

Bronx Community Board 8
Minutes of the Full Board Meeting
September 8, 2026, 7:00 PM
IN-Tech Academy – Library
2975 Tibbett Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463

Meeting Recording

Committee Members Present (35 present for quorum)

Sylvia Alexander, Debby Allen, Aubrey Balcom, Dr. Constance Barnes, Bob Bender, Joy Campbell Priveterre, Kieleen Ceden, Lee Chong (Z-ADA), Merritt Claude, Dr. Wayne DeBeatham, Margaret Della, Nicholas Fazio, Arlene Feldmeier, Steven Froot, Dr. Julia Gomez, Edward Green, Emily Hausman, Rhashida Hilliard, Barbara Kail, Kevin Klobocishta, Laura Levine-Pinedo, Nicole Lewis, Steve Matthews, Ashley Medina, Brittany Reynoso, Daniel Rowen, Georgia Santiago(Z- ADA), Zainabu Sesay-Harrell, Jessica Sosa, Laura Spalter, Caesar Tobar Acosta, Debra Travis, Karen Walker, Martin Wolpoff, John Timothy Yanong

Committee Members Absent (14)

Carol Blake, Sebastian Chittilappilly, Carlin De La Rosa(Z), Yngrid DeLeon, Althea Eboh(Z), Miriam Filer, Debra Harris, Charles Moerdler (Z), Daniel Nunez, Angel Ortega, Richard Perez, Julie Reyes (Z), Jyll D. Townes, Sergio Villaverde

* (Z)- ON ZOOM

Staff

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

Guests

Bronx Borough President (BP) Vanessa L. Gibson & Alexis Ruiz, NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz, NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz, Representatives from: NYPD 50th Precinct – Lieutenant Brian Wolvers & Detective Rasha Jamsheer, NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Sanchez -Soraya Bonilla, NYC Mayor Zohran K. Mamdani – Maxwell Dickerson, Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark – Jeffrey Peña, US Congress Member Ritchie Torres – Joseph McManus, NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera – Flavia Salazar, NYS Senator Robert Jackson – Dario Quinsac

Public Gallery Session Speaker –Robin Schwartz & Glenn Perez;

Public Attendees – A. Purves, M. Weguelin, C. Getz, A. Lewis, M. Gilhooley, M. Guillen, M. Forrey, S. Brown, A. Archer, A. Kaufman, A. Leffler, C. Monday, O. Principe, A. Klein, D. Green

Chairperson M. Della convened the Regular Board meeting at 7:06 pm.

Introduction of board officers and staff.

Thanks to IN-Tech Academy for accommodating and hosting the meeting.

Board members approved for ADA excusal for the 2026-2027 term are S. Alexander, L. Chong, B. Kail, G. Santiago and M. Wolpoff. Cameras must be turned on in 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.

Board members and staff gave short introductions of themselves.

Public Gallery Session

Robin Schwartz– Representing residents of Riverdale Park apartments called for restoration of parking on Arlington Ave from West 252nd to West 254th Street. No Standing signs were placed in this location on August 6th. A petition has been started for this request and has received over 230 signatures. The elimination of this parking adds further hardships for all residents, especially seniors that have mobility and medical issues. Restoration of these parking spots would improve quality of life for the residents, teachers, and visitors. Request for a written recommendation to remove the signage.

Glenn Perez - There are many senior citizens that have mobility issues, have chemotherapy treatment, other medical issues in which the removal of parking from this area increases the hardships they are having in already difficult times.

Report from the NYPD 50th Precinct

Report from the 50th Precinct was given by Lieutenant Brian Wolvers. For the previous 28-day period, ending on September 7th, up 50% in robberies, 15 vs. 10. Up 56% in felony assaults, 25 vs. 16. Down 16% in burglaries, 10 vs. 12. Down 12% in grand larcenies, 44 vs. 50. Up 38% in grand larceny auto (GLA), 21 vs. 34. Overall crime reduction of 4.8% for the 28-day period compared to last year.

For the robberies we are up 12% in arrest 9 vs. 8 and for felony assaults up 58.3% 19vs 12 in arrest.

