

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
June 24, 2026, 6:30 PM
Wave Hill Public Garden and Cultural Center Armor Hall
675 West 252nd Street, Bronx NY, 10471
Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (38 present for quorum)

Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Constance Barnes-Watson, Bob Bender, Carol Blake, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Lee Chong (Z), Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Yngrid DeLeon, Margaret Della, Althea Eboh, Nicholas Fazio, Steven Froot, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Debra Harris, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, , Micole Lewis, Steve Matthews, Charles Moerdler, Daniel Nunez, Angel Ortega, Richard Perez, Julie Reyes, Brittany Reynoso, Daniel Rowen, Georgia Santiago (Z), Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Jyll D. Townes(+Z), Debra Travis, Sergio Villaverde, Karen Walker(+Z), Martin Wolpoff

* (Z) – Zoom

Committee Members Absent (2)

Miriam Filer & Laura Levine-Pinedo

Staff

Farrah Kule Rubin (District Manager) & Jaylyn Adorno (Community Associate)

Guests

Representatives from: NYPD 50th Precinct –Captain Amadeo Oktrova & Detective Rasha Jamsheer, Bronx Borough Presidents Office – Venessa L. Gibson & Ciara Gannon, Bronx DA's Office - Ginger James & Jeffery Pena, NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez & Rep. Soraya Bonilla, NYS Assembly Member Dinowitz – Rep. Nayise Gonzalez, NYS Senator Robert Jackson- Rep. Dario Quinzac, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Rep. Flavia Salazar, Public Attendees – M. Dreyer- Rivera, C. Tepelus, Z. Sesay- Harrel, Amari Sesay-Harrel (Awardee), see sign in sheet

Chairperson J. Reyes convened the meeting at 7:07 pm.

Introduction of board officers and staff.

Extended thanks to Wave Hill 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

Ginger James, Assistant District Attorney (ADA), Deputy Chief of the Youth Justice Bureau on the Raise the Age Law:

The District Attorney (DA) Supports all the underlying goals of the resolution but has a practice of not formally endorsing recommendations or resolutions. One thing that was asked of the DA's office if there were any proposals dealing with the resolution. One topic is the funding issue with the state not allowing funds to come to the city for Raise the Age. The second issue is the concern about the loophole with 18-year-olds having been resolved so they are not anticipating any more problems with that. This was one issue that was able to be changed through legislation, and the hope is that any other issues that may arise can be resolved the same way.

Mario Curanaj from Salvatores of Soho:

The first issue is the large amount of the unhoused population in the neighborhood. They stay around the stores and ask people for money and make customers feel uncomfortable. The second issue is that there is a vote for new board chair and support for Segio Villaverde for this position because of all of the hard work he does for the community.

Chairperson Reyes made the comment that the Gallery speakers are to speak on matters pertaining to the community.

Professor Andrew S. Dolkart:

Not present.

Comeback Kid Achievement Award:

Cesar Tobar Acosta, Brittany Reynoso, Micole Lewis and Karen Walker Presented the Awards. The first Award is to Bruce Sanchez, a former Yankee Youth Leadership Awardee and was able to show resiliency in spite of physical health restrictions by completing his senior year and being involved in community mentoring and leadership activities. The second award goes to Amari Sesay-Harrel who has had difficulties in his health and showed up as a youth athlete and is unable to be here because he is at a tier 1 ice hockey camp showing how he continuously shows up as a youth athlete and team player despite his health complications. Congratulations to our 2026 Comeback Kid Achievement Award recipients Bruce Sanchez and Amari Sesay Harrel! The award goes to students in the

community that have overcome challenges and demonstrated improvement over a period of time.

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

Captain Oktrova had technical difficulties and was unable to give the report. Information will be submitted to the Board office.

Roll Call

Secretary Margaret Della announced the roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Discussion of Board Meeting Minutes:

S. Villaverde to change page 13 paragraph 4 to reflect that he had made a point of order during this part of the meeting. J. Reyes pointed out to change approval of minutes from March 10, 2026 to April 14, 2026.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026, as Amended

In Favor (37): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Board Meeting Minutes of May 12, 2026, as amended, were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of May 6, 2026, and June 3, 2026

None.

Chairperson's Report & Resolutions

Please stay until the end since we will be going into executive session at the end of the meeting and will need a quorum present.

If any board chairs have their committee report typed up, please send it to the office to assist with the meeting minutes.

The social media working group consists of Constance Barnes-Watson, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Daniel Nunez, Ed Green and I will be working with the staff to continue research on

the best use of technology and social media to enhance and improve outreach. Also to provide adequate notice and information to populations in the district who may face barriers to participating and just to reach everyone in general. The working group will be reviewed by the incoming chairperson. This Group was established in March of 2026, and the board also had a social media working group back in 2018 to 2020.

Extended Thanks to Congressman Adrianno Espaillat's invitation to attend the Puerto Rican Day Parade Breakfast on June 13th and to thank Angel Ortega for Attending on the Boards' behalf.

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RESOLUTION: SEARCH COMMITTEE FOR COMMUNITY COORDINATOR
JUNE 24, 2026

WHEREAS, a vacancy currently exists in the position of Community Coordinator for Bronx Community Board 8; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Bronx Community Board members to ensure a fair, transparent, comprehensive recruitment and vetting process to identify highly qualified candidates to serve the Bronx Community Board 8 district; and

WHEREAS, at the June 3, 2026, Executive Board committee meeting the members were notified of a search committee to be formed for the selection of the Community Coordinator position; and

WHEREAS, a resolution passed by Bronx Community Board 8 on February 9, 2010, RESOLVED: at the direction of the Board, decisions relative to the internal operating budget, including the hiring and firing of staff, and the compensation of staff and the District Manager, shall in the first instance be determined by the Chairperson in consultation with the other Officers of the Board and reported thereafter to the Board for ratification, modification or rejection; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of the [Bronx Community Board 8 Bylaws](#), a special committee may be established to address specific board operations and personnel matters.

BE IT RESOLVED, that a Search Committee is hereby established to conduct a thorough search for the position of Community Coordinator; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Search Committee shall consist of the Board Chairperson and four to five Board members appointed by the Board Chairperson, the members will elect its committee Chairperson, and shall be charged with:

1. Reviewing job description, qualifications, and salary range,

2. Overseeing the posting and advertising of the position to ensure broad community outreach,
3. Reviewing resumes/applications provided by the District Manager and Board Chairperson or designee,
4. Conducting preliminary interviews and evaluating candidate credentials along with the District Manager and Board Chairperson, and
5. Recommending a shortlist of qualified candidates to the Community Board for consideration and final selection.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Search Committee shall adhere to all New York City open meetings and confidentiality laws, holding interviews and closed-session deliberations in accordance with the New York State Open Meetings Law; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Search Committee shall provide progress reports at the Executive and Regular monthly Board meetings of Bronx Community Board 8 and shall dissolve upon the successful appointment of a candidate.

