



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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### Special Committee on Veterans' Services

Sergio Villaverde

## REGULAR BOARD MEETING NOTICE

**DATE:** Wednesday, June 24, 2026

**TIME:** 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

**PLACE:** Wave Hill Public Garden & Cultural Center – Armor Hall  
675 West 252<sup>nd</sup> Street, Bronx, NY 10471-2899  
Entrance at West 249<sup>th</sup> Street & Independence Avenue

*There is limited parking in the Wave Hill Parking Lot located at the intersection of 249th and Independence. Once the lot is full, street parking is allowed on 252nd street between Independence Avenue and Henry Hudson Parkway on the north side of the street only. Please observe any No Parking signs.*

All Board Members must attend in-person, except members with disabilities as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act who may request an accommodation from the chairperson of the Board permitting them to attend via video/teleconferencing and be counted in the quorum.

**The public must pre-register to speak at the monthly Regular Board meetings. The public is invited to attend via Zoom or in-person. Interactive participation without registering is welcomed at the Committee meetings – please see the Board calendar for dates.**

Join Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2114033690>

Join Zoom Meeting by Phone: +1(646) 558-8656 Pin: 2114033690#

## AGENDA

1. Welcome and Announcements
2. Public Gallery Session
3. Presentation of the Comeback Kid Achievement Awards: Youth Committee
4. Report from the Bronx Borough President’s Office
5. Report from the 50th Police Precinct
6. Roll Call
7. Approval of the Regular Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026
8. Discussion of the May 6, 2026, and June 3, 2026 Executive Committee Minutes
9. Chairperson’s Report & Resolutions
10. Treasurer’s Report & Resolutions
11. District Manager’s Report

12. Committee Reports and Resolutions

- Health Hospitals and Social Services
- Environment & Sanitation
- Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs
- Budget
- Aging
- Special Committee on Veterans' Services
- Special Committee on Racial Equity
- Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway
- Youth
- Traffic & Transportation
- Public Safety
- Parks & Recreation
- Law, Rules & Ethics
- Economic Development
- Land Use
- Housing

13. Report on the Mentoring Program: E. Hausman

14. Report on Social Media Working Group: C. Barnes-Watson

15. Report on Nominating Committee: C. Acosta

16. Election of Officers

17. Election of Committee Chairpersons

18. Committee Sign-up

19. Council Member's Report

- Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez
- Council Member Carmen De La Rosa
- Council Member Eric Dinowitz

20. Report from the Mayor's Office

21. Elected Officials Reports

22. Old Business

23. New Business

24. Announcements:

- The Next Regular Board Meeting 7:00 PM Tentatively Tuesday, September 8, 2026  
-location to be determined

25. Request motion to go into executive session per §105.h of the Open Meetings Law at which a "proposed acquisition, sale or lease of real property" would substantially affect the value and 105.f- Personnel matters

26. Misc.

27. Adjournment

*Julie Reyes*

Chairperson



Pursuant to New York State legislation signed by Governor Kathy Hochul (Bill S1150A), The Community Board is required to post material to be discussed at a public meeting. Please know that the material below has not been voted on or discussed by the full board at this time.

## **RESOLUTIONS**

**Environmental & Sanitation Committee**  
**RESOLUTION**  
**May 20, 2026**  
**SAPO APPLICATION for Make Music New York at James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center**  
**June 24, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, Make Music New York has applied for a SAPO application to bring an outdoor concert to the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center for the 20<sup>th</sup> annual Make Music NY festival.

**WHEREAS**, Make Music New York (Applicant) 19-19 24<sup>th</sup> Avenue, L210, Long Island City, NY, 11102 has applied to obtain a Street Activity Permit (SAPO) in connection with the free concert by local NYC musicians to be held in the plaza known as the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center at 00 W. Mosholu Pkwy S., Bronx, NY 10468 on Sunday, June 21, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the Applicant has not requested to restrict any parking;

**WHEREAS**, there will be no street closures; and

**WHEREAS**, Bronx Community Board 8 Environment & Sanitation Committee, supports the issuance of a permit to the Make Music New York for the use of amplified musical performances as part of a free concert at the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center, on Sunday, June 21, 2026, from 12:00pm to 5:30pm.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, Bronx Community Board 8, supports the issuance of a permit to the Make Music New York for the use of amplified musical performances as part of a free concert at the James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center, on Sunday, June 21, 2026, from 12:00pm to 5:30pm.

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**Traffic & Transportation Committee Resolution**  
**May 14, 2026**  
**Soccer Street at PS 24-Full Street Closure**  
**West 235th between Douglas and**  
**Independence Avenue Riverdale Avenue Bronx, NY 10471**  
**on June 3, 2026 Application**  
**June 24, 2026**

**WHEREAS**, In partnership with the Mayor's office, Department of Transportation and New York City Public School Street Labs: Soccer Street at PS 24-requested full street Closure located at West 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue application to the New York City Department of Transportation (DOT); and

**WHEREAS**, Soccer Street Program representative appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on May 14, 2026, to provide details of their request which would allow full street closure west 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue between 8:00am - 4pm on June 3, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the application was submitted as required by DOT requirements for full street closures; and

**WHEREAS**, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval of Soccer Street at PS 24- Full Street Closure on West 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue on June 3, 2026.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval of Soccer Street at PS 24- Full Street Closure on West 235th between Douglas and Independence Avenue on June 3, 2026 on June 3, 2026.

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**RESOLUTIONS  
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE  
May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**NEW APPLICATION AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT:** Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

**WHEREAS**, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Miria Liriano, Manager of Artizen NYC, located at 3700 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to applied for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit; and

**WHEREAS**, Artizen NYC has been operating at this location for several years and have now decided they want to serve liquor; and

**WHEREAS**, Artizen NYC is seeking a temporary retail permit, which would allow the business to fully operate in a timelier manner; and

**WHEREAS**, the owner signed a 2AM closing agreement; 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.

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**NEW APPLICATION AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT:** Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

**WHEREAS**, on May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Elizabeth Espinal, President of Yukka Latin Bistro Corp, located at 5686 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee for a new liquor license and temporary retail permit; and

**WHEREAS**, Yukka Latin Bistro plans to expand their business and occupy the storefront adjacent to their current place of business; and

**WHEREAS**, Yukka Latin Bistro plans to serve liquor at a bar in both spaces, creating the need for a new liquor license at the adjacent address, as per New York State Liquor Authority guidelines; and

**WHEREAS**, Yukka Latin Bistro is seeking a temporary retail permit, which would allow the business to fully operate in a timelier manner; and

**WHEREAS**, 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; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Safety Committee unanimously approved this application.

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

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**Public Safety Committee Resolution**

**May 19, 2026**

**Raise the Age**

**WHEREAS**, representatives from the Bronx District Attorney's office attended the March 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, Bronx Community Board 8 Public Safety Committee meeting to address the escalation of youth gun violence in the Bronx and tragic random shooting death in Kingsbridge of 16-year-old Christopher Redding, a student at JFK High School by a 17-year-old youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark is a staunch advocate for New York State's Raise the Age Law, passed in 2017, that recognizes youthful offenders' potential for change and growth by raising the age of criminal responsibility from 16 to 18, and fostering rehabilitation through services and alternative interventions to incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, data shows that since Raise the Age legislation was implemented in 2018 crime is down citywide including crimes committed by youth in all categories with the exception of a surge in gun violence, as more youths are carrying loaded illegal guns and shooting those weapons (<https://www.thecity.nyc/2025/12/15/raise-the-age-youth-crime-statistics/>), (<https://www.bronxda.nyc.gov/downloads/pdf/pr/2021/56-2021%20Bronx-DAClark-calls-for-Changes-Address-Youth-Gun-Violence.pdf>); and

**WHEREAS**, because cases involving a juvenile arrested multiple times for possession of a loaded gun are often sent to Family Court, District Attorney Clark proposes to amend the law to "Make all firearm charges (Penal Law Article 265) eligible for retention by the Youth Part in Criminal Court"; and

**WHEREAS**, because Youth Part Judges cannot access Family Court records and are uninformed of prior history and outcomes of Family Court cases, District Attorney Clark proposes to amend the law to "Allow Youth Part Judges to access Family Court records, and such records should be made available to all parties to a Youth Part case for the purposes of setting bail, sentencing and alternatives to detention", which will create greater transparency and information sharing to address the rise of recidivist gun cases; and

**WHEREAS**, currently, if a youth commits a crime at age 16 or 17 and their case goes to Family Court, its jurisdiction ends when they turn 18, causing the case to be closed, creating an unintended consequence and loophole District Attorney Clark recommends closing: "Give Family Court jurisdiction over 18-year-olds if the offense with which they are charged is alleged to have been committed when the defendant was 16 or 17 years old"; and

**WHEREAS**, since Raise the Age was enacted, the State has appropriated \$1.55 billion towards implementation, supportive services, and alternative interventions, but New York State Comptroller Tom Di Napoli states New York City is ineligible to receive these funds due to a requirement that funds be reserved for localities adhering to a two-percent real estate tax cap.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 supports the Raise the Age Law, while also endorsing proposed changes to the law advocated by Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark that will balance rehabilitation with public safety issues concerning gun violence.

**THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Bronx Community Board 8 calls on elected officials to provide funding necessary for youth services and programs that emphasize prevention, alternatives to incarceration, promotion of community connectiveness, and restorative justice.

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**LAND USE COMMITTEE**  
**June 1, 2026 Resolution**  
**June 24, 2026**

**Land Use Committee Resolution:**

[5204 Arlington Avenue](#) SNAD Non -ULURP

A SNAD zoning authorization pursuant to ZR 105-421 to facilitate the development of a synagogue (Talnor Synagogue) on a Tier I site is being sought by a private applicant at 5204 Arlington Avenue in Riverdale, Community District 8, The Bronx.

**WHEREAS**, Michael Goldblum (Building Studio Architects) and Annette Rubin Applicant presented on the SNAD application for 5204 Arlington Avenue development for a Synagogue; and

**WHEREAS**, Synagogue will be used for religious services and life cycle events with certificate of occupancy of 120 with 4 bathrooms and a kitchenette; and

**WHEREAS**, Building is approximately 4,200 sq feet; and

**WHEREAS**, Stated they will not remove any trees and will add an additional 10 trees; and

**WHEREAS**, a Storm water management plan is in place to address concerns of water flowing onto neighboring properties including the area by 5220 Arlington Ave. by adding small retaining timber wall to help combat that and Drywells under driveway and in front yard absorbing all ground water, all roof water and all drainage; and

**WHEREAS**, DEP verified they are connected to the City sewer; and

**WHEREAS**, Using brick and wood design in keeping with the neighborhood aesthetic and building parameters are below the scope of Zoning rules; and

**WHEREAS**, will have Side Yards and Front yard of 20 Feet wide along Arlington and Front Yard Along West 252 that is 15 Feet Wide; and

**WHEREAS**, Neighbors asked applicant to consider adding to their plans to address the safety, flooding, drainage issues as well as parking issues in the area.

**WHEREAS**, for the reasons set forth above, the Land Use Committee APPROVES this application.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, for the reasons set forth above, Bronx Community Board 8 APPROVES this application.

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