Report from Bronx Borough President's (BP) Office

Congratulations to the newest members who have joined Bronx Community Board 8. Thank you, District Manager Farrah and welcome to your new partner Margaret Della the new Board Chair. I also want to welcome and thank Assemblyman Dinowitz, Councilman Eric Dinowitz for being here and to all the elected officials and staff that represent Bronx Community Board 8. Another thanks to all of you who hosted events throughout the summer whether it was for Bronx Week like KRVC's Salsa in the Streets or other back to school, family days, health fairs and job fairs.

We announce the complete renovation of the pavilion at Orchard Beach, and this was an 114-million-dollar project, and we are very grateful that the project is complete. As a

result, we brought back our summer concert series to Orchard Beach, having 9 concerts every Sunday throughout the summer. This is very big in getting locals and tourists to enjoy the greenest borough in the city.

Our New York City public school students are returning to school on Thursday so we have been giving out all the bookbags and schools supplies that we can and we still have more to come. I also got a chance to speak to over 200 new teachers that we have here in school district 10. To ensure that we do not continue to have a teacher shortage like in the past we want to enforce recruitment, retention and pathways for paraprofessionals to become teachers.

September is National Preparedness Month so we are doing a lot of work with New York City Emergency Management and the American Red Cross to prepare New Yorkers in the Hurricane season in what to do in the event of an evacuation.

This is my fifth year of doing the capital budget and we were able to secure 85 billion dollars in education alone. The entire capital budget is available on our website. Lehman College's Lovinger theater is getting a complete renovation with a 1.15-billion-dollar budget. I was also able to get funding to other colleges like Bronx Community College, Hostos, Fordham. We also secured \$600,000 for North Central Bronx Hospital for a new machine in the ophthalmology department and \$2 million dollars to Lincoln hospital for a new Cath lab. I want to give a shout out to Bailey playground, I know work needs to be done there.

Our 25th recognition event for 9/11 will be held on Monday September 14th and we are honoring all the Bronxites that we lost on 9/11 and have added names for those who lost their lives due to the aftermath of 9/11. We have a job fair coming up and Tour de Bronx happening on Sunday, October 4th, 2026. We want to become a healthier borough through being part of the not 62 campaign we are working with the health department to open the first Bronx Asthma center, reopen Bronx birthing center, and continue working in the overdose and opioid crisis.

We send emails out every Tuesday and our website is available in multiple languages. I am also doing a lot of work with veterans such as work with the VA hospital. We have a veteran's resource center at Borough Hall on Tuesdays, monthly disability council meetings with disability advocates to talk about accessibility.

This month will be dedicated to education, we are opening a new D75 school, and I will be traveling to high schools around the Bronx with the chancellor at one of our newest high schools, the Bronx High School for Hip-Hop which focuses on Hip-Hop pedagogy.

Roll Call

B. Reynoso announced the roll call. A quorum being present, the meeting was called to order.

Approval of Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026

In Favor: (35) S. Alexander, D. Allen, A. Balcom, C. Barnes, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, K. Cedeno, L. Chong, M. Claude, W. DeBeatham, M. Della, N. Fazio, A. Feldmeier, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, K. Klobocishta, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, A. Medina, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, Z. Sesay-Harrell, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff, J. Timothy Yanong

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Board Meeting Minutes of June 24, 2026 were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

NYC Council Member's (CM) Report

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz:

We have provided funding for a bathroom in Van Cortlandt Park which is near completion. We also secured funding for the libraries in the district for security updates that they requested. Around Community Board 8 we are seeing the results of investments such as the schools in our district receiving more funding. More information on this can be found online as it is public information. The Department of Education came out with a policy on AI partially as a response to the hearing the City Council Education Committee had on AI. There will be a hearing next week on screen time. You will see some ballot proposals on your November ballot if you think the Department of Transportation and the city should have more authority over bus lanes without community input then it's a yes for you and if you think community boards should still have required input then you will vote no on one of these proposal. The public will receive more information on this from my office. There will be a backpack distribution at In-Tech Academy on Friday, September 18th and at RKA on Thursday, September 24th, 2026. It has been 25 years since 9/11 occurred and they say around 100 million people in America were either not alive or don't remember 9/11. There are a few things that we are doing to commemorate this. With the City Council we allocated a million dollars to the 9/11 Museum and Memorial to provide trips to eight grades and to have resources in their classrooms to be educated on this tragic event. This Thursday we will vote on a commemorative street co-naming where there will be a permanent sign honoring that location. You can go to ericdinowitz.com/newsletter to see any legislative update and more.