Committee Members:

- Bob Bender
- Julie Reyes
- Miriam Filer
- Daniel Nunez

Discussion of the resolution was held:

C. Moerdler suggested adding that the committee will have the power to act as the board to expedite the process where the board can vote by way of a written ballot so that the hiring process is faster. Chairperson Reyes explained that we need to have a public board meeting to give the public notice which can happen in July or August in a summer meeting.

Law, Rules & Ethics committee Chair M. Wolpoff concurred with Chairperson Reyes as to having a public meeting - as per Open Meetings Law (OML).

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Resolution on Search Committee for Community Coordinator PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Expressing thanks to everyone who has been on the board for the three (3) years as Board Chair., Farrah and Chairperson started positions at the same time, and Chair thanked her for sticking it out. Thanks to the staff who are amazing, includes Jaylyn who started off as an intern and now as the community associate, Farrah the District manager who put up with Chairs thousands of emails, and Ardy, former Community Coordinator who was a pleasure to work with. Also our elected officials, which the Chairperson will thank personally since there are so many. The Chairperson's accomplishments on this board is having committee chairs and board members that do the work because it is not just the chairperson it is the committee chairs and the members who step up, and more importantly the community. The Community in this district is awesome; this community is very diverse and involved with many issues. Also thanks to the local newspapers that spread the word about events in our district.

Report from Bronx Borough President's (BP) Office – Vanessa L. Gibson

Expressed thanks to be able to attend this meeting, especially at Wave Hill Cultural Center which is such a beautiful space and one of our best cultural institutions in the Bronx. Thank you, Community Board, 8, Thank you to the district manager, board chair, and executive team for the warm and gracious welcome. There are 5 community board meetings taking place tonight which my team and I are trying to make it to all. I have my director of community boards unit Ciara Gannon here. We have already gone through all the applications for the community board and did all the reappointments for all 12 community boards and are now going through several hundred new applicants that want to join one of our 12 community boards. We will make sure that once all the information is finalized it will be shared with the executive team. I would like to give you all a few updates tonight. One of the updates is in the district the New York Philharmonic came to us for their annual summer concert in the park, for Bronx week in May we had hosted a Salsa in the Streets with Laura Levine and her team from KRVC and are look forward to more summer events such as our summer concert series hosted from July through Labor Day weekend. For the last 3 years we were temporarily relocated from Orchard Beach and had to travel with our summer concerts. Thank you to Van Cortlandt Park for hosting summer concerts for the last 3 years. I am grateful to announce that now the Pavillion project at Orchard Beach has been completed and we will be able to resume our summer concert series schedule to be determined beginning July 12th. In addition, we are celebrating the 250th anniversary of the United States of America and we are hosting the Bronx 250, and our annual fire work show also happens to be at Orchard Beach on June 25th at 6:00 pm. We are really focused on tourism, especially with the world cup being hosted in New York City and have already hosted 3 watch parties. We are working with the Business Improvement District to activate spaces so that we can host watch parties to celebrate the world cup. Part of our tourism focus of the summer is our restaurant week, which is called Savor the Bronx and will be held Monday, July 6th through Sunday, July 12th. I am working on a job fair that will be

taking place next Monday, June 29th, down in the South Bronx near Mott Haven called Future Focus Bronx. We will be hosting a job fair targeting veterans, LGBTQIA plus communities, and people with disabilities. We will be having a community board event in early fall and also for new members we have an orientation and swearing in and training at Lehman College so new members can get acclimated to the ULURP process, have an understanding of what conflicts of interest is, Roberts' Rules of order and all other acronyms and agencies that community board work with. Thank you all for the recommendations that were made for projects in Community Board 8. The New York City Council will be passing a budget in the next couple of days, and our budget will be on time by July 1st where I am looking forward to activating more summer youth employment opportunities and cornerstone programs. My final note is to Recognize Bronx Community Board 8's Board Chair as it is Chairperson Julie Reyes' last meeting chairing for the board. I have had the wonderful honor working with Julie over the past 3 years. Julie has always shown up, any event that is happening in the community board she is always there making sure community board 8 is always seen and heard. I appreciate your leadership as it is not easy to be a leader or chair of anything, especially a community board which Julie does so effortlessly. My appreciation to you as your Borough President I want to say thank you for your leadership, all the hard work you have done, and I know there are many more blessings coming your way. Congratulations and thank you for your service.

Vanessa L. Gibson Presented Chairperson Julie Reyes with an award in recognition of her decades of service since 1999 serving as Chairperson of the Board, Chair of Public Safety, Chair of Economic Development and treasurer. I have had the pleasure of working with you for these last three years. Thank you for your leadership and all the great work you have done for this community.

I have to add a major Priority, and I know it is a priority for our parks chair as well, which is Bailey Playground which I am working on getting \$20 million with Council member Eric Doniowitz and Council Member Pierina Ana Sanchez and the Zohran Mamdani administration to make upgrades to the park. You have all seen the work done on the JFK campus and that is the standard that should be held for every athletic field that is in the Bronx. I will keep on making my way around all schools in the Bronx so that every high school has an upgraded athletic field and every campus with a pool is opened because it is unacceptable that we have beautiful indoor pools in our schools that are closed. Our Bronx kids should have the opportunity to swim for free.

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 \$ 1,931 left in the OTPS budget.

Our District Manager is planning to spend down another \$1,500 and you can see we have almost exhausted what the OMB gave us for the Year.

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1 – Operating Budget Update – FY2026

The budget for FY 2026 is \$282,534. This includes the standard budget allocated to Community Boards for FY2026.

Appropriation	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
Personal Services (PS)	\$ 234,267	\$ 207,241	\$ 27,026
Other Than Personal Services (OTPS)	\$ 48,267	\$ 46,336	\$ 1,931
<i>Total</i>	<i>\$ 282,534</i>	<i>\$ 253,577</i>	<i>\$ 28,957</i>

This report details the progress on the current budget to date. Please note that ‘allocated’ includes money spent as well as encumbered but not yet paid.

1.1 - Other Than Personal Services Detail

The table below summarizes the progress to date on the various object codes within the OTPS budget.

Object Codes	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
100s - Supplies	\$ 36,513	\$ 34,945	\$ 1,568
300s – Equipment	\$ 1,619	\$ 1,318	\$ 301
400s – Office Items + Other	\$ 3,055	\$ 2,993	\$ 62
600s - Services	\$ 7,080	\$ 7,080	\$ -
700s - Fees	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Total OTPS	\$ 48,267	\$ 46,336	\$ 1,931

1.2 – Budget Modifications

No budget modifications.

1.3 – Purchase Order & Accounts Payable update

As of the date of this report, the Community Board has \$0 in requested funds and holds \$0 in encumbered funds.

“Requested” funds include any items that the board office has requested to purchase but have not been purchased yet.

“Encumbered” funds include any items that have been purchased, inputted into the system and are awaiting payment.

Object Codes	Requested	Encumbered
100s - Supplies	\$ -	\$ -
300s – Equipment	\$ -	\$ -
400s – Office Items + Other*	\$ -	\$ -
600s - Services	\$ -	\$ -
700s - Fees	\$ -	\$ -
Total OTPS	\$ -	\$ -

1.4 – Rent and Energy Detail

The budget for rent and energy is maintained separately from the standard community board budget. This is allocated and maintained directly by OMB per the lease contract. Progress is detailed below for reference.

Object Codes	Budget	Allocated	Remaining
414 – Lease	\$ 79,725	\$ 79,725	\$ -
42C – Heat, Light & Power	\$ 3,454	\$ 2,380	\$ 1,074
499 - Other	\$ 2		\$ 2
Total OTPS	\$ 83,181	\$ 82,105	\$ 1,076

District Manager’s (DM) Report

Wishes everyone a happy pride month and hopes everyone had a happy Fathers’ Day.

Please refer to the executive meeting minutes for details on all the meetings I have attended.

Held district service cabinet meeting in June which will now be on summer recess until September.

The office has spent all the money given to us on our OTPS budget. We will now have some new T-shirts coming in for all our great volunteers. It encourages all board members to volunteer at our events where you can get a T-shirt. All board members will be notified when they come in and be sent a picture. Most of the money has been spent on that and the rest went on updated maps in our conference room which Chairperson Julie has requested

at the start of her term. Thank you to Camila Thomas from the Department of City Planning for offering her personal time and working with us to complete the project for the office.

We attended the North Riverdale block festival, the Theory 9 food distribution, Marble Hill Shredding event and Riverdale Pride this past month.

Thank you to our volunteers Debby Allen, Brittany Reynoso, Daniel Nunez, Laura Spalter, Angel Ortega, and Steven Froot.

We will give announcements about future events taking place in the summer. In August we have National Night Out and we always have Marble Hill Family Fun Day.

Our office was very lucky to be able to distribute many tickets to the New York Botanical Gardens. Most recently we distributed 170 tickets to the Bronx Day Flower Power event in June which went to our shelter families, schools, community organizations and our Bronx CB8 residents.

Over the summer I will be working on the new meeting calendars and hiring a new community coordinator.

Thank you to all our Board members, I continue to be amazed by the time and passion you have volunteering on this board.

The office will start office hours from June 29th, the office will be open Monday through Thursday from 8 am to 5 pm and from 9 am to 1 pm on Fridays.

I started 3 years ago with Julie, and I want to thank Julie. We have grown together in our positions and always worked in friendship and respect. She will be missed as board chair, but I am happy she will still be with us on board next year.

Wishing all a Happy Fourth of July and have a great summer.

Committee Reports & Resolutions

a) Health Hospitals & Social Services – The Health Hospital & Social Service Committee's last meeting was on June 20th, where they had representatives from Medicare and Medicaid services, who talked about Medicare benefits resources available. I strongly encourage anyone who is eligible or will be eligible for Medicare to take a look at the meeting recording for the resources they present which also included information on fraud. Another presentation was on the Green Book of Health, a website which is a health guide that points out locations where people of color can get good healthcare and more details can be seen in the meeting recording.

b) Environment & Sanitation – The last Environment & Sanitation meetings were held on May 20th and June 17th.

D. Rowen Presented the below resolution-

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 20th annual Make Music NY festival.

WHEREAS, Make Music New York (Applicant) 19-19 24th 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.

In favor (37): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, L. Chong, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

SAPO APPLICATION for Make Music New York at James Baldwin Outdoor Learning Center Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Regarding Broadway Corridor, thanks to Margaret Della for spearheading this issue and getting the MTA to respond, clean up and put crossing guards at the blind left turns, and

signs up for businesses. We also discussed Arlington Avenue and how it is undedicated and ways we can try to fix that issue. Thank you to all the committee members. Please enjoy the last meetings' minutes and enjoy your summer.

c) Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs – There was no Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs meeting in June. I hope everyone has a wonderful Summer.

d) Budget – The last Budget Committee meeting was held on June 3rd where we went over our FY28 Expense and capital priorities.

S. Chittilappilly put the FY28 Expense and Capital budget priorities to a vote

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

FY28 Expense and Capital Budget Priorities PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

e) Aging – The last Aging Committee meeting was held on June 11th where we worked on the Older Adult Resource guide and will finalize over the summer and prepare a beta test for it in September.

f) Special Committee on Veterans' Services – The Bronx Borough President will be hosting Job fairs geared towards veterans so if you do know any veterans seeking employment please let them know to contact the Bronx Borough Presidents' office and the Bronx Economic Development Corporation. Wishing all a great summer and thank you for supporting our veterans in our district.

Chairperson J. Reyes presented the below Resolution-

**RESOLUTION
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RENEWAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON VETERANS' SERVICES
JUNE 24, 2026**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Executive Committee passed a resolution on June 1, 2016, recommending that a Special Committee be created to focus on veteran issues; and

WHEREAS, on June 14, 2016, and again on March 9, 2021, at the General Board meeting, Bronx Community Board 8 passed resolutions that the Special Committee on Veterans' Affair be created to address the needs of our veterans; and

WHEREAS, currently there are approximately 22 million veterans living in the United States of America and approximately 33,000 live in the Bronx; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 supports all efforts to assist those who have served in the armed forces of the United States especially those who have returned to be residents of our community; and

WHEREAS, the needs of veterans can involve jobs, education, housing, health and mental health, financial assistance and support services; and

WHEREAS, the City of New York has created a Department of Veterans' Services, and the Bronx Borough President called upon the borough's community boards to form committees to address the needs of our veterans; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to give consideration to the needs of our veterans in cooperation with community groups, elected officials, government agencies, and any other stakeholders in a public and inclusive manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Article VI, Section 5 of our By-laws, the Special Committee on Veterans Affairs be reauthorized in order to continue to hold public meetings or informational forums and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the issues concerning Veterans; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee now be comprised of Board Members Emily Hausman, Margaret Della, Julia Gomez, Sergio Villaverde, with **Sergio Villaverde** as Chairperson and Community Members Herb Barret, Robert Spalter, Patrick Watson, and others to be determined.

LASTLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Veterans Services be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson of the Board, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Renewal Special Committee On Veterans' Services PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

g) Special Committee on Racial Equity – There was no meeting in June, but the committee did submit our interim report that we submitted. Thank you to Althea and Daniel for being part of the committee this year. We updated the capital requests throughout the district, so you track the capital expenses from Fiscal year 2016 to present. The mayor's office of racial equity has released their report for the first time in four years that New Yorkers voted on in 2022. They also released the real cost of living in New York City. All these reports are live and out with links that can be found on the Bronx CB8 website.

Chairperson J. Reyes presented the below Resolution-

BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8 RESOLUTION Renewal Special Committee on Racial Equity June 24, 2026

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution on June 9, 2020, that consideration of systemic racism and inequality should be addressed under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8; and

WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020, Bronx Community Board 8 established a Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) to initiate consideration of addressing systemic racism and inequality in a thoughtful, transparent and inclusive manner; and

WHEREAS, a framework is needed in order to research, consider and identify issues of inequity within the purview of Bronx Community Board 8 and its committees that affect our diverse communities and to propose recommendations for addressing such issues.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Bronx Community Board 8 reauthorizes the Special Committee on Racial Equity to continue research, consideration, and identification of issues of inequity in Bronx Community Board 8, and to make recommendations to the Community Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Racial Equity shall be comprised of Board members Althea Eboh, Daniel Nunez, Margaret Della, and others to be determined; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee shall engage members of the Community Board and the community in undertaking its work and shall be inclusive of their expertise, resources, and experience.

LASTLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in accordance with the bylaws, the Special Committee on Racial Equity be discontinued following the next annual Board election

unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by declaration of the newly elected Board chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

In favor (34): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Renewal Special Committee on Racial Equity PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

h) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – The committee met once this year. For the annual committee report the two issues that came up are the new Hudson River Greenway map and where the Hudson River Greenway sits on that map which is where it has always been planned but unbuilt. The other issue that came up is the plan that the Metro North has put forward to build some resiliency structure somewhere along to Hudson between the Riverdale Metro North and the Spuyten Duyvil Metro North Station which will have some significant ramifications on what we would hope to build along the river to create the Greenway. We would need to see the details and Metro North said that they would come back in the fall to do the presentation. We really want a seat at the table with them and there actually are some issues about who actually owns the land along the river. Metro North has acted as if they own everything from the tracks to the river and in fact the zoning maps and ACRIS the source of zoning information, shows otherwise. Aside from that, the friends of the Hudson River Greenway will hold their second Sunset on the Hudson event on July 25th.

J. Reyes Presented the below Resolution-

**RESOLUTION
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RENEWAL SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON HUDSON RIVER GREENWAY
JUNE 24, 2026**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 Executive Committee passed a resolution on September 3, 2014, recommending that a Special Committee be created to hold public meetings and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations leading to implementation of a resolution, if any, on the creation of an all-river Greenway route; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2014, at the General Board meeting, Bronx Community Board 8 established the Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway to address the Hudson River Greenway; and

WHEREAS, residents of Bronx Community Board 8 support a Hudson River Greenway extending from Spuyten Duyvil to Yonkers, providing runners, walkers, people with disabilities, cyclists and others an enjoyable riverfront experience with a superb view of the Palisades, as well as access to the Greenway to the north and the Greenway to the south, so that a continuous Greenway runs from Manhattan to Westchester; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has resolved that consideration of an all- river Greenway route should continue under the auspices of Bronx Community Board 8 in cooperation with local residents, community groups, elected officials, government agencies, the affected rail companies and any other stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 desires to continue the consideration of an all-river Greenway route in an efficient, transparent and inclusive manner.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway continue to hold public meetings and report to the Community Board its findings and recommendations, if any, on the creation of an all-river Greenway route; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee now be comprised of four members; Bob Bender, Chairperson, Debra Travis, Laura Spalter, Steven Froot, and others to be determined.

LASTLY, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway be discontinued immediately following the next Annual Board elections unless it is specifically continued either by resolution of the Board or by public declaration of the newly elected chairperson, which declaration shall be recorded in the minutes.

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Renewal Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway Services PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

i) Youth –

The last Youth Committee Meeting was held on June 15th where we spoke about future planning.

k) Traffic & Transportation -

The last Traffic & Transportation meeting was held on June 18th you can see the meeting recording on YouTube or read the meeting minutes.

D. Allen presented the below resolutions:

**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, 2026on June 3, 2026.

In favor (35): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Soccer Street at PS 24-Full Street Closure Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Traffic & Transportation Committee Resolution
June 18, 2026
SAPO Application
Community Recycling Event
Curb Lane Closure
Riverdale Avenue (East Bound Street Side)
between West 259th Street and 260th Street
Riverdale Avenue Bronx, NY 10471
on August 2, 2026 9:00am-3:00pm
Regular Board: June 24, 2026

WHEREAS, Community Recycling Event is requesting Curb Lane only closure located on Riverdale Avenue (East Bound Street Side) Between West 259th Street and West 260th Street application to the Department of Transportation New York City (DOT); and

WHEREAS, Community Recycling Event representative appeared before the Traffic and Transportation (T&T) Committee on June 18, 2026, to provide details of their request which would allow Curb Lane closure located at Riverdale Avenue (East Bound Street Side) Between West 259th Street and West 260th Street 9:00am - 3:00 pm on August 2, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the application was submitted as required by DOT requirements for Curb Lane closures; and

WHEREAS, the Traffic and Transportation Committee recommends approval of the Community Recycling Event contingent on the applicant must coordinate with the 50th Precinct community affairs liaison to outreach to local business at least one week in advance of the event.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 recommends approval of the Community Recycling Event contingent on the applicant must coordinate with the 50th Precinct community affairs liaison to outreach to local business at least one week in advance of the event.

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Soccer Street at PS 24-Full Street Closure Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Traffic & Transportation Committee Community Board 8

Resolution

June 18, 2026

New License of Blessings Car Service, LLC

131 West Kingsbridge Road, Apt ST 1J

Bronx, New York 10468

Regular Board: June 24, 2026

WHEREAS, Blessings Car Service LLC, located at 131 West Kingsbridge Road, Apt ST 1 J Bronx New York 10468 came before the Traffic and Transportation committee on June 18, 2026 requesting a letter of support to the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission for a new base license; and

WHEREAS, Blessings Car Service LLC provide additional transportation resources for those community members needing access to medical appointments and other essential destination; and

WHEREAS, Blessings Car Service LLC would provide employment opportunities

WHEREAS, Community Board 8 Traffic and Transportation Committee has no objections for the letter of support for Blessings Car Service LLC, new Base License.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 has no objections for the letter of support for Blessings Car Service LLC, new Base License.

In favor (35): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

New License of Blessings Car Service, LLC Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Traffic & Transportation Committee Resolution

June 18, 2026

Renewal Application of Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base

TLC Base License B02436

131 West Kingsbridge Road, Apt ST 1J

Bronx, New York 10468

Regular Board: June 24, 2026

WHEREAS, Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base, TLC Base License Number B02436, located at 131 West Kingsbridge Road, Apt ST 1 J Bronx New York 10468 came before the Traffic and Transportation committee on June 18, 2026 requesting a letter of support to the NYC Taxi and Limousine Commission for the renewal of its livery care base license; and

WHEREAS, Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base, TLC Base license requires renewal every two years; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 has not received any complaints about Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base or livery operations in the community;

WHEREAS, Traffic and Transportation Committee has no objections for the letter of support for Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base TLC located at 131 West Kingsbridge Road, Apt. ST 1J Bronx New 10468.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 has no objections for the letter of support for Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base TLC located at 131 West Kingsbridge Road, Apt. ST 1J Bronx New 10468.

In favor (35): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Renewal Application of Veterans Radio Dispatcher Base Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**JOINT RESOLUTION
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE &
TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
JUNE 24, 2026**

Re: FDNY Concerns Regarding DOT Bailey and Sedgwick Avenue Bike Lane Proposal, Protected Bike Lane Barriers, and Impacts on Emergency Response Times

WHEREAS FDNY attended the May 18th, 2026, Public Safety Committee meeting and attended the June 18, 2026 Traffic and Transportation Committee meeting. The FDNY communicated urgent operational concerns about the impact of certain NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) street redesign proposals on emergency response times and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS FDNY representatives stated that **response times are critical for both civilian and firefighter safety**, and that DOT's proposal to convert Sedgwick Avenue to one-way southbound would have a **direct negative impact** on FDNY's ability to respond to fires, medical emergencies, and Critical First Responder (CFR) calls; and

WHEREAS FDNY submitted written correspondence to Bronx Community Board 8 expressing concerns by Engine 43 and Ladder 59 and requesting the Board to assist with community outreach regarding DOT's Bailey and Sedgwick Avenue Bike Lane project; and

WHEREAS FDNY stated:

- DOT's plan would convert Sedgwick Avenue to one-way southbound from Fordham Road to W 183rd Street; and
- DOT proposes northbound detours via Cedar Avenue and W 183rd Street to Loring Place, or via University Avenue to Fordham Road; and
- E43/L59 apparatus cannot safely use Cedar Avenue or W 183rd Street to Loring Place due to narrow, winding streets and chronic double parking; the rigs do not fit; and
- Using University Avenue to Fordham Road **would add 2–3+ minutes to response times** to E43/L59 first and second due boxes; and
- Converting Sedgwick to one-way southbound will directly and immediately impact E43/L59 responses to first, second, and third due boxes and additional alarm boxes north of Fordham Road; and
- E43/L59 also respond second, third, and fourth due into Inwood; DOT's change would **severely delay** their arrival and leave E95/L36 operating alone for extended periods; and
- A substantial portion of affected responses cross multiple Community Boards and City Council districts, and FDNY has asked neighboring battalions and community leaders to be informed and to assist with community education; and
- DOT is advancing projects that include protected bike lanes with concrete barriers, and such installations can **restrict apparatus positioning, turning, and access to hydrants and building fronts**; and

WHEREAS there is **insufficient publicly available, citywide data** assessing the impact of concrete-barrier protected bike lanes on FDNY response times, apparatus access, and rescue operations; and

WHEREAS Bronx Community Board 8 supports safe active-transportation infrastructure but affirms that **public safety and unimpaired emergency access must be prioritized** in any street redesign.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that NYC DOT immediately abandon its proposal to convert the Sedgwick Avenue corridor identified in DOT's Bailey and Sedgwick Ave Bike Lane project to a one-way southbound street, pending a full operational review with FDNY and affected stakeholders.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that NYC DOT pause all citywide installation of new concrete-barrier protected bike lanes until

comprehensive, independently verifiable data is collected, released, and reviewed showing no adverse effect on FDNY response times, apparatus access, and rescue operations.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that FDNY, with consultation from local battalions, be designated a required reviewing agency for any DOT street redesign or protected bike lane project that could affect emergency vehicle access, turning movements, or apparatus positioning.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that DOT and FDNY jointly produce and publish a data-driven analysis that includes: measured response times before and after protected barrier installations; simulations of apparatus routing under proposed one-way conversions; hydrant and building access studies; and mitigation plans where impacts are identified.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 requests that DOT and FDNY convene a public meeting with affected Community Boards, elected officials, and local battalions to review the data, discuss operational constraints, and identify mutually acceptable design solutions prior to any construction.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall be transmitted to the NYC Mayor, Bronx Borough President, all Bronx Community Board 8 elected officials, Bronx Community Boards 5, 7, and 12, the commanding officers of affected FDNY battalions, and the City Council members representing the affected districts.

Statement of Rationale

FDNY has provided specific, operationally grounded concerns demonstrating that DOT's proposed one-way conversion of Sedgwick Avenue and the installation of concrete-barrier protected bike lanes would **materially delay emergency responses** for Engine 43 and Ladder 59 and for other units that rely on Sedgwick as a primary route. Delays of multiple minutes in first, second, and mutual-aid responses increase risk to life and property and extend periods during which neighboring units operate without expected support. Before DOT advances a design that alters traffic flow and apparatus routing, the City must produce transparent data and work with FDNY and community stakeholders to ensure emergency response capability is not compromised.

A discussion about the resolution was held.

In favor (25): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (6): C. Barnes-Watson, J. Gomez, R. Perez, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, D. Travis

Abstained (3): B. Bender, M. Lewis, C. Tobar Acosta

JOINT RESOLUTION PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE & TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE JUNE 24, 2026 PASSED.

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez:

Congratulations Chairperson Julie Reyes. I wanted to share this citation from the city council to thank you for your 27 years of service with 3 years of service as board chair.

My most important update is that the budget is going to be approved at any moment, so we are in the middle of securing funds in the budget for big priority items such as the expansion of the city program which is a housing program for families to connect with resources for housing assistance. The mayor said that he would drop the lawsuit against the city council to expand the tax program and he is going to fund it in the budget. Several committees from Community Board 8 have worked together to bring together the DOT and MTA in regard to the issues pertaining to the Broadway Corridor. My other priority is Bailey Playground which hasn't had a comprehensive renovation in nearly 30 years. Congratulations to the new fiscal year.

I) Public Safety – E. Green presented the below resolutions:

**RESOLUTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 19th, 2026
Regular Board
June 24th, 2026**

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

WHEREAS, on May 19th, 2026, Miria Liriano, Manager of Artizen NYC, located at 3700 Riverdale Avenue, appeared before the Public Safety Committee to apply 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 NYPD's 50th 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 (34): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

The SLA Renewal Artizen NYC, located at 3700 Riverdale Avenue PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

**RESOLUTIONS
PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE
May 19th, 2026
Regular Board
June 24th, 2026**

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

WHEREAS, on May 19th, 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 50th 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 (34): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

The SLA Renewal Yukka Latin Bistro Corp, located at 5686 Riverdale Avenue PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

– E. Green brought the below resolutions to the floor:

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
June 16th, 2026
Regular Board
June 24th, 2026

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on June 16th, 2026, Tobala, located at 3732 Riverdale Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

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

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

In favor (34): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

The SLA Renewal Tobala, located at 3732 Riverdale Avenue PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION
June 16th, 2026

**Regular Board
June 24th, 2026**

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on June 16th, 2026, A1&J1 Restaurant Inc (The Last Stop), located at 5977 Broadway, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

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

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

In favor (34): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

**The SLA Renewal A1&J1 Restaurant Inc (The Last Stop), located at 5977 Broadway
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

June 16th, 2026

Regular Board

June 24th, 2026

RENEWAL APPLICATION: Wine, Beer & Cider

WHEREAS, on June 16th, 2026, Chipotle Mexican Grill #4066, located at 190 West 231st Street, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

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

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

In favor (34): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

**The SLA Renewal Chipotle Mexican Grill #4066, located at 190 West 231st Street
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE RESOLUTION

June 16th, 2026

Regular Board

June 24th, 2026

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

WHEREAS, on June 16th, 2026, Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC, located at 3638 Bailey Avenue, applied to the Public Safety Committee to renew their liquor license.

WHEREAS Bronx Community Board 8 notified the applicant on multiple occasions that attendance at the Public Safety Committee was mandatory for all new liquor license applications.

WHEREAS the Board received two separate emails from the applicant stating representatives for the business were declining to appear before the committee.

WHEREAS the applicant did not sign a 2AM closing agreement and previously refused to sign one when they appeared before the committee in October 2025.

WHEREAS in November of 2025, Bronx Community Board 8 passed a resolution disapproving Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC's liquor license application and sent a notice of disapproval to the New York State Liquor Authority.

WHEREAS the Board's reasons for disapproval in 2025 were the following: Owner refused to sign 2am closing agreement; business seeking preferential treatment over all other businesses that previously signed 2am agreement in good faith; establishment location generates many complaints of excessive noise and drug activity resulting in arrests; Noir will operate as a night club with live music, security personnel and a food menu that meets the minimum legal requirement for food service; Noir representatives expressed indifference and disregard for community concerns.

Therefore, BE IT RESOLVED Bronx Community Board 8 disapproves this application.

In favor (33): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (1): J. Gomez

Abstained (0)

The disapproval for the SLA Renewal Noir Restaurant Lounge LLC, located at 3638 Bailey Avenue PASSED.

Public Safety Committee Raise the Age Resolution

May 19, 2026

Regular Board

June 24th, 2026

WHEREAS, representatives from the Bronx District Attorney's office attended the March 17th, 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.

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

The Raise the Age Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Thank you, ADA Ginger James, for coming out to speak on this legislation. I encourage Board members to sign up to be on the Public Safety committee. We want to hear as many diverse voices as we possibly can. Thank you, Julie, for all our work together for the 3 years you were chairperson.

m) Parks & Recreation – The last Parks & Recreation Committee meeting was June 23rd where the parks department came and they presented on the additional information on the VC Stadium, the necessity of taking it down, and their plans for what they will be doing with the 20-acre site. We will continue to press them to present the master plan to the community and to get more community input because it is such a big site and project the people should have a say in it. The Tibbets advisory met on June 16th to provide an update from Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) ON THE Tibbets Brook Daylight project which is the construction of a daylight stream and greenway along the Major Deegan from Van Cortlandt Park to West 230th with the water then continuing down all the way to the Harlem River. Once completed it will divert 2.1 billion gallons of water from the lake in Van Cortlandt Park from the sewer into the Harlem River directly allowing for additional

capacity in the sewer so it can handle rainwater a lot better so it can better handle large storm events. It will also divert 215 million gallons of sewage from the Harlem River which currently goes in during heavy rain because of combined sewer overflow. The procurement is almost complete on the project and construction will begin mobilizing at the end of August, should begin work in October or November, and is expected to be completed in 2029 and they do have a strict deadline they have to meet because of a federal mandate. As part of this project flood net sensors have been installed which measure high water. There is a current exhibition at the Van Cortlandt House Museum called Overlapping Empires created by Bronx based Jamaican born artist Samantha Box, where she did a total takeover of the house integrating still life photography and sound installations. It is open to the public for free all summer through August 30th. You can follow them on Instagram or check their website for upcoming events. A quick shout out to Bailey Playground \$20 million is not easy to come by. There is also a new Parks & Recreation resource guide available.

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

Law, Rules & Ethics
Resolution to Amend the Ethical Guidance Manual
May 12, 2026
Regular Board
June 24, 2026

Resolution: Whereas, on May 12, 2026, community board 8 voted to amend the Ethical Guidance Manual to include guidelines on the use by the board chairperson of the city authorized email address,

Resolved that the following item be included in the EGM. (as attached)

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Part V.

1. Board Chair's Use of City-issued E-Mail Address

a) The Board Chair shall use only an official New York City agency email address, provided by the Office of Technology & Innovation (OTI), or an equivalent New York City agency or authority, when acting on behalf of the Board, for all correspondence, communications, and actions taken in their official capacity as Chair of the Community Board.

b) This policy applies to, but is not limited to, communications with elected officials, city agencies, community partners, members of the public, and other Community Board members when conducted in an official capacity.

c) The email address used by the Board Chair shall be maintained and administered in a manner that ensures continuity of access upon any change in leadership,

d) The District Manager shall work with the Board Chair to ensure proper setup, access, and transition protocols are in place for the official email account.

e) The foregoing shall be communicated to all Board Chairs and shall be included in any onboarding materials provided to future Chairs.

(Revised 6/26)

In favor (37): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, D. Wayne, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

The Resolution: Ethical Guidance Manual Amendment Board Chairperson Email Address PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

Just a reminder to everyone when we are voting we are bound according to our By Laws to Robert's Rules. When it comes to voting, the city charter specifically says the opposite of what Robert's Rules says. City charter abstentions are counted but for Robert's Rules you don't have to ask for abstentions, only those who vote are counted. If anyone has any questions about this feel free to ask me. Term limits will be in effect this coming year and a few members will be off the board at some point next year. Thank you to Julie and Farrah for being our host this evening. I had a sit-down with Katherine at the Kingsbridge Bid to learn more about what they did last Friday.

o) Economic Development – The last meeting was held on June 2nd and we discussed the work we did this year and the work that can be done next year. I had a sit-down with Katherine at the Kingsbridge Bid to learn more about what they did last Friday. I also testified as a small business owner at the mayor's commission on government efficiency code hearing on June 10th at Fordham University. I also have a meeting with Delis Awusi the mayor's Mom and Pop Czar, this Friday to learn how they can support small businesses. The agreement to open the Fine Fare at Knolls Crescent has been signed and they are working on getting a pharmacy which is still to be determined.

p) Land Use

A working group has been discussing the issue with the proposed idea to develop multi micro units in this area The first study that came from the group found that the number of 311 complaints sharply escalated in and around the area of micro units from what they had reported before there were micro units. Ed Green will be giving us some of the police data

over the next few weeks and we will pull all the data together to send over to the people who have been sponsoring the building of micro units in the city of New York. Statistics prove that these buildings have many negative effects on communities and the area's infrastructure. Also discussed the problems that will arise from having micro units because the infrastructure cannot handle the stress it will bring. Also, in Van Cortlandt Village there has been a major effort for some time by the people within the community to make a building called the Denishawn House a historical landmark because it was a center point for modern dance in the area. They were denied by Landmarks Preservation because part of the building had been demolished, however that was not the same case for 3 Manhattan buildings which also had been partly demolished. There are two points to be made that first the building is a symbol to the area and the community because Shawn was a leader in that community for the LGBTQ and dance community and second it was the birthplace for modern dance in the Bronx.

– C. Moerdler presented the below resolutions:

**Land Use Committee
Resolution Landmark Denishawn House
June 24, 2026**

WHEREAS, the Van Cortland Village (VCC) Working Group of the Land Use Committee of Bronx Community Board 8 has recommended to the Land Use Committee and that Committee has in turn unanimously recommended to the full Community Board that the Denishawn House, located at 67 Stevenson Place, Bronx, NY, be designated a Landmark; and

WHEREAS, the Denishawn House is a Mediterranean-Revival style residence and studio built by contractor/builder Ninian Jamieson in 1927. The building has an asymmetrical design and features stucco walls, arched windows and doorways, a tower, and originally had a double-height studio wing. The Denishawn School of Dancing and Related Arts, founded by Ruth St. Denis and Ted Shawn, was housed in the building from 1927 to 1934, where it functioned as an influential school for modern dance, as attested to by numerous experts and leading figures in the field of modern dance (see, Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, as noted by the distinguished preservationist and scholar Andrew Scott Dolkart, the “importance of the building was recorded as early as 1928 in a feature article in *The Dance Magazine*” not just as another exemplar of important “Bricks and Mortar” but as a symbolic touchstone both of dance as an innovative and vital form of expression and as a tribute to those of the LGBTQ+ community who have played and are playing a vital role in advancing dance in its various forms as a critical art and cultural form (see Attachment A); and

WHEREAS, a small portion of the structure has been removed but without that aspect impacting in any measurable way upon the Landmark nature of the structure that remains and the historic nature of the facility as a whole as the creative womb of modern dance, especially its contextual relation to the arts; and

WHEREAS, the Borough of the Bronx has long rightfully prided itself as a creative cradle for the arts and dance in all of their disparate forms, ranging from modern dance to Hip Hop and the Denishawn House aptly captures and symbolizes that historic predicate, one which includes Shawn's legacy as a pioneering LGBTQ+ dancer and choreographer;

WHEREAS, the Landmarks Preservation Commission has thus far failed to heed the plea of preservations and others based primarily on the fact that a small portion of the structure has been removed, though without in any measurable way negating the Landmark and cultural significance of the structure or its symbolic and historical importance as the creative womb of modern dance, especially its contextual relation to the arts, as attested to by many of today's most prominent exponents and teachers of dance (see attachment A);

WHEREAS, as illustrated in the accompanying Dolkart report the fact that non-impactful minor change has regretfully occurred in the "Bricks and Mortar" that should in this instance have little if any negative impact on the decision to accord Landmarks designation any more than was the case of the following illustrative instances involving designated Manhattan buildings: the cast iron-iron former Lord & Taylor building and store on Broadway and East 20th street where only the corner portion of a much larger building survived; or the Rhinelander Row Houses on East 89th Street where the six surviving row houses of a group of ten have been designated; the Squadron A Armory on Madison Avenue where only the front wall of a massive full-block structure survives demolition; or 647 Fifth Avenue (the George Vanderbilt House) which is the surviving half of a pair of townhouses designed in 1902, (see, Attachment A);

WHEREAS, it also merits note that as in the case of the surviving examples of Manhattan's Cast-Iron District buildings, and of Carnegie Hall the New York City Buildings Commissioner of that time stated that preservation of those structures was vital to the City's soul, history and indeed the adjacent communities, their cultural, physical and economic survival, so too is that the case here ; for, Van Courtland Village views as its symbolic heart the survival of the Denishawn Houses as against momentary and fleeting economic benefit to a few;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, COMMUNITY BOARD 8 Bronx County agrees that the public interest, as well as the cultural and social concerns noted above, would best be served by the designation of the Denishawn Houses as a Landmark and strongly urges that the Landmarks Preservation Commission reconsider and grant designation.

A discussion was held on the resolution.

In favor (37): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, D. Wayne, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Landmark Denishawn House Resolution PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

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

Re: [5204 Arlington Avenue](#) SNAD Non -ULURP
Talnor Synagogue

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 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.

In favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, D. Wayne, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (1): S. Froot

Abstained (0)

5204 Arlington Avenue SNAD Non -ULURP Application PASSED.

– J. Reyes presented the below resolutions:

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
RESOLUTION LAND USE
JUNE 24, 2026**

Motion to renew the standard resolution of Bronx Community Board 8 empowering the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board during the summer recess of the Board:

Resolved, Bronx Community Board No. 8 authorizes the Land Use Committee to act on behalf of the full Board during the summer recess.

In favor (37): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, D. Wayne, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Resolution on the Land Use PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.

q) Housing The Housing Committee had its last meeting June 22nd where we had a discussion with Todd Baker the community development project manager for Our Bronx formerly known as Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition. He spoke on the organization's 50 plus years of community organizing housing, health, economic development, and youth involvement. The main focus of the meeting was on housing and land trust, and he addressed the idea of a community land trust which is a community led organization that owns land and preserves permanent affordability while allowing residents to have a direct say in governance. Please see the meeting minutes for more details and check out the links. June 25th there will be a home repair resource event hosted

at our Bronx office located at 103 East 196th Street from 2 to 7 and for people who have single to four family homes. June 27th there is a community meeting at 11am.

Report on the Mentoring Program: E. Hausman

For next year we want the kickoff between all the mentors and mentees to be altogether. We are also looking for mentors who serve on a variety of committees so we can get the wisdom from many people and mentors who have been on the board for many years and have a lot of experience. We also wanted to start the mentorship as soon as new members join the board so that as much learning can get done within the term. Thank you, Julie, for taking the leap on this program when I brought up the idea.

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

Please send any pictures that you take when you are out at events or meetings to the office so we can post them on our socials. Shout out to all on board who went to the Bronx Economic Development Summit.

Report on Nominating Committee: C. Acosta

A special thanks to Bob Bender, Ed Green, Carol Blake, and Jessica Sosa for all the work they put in for the nominating committee. There were a good number of interviews and a lot of discussions regarding them. We have had a total of 5 meetings, and everybody has been distributed the minutes from those meetings and the final report of our slate.

Election of Officers and Committee Chairs

Nominations from the floor for officer positions – Bob Bender, Jessica Sosa, and Caesar Tobar Acosta were nominated from the floor for the Vice Chair position.

A paper ballot will be had for the voting of Chairperson and Vice Chair because there are multiple candidates for each position.

Board members were given the opportunity to speak on behalf of any of the candidates up for the open-office positions.

C. Barnes-Watson spoke in favor of Margaret Della for the position of Chairperson.

S. Froot brought up the point of Sergio Villaverde being term limited out in the upcoming year.

J. Reyes spoke in favor of Margaret Della for the position of Chairperson.

Both candidates Margaret Della and Sergio Villaverde were given the opportunity to speak on why they should be chosen for Chairperson.

S. Villaverde requested that J. Reyes hand over the chair to a neutral party.

C. Moerdler called for a point of order.

C. Moerdler spoke in favor of Jessica Sosa for Vice Chair.

K. Walker spoke in favor of Caesar Tobar Acosta for Vice Chair.

S. Froot spoke in favor of Bob Bender for Vice Chair.

L. Spalter spoke in favor of Bob Bender for Vice Chair

Bob Bender, Jessica Sosa, and Caesar Tobar Acosta all spoke on their candidacy for Vice Chair.

Slate Vote for Officer and Committee Chairs:

The Nominating Committee hereby recommends the following slate of candidates for consideration by board members:

Officers

- *Chairperson: Margaret Della, Sergio Villaverde
- Vice Chairperson: Bob Bender, Jessica Sosa, Caesar Tobar Acosta
- Secretary: Brittany Reynoso
- Treasurer: Debora Allen

Committee Chairs

- Aging: Barbara Kail
- Budget: Jessica Sosa
- Economic Development: Dr. Constance Barnes-Watson
- Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs: Sylvia Alexander
- Environment & Sanitation: Daniel Rowen
- Health, Hospitals & Social Services: Dr. Wayne DeBeatham
- Housing: Rhashida Hilliard

- Land Use: Charles Moerdler
- Law, Rules and Ethics: Martin S. Wolpoff
- Parks & Recreation: Debra Travis
- Public Safety: Edward Green
- Traffic & Transportation: Vacant
- Youth: Caesar Tobar Acosta

*Chair and Vice chair votes on separate vote slate

In Favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, W. Debeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

Vote on Slate of Officer and Committee Chairs PASSED UNANIMOUSLY

Slate for Chairperson: Margaret Della & Sergio Villaverde:

Votes for Margaret Della (19): S. Alexander, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, S. Chittilappilly, M. Della, A. Eboh, S. Froot, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, D. Nunez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, K. Walker

Votes for Sergio Villaverde (17): D. Allen, J. Campbell Priveterre, W. DeBeatham, Y. DeLeon, N. Fazio, E. Green, E. Hausman, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, A. Ortega, R. Perez, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Vote passed for Margaret Della as Chairperson.

Slate for Vice Chair from the floor: Bob Bender, Jessica Sosa & Caesar Tobar Acosta

Votes for Bob Bender (24): S. Alexander, C. Barnes Watson, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, W. DeBeatham, M. Della, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, S. Matthews, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, M. Wolpoff

Votes for Jessica Sosa (5): D. Allen, E. Hausman, C. Moerdler, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen

Votes for Caesar Tobar Acosta (6): C. Blake, A. Eboh, B. Kail, M. Lewis, C. Tobar Acosta, K. Walker

Vote for Other (1): Y. DeLeon (voted for Margaret Della)

Vote passed for Bob Bender as Vice Chair.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:59 PM

The Board exited Executive Session at 10:02 PM

Misc.

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
MERIT/RETENTION INCREASE: COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE JAYLYN ADORNO
JUNE 24, 2026**

WHEREAS, Ms. Jaylyn Adorno was approved by Bronx Community Board 8 on December 9, 2025, to be employed as the Community Associate, and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adorno's workload has increased significantly due to the unexpected shortage of manpower in the Board office due to staff departure of the Community Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, the District Manager has conducted a recent evaluation on Ms. Adorno with exceptional review; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Adorno throughout her employment, and previous internship at the Board, has satisfactorily performed her assigned duties and exceeded expectations on many occasions; and

WHEREAS, on May 6, 2026, upon discussion with the District Manager, the Chairperson of the Board recommended to the Executive Board that Ms. Adorno receive a merit/retention raise of \$6,000; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation presented to the Executive Board was met with agreement; and

WHEREAS, the New York City Mayor's Office of Management & Budget (OMB) was contacted to review and approve the Board's merit increase request to advise if the increase is within the Board's budget; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) confirmed June 9, 2026, that Bronx Community Board 8 (Board) has the Personal Service (PS) funds to process a merit increase of \$6,000 retroactive to June 1 for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the merit increase would bring Ms. Adorno’s annual salary to \$58,000; and

WHEREAS, on June 24, 2026, the Bronx Borough President’s Human Resource office verified Ms. Adorno’s salary and upcoming union increases; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 adopted a resolution on February 9, 2010, that requires any decision concerning internal operating budgets be made by the Chairperson in consultation with the officers and brought to the Community Board for “ratification, amendment or rejection.”

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Bronx Community Board 8 approves the merit increase of Ms. Adorno as Community Associate to bring her annual salary to \$58,000 retroactive as of June 1, 2026.

In Favor (36): S. Alexander, D. Allen, C. Barnes-Watson, B. Bender, C. Blake, J. Campbell Priveterre, S. Chittilappilly, W. Debeatham, Y. DeLeon, M. Della, A. Eboh, N. Fazio, S. Froot, E. Green, E. Hausman, D. Harris, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, C. Moerdler, D. Nunez, A. Ortega, R. Perez, J. Reyes, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, J. Townes, D. Travis, S. Villaverde, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff

Opposed (0)

Abstained (0)

**MERIT/RETENTION INCREASE: COMMUNITY ASSOCIATE JAYLYN ADORNO
PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

NYC Council Member’s (CM) Report

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz:
None

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez
Spoke earlier in the meeting

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

Report from the Mayor’s Office

None

Elected Officials Report

Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark:
None

NYS Senator Robert Jackson:
None

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera:
None

NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz - Nayise Gonzalez:
Notary service provided in the office and the office will hold regular hours throughout the summer.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Announcements

Our next Board meeting will be held on September 8, 2026.

Adjournment

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:15 pm.

Submitted by: Jaylyn Adorno, Community Associate, Bronx Community Board 8
Reviewed By: Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager, Bronx Community Board 8