None

**Abstained:** None

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:12 pm.

**Submitted by: Jaylyn Adorno, Community Associate, Bronx Community Board 8**

**Reviewed by:** Ardy Malziu, Community Coordinator, Bronx Community Board 8

Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager, Bronx Community Board 8