M. Wolpoff asked if the council member is aware that the community board is not allowed to make comments on proposals on the ballot concerning affordable housing.

The point of the community boards are to be advisory and I will make my opinion clear by having zoom webinars on these ballot proposals and you as individuals can make your opinions known on the campaign finance website on their online voter guide.

M. Claude spoke on council Bill 1008 which is about maintaining the health insurance they were promised when they first started working and urged Council Member Dinowitz to support the bill.

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez:
None.

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

Discussion of Executive Committee Meeting Minutes of September 2, 2026

None.

Chairperson's Report

Welcome to the public, elected officials, new and existing members of the board to the first Full Board meeting of Fiscal year 2027. Thank you to the Immediate Past Chair Julie Reyes, Law, Rules & Ethics Chair Mart Wolpoff, Vice Chair Bob Bender, Steve Matthews, Economic Development Chair Dr. Constance Barnes, Farrah and Jaylyn for your support over the summer. Another thanks to all the board members that volunteered over the summer, who worked on issues to advance your committee work, shared your wisdom and guidance in onboarding new members during the new member orientation held on August 26th.

We submitted our letter of priorities to the Bronx Borough President in order for her to complete her four-year policy statement. We also submitted two applications for community planning fellows with the public administration students. The focus was on social media and finding ways to expand our outreach in the format that the community prefers to receive information. The second was the focus on land use with a focus on empty store fronts and vacancies.

The focus for Bronx Community Board 8 is to increase our visibility within the community. We will be having community clean ups, two of which are upcoming, one on September 26th in the Marble Hill area and October 3rd in the Kingsbridge Heights area. Dr. Barnes is organizing a business tour which is tentatively scheduled for October 9th. We want to ensure we hear about what is going on in the community along with informing the members of the community what the community board does.

We are seeking a chair for our Traffic and Transportation Committee as we saw that here are pressing issues before that committee from the community members that spoke earlier this evening. We nominated 3 members Laura Spalter, Deborah Harris, and Bob Bender for the Westhab Community Advisory Board which is the transitional housing at 6661 Broadway. We are looking for new community members who want to be part of the working groups for social media in order to spread the word about all the conversations that are had in the standing committee meetings.

During the Full Board meetings, we are going to focus on key priorities, the implications on the community action items, deadlines that are coming up and what specific action items standing committees have taken. That can include resolutions that are sent to city or

elected officials, letters to city agencies, a petition, etc. We want to be super clear on what the community board is doing to support the quality of life in the district.

For new members we want to get you involved in whatever capacity you are capable of, your standing committees will need your help, we also have the social media group that will also need help. We also have 3 special committees on Hudson River Greenway, Racial Equity, and Veteran's Services that can all use your talent and help.

Lastly, we will be celebrating our community board members who end their term in March 2027. We want to make sure they are celebrated and that we capture their wisdom and experience that they put into the board for the past 8 or more years.

Treasurer's Report & Resolutions

The total budget is \$282,534 and it is broken down by Personal Services (PS) and Other than Personal Services (OTPS). The total OTPS budget is \$36,267 and there is \$36,267 left in the OTPS budget. A breakdown of the various object codes in the OTPS budget was announced in Table 1.1. \$0 in requested funds and \$0 in encumbered funds. \$57,001 remains in the Rent and Energy Detail.

District Manager's (DM) Report

Welcome and congratulations to our 9 new members. We held a great orientation for our new members and new chairs at the Bronx Ale House. We also had our swearing in ceremony with our Bronx Borough President.

Thank you to M. Wolpoff for guidance on the calendar.

We had many issues with computers and phones this summer and have been working to fix and upgrade. We will be spending part of our budget upgrading our phone system to Verizon next week. On a more positive note, we also had the office repainted.

CB8 tabled at many events this summer –National Night Out and Marble Hill NYCHA Family Day. Upcoming events Back-to-school September 18 at IN TECH, Food Distribution with Theory 9 on Friday September 25.

Clean Up events Friday Sept. 11th 11-2 clean up with Angel Ortega Henry Hudson Service Road 246 to 252, Saturday September 26 at Marble Hill, Saturday October 3 at VCV by Sedgwick and Ft. Independence. If you would like to volunteer, please reach out to the office.

We will continue to do more events throughout the year like the Boo on Mosholu on October 24th and hope to do our Thanksgiving Turkey Giveaway in November. This is our own event that the community board has done for the past 3 years. We need many board members to volunteer, especially anyone with cars to help with transport.

We distributed 150 tickets to organizations and residents in our district for NYBG Flower Power Events.

Laura Spalter and I did a site visit on 8/24 at the New Men's Shelter opening up this week or next week on Broadway and a memo was sent out regarding this meeting.

Vice Chair Bob Bender and I attended the BP Orientation and Swearing in for our 9 new Board members and the Manhattan University Way Street Co-Naming event with Bob Bender who spoke on the board's behalf on September 3rd.

We did several trainings throughout the year and over the summer.

We worked on many constituent services cases over the summer.

We appreciate the partnership and communication we have with our elected official offices and City agencies that work with us on these issues.

We are working on our Summer into fall newsletter.

Summer Office Hours ended this week, we resume our 9-5pm Regular Office hours.

Election of Traffic & Transportation Chair

No nominations and elections will be postponed until October Full Board Meeting.

Mentorship Program

The mentorship program is for board members under 3 years on the board to get guidance from more senior board members. On Friday September 11th, the mentor / mentee pairs will be sent out via email. The deadline for signing up is Friday at 4:32 AM. Urges term limited board members to join as mentor.

Social Media Working Group

The Social Media Working Group is actually focused more on community engagement. The purpose is to focus more on how to reach our community in different languages as we represent a large community. We are looking for an intern to help us go door to door. If anyone would like to join us, please let us know.

Committee Reports & Resolutions

a) Special Committee on Veterans' Services (SCVS) – No report.

b) Special Committee on Racial Equity (SCRE) – No report.

c) Special Committee on Hudson River Greenway – We are anticipating a meeting this fall with Metro North so that they can inform the board on what their resiliency project along the Hudson is going to be. If they determine that the river is rising rapidly and that they need to take quick action to protect the tracts this will have an effect on the Greenway whether it is positive or negative. With the help of Councilman Dinowitz, we are working on getting a city agency to sponsor the Greenway.

d) Youth – Next meeting is on Thursday, September 24th at 6:30 PM located at the board office where we will discuss the plan for the upcoming year, youth awards, the Summer Youth Employment program, and civic engagement.

e) Traffic & Transportation – D. Allen will be acting chair for the upcoming meeting on Thursday, September 17th.

f) Public Safety – Next meeting is on Tuesday, September 15th this is in-person only and held at the 50th Precinct. We may have a guest speaker from the Bronx District Attorney's Office. We also will have a lot to report on regarding the NYPD report on everything that occurred over the summer. We have a few State Liquor License (SLA) renewal and new applications. We will also have a discussion on domestic violence Prevention, Survivor Support, Coordination with city services, and community education. We will also have an overview of unresolved public safety issues to plan obtainable goals to work on as a committee. The Tibbets Brook daylighting project will begin staging soon.

g) Parks & Recreation – The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 23rd. We have a new parks resource guide that all are encouraged to check out. The Ewen Park stair work has begun so those are begin blocked off and will probably remain so for the next 16 months to 2 years as the complete reconstruction as we are anticipating construction along the Deegan in November.

h) Law, Rules & Ethics – There are 5 questions that will be on the November Ballot that will make changes to the city charter. Every year it seems to be a battle between whoever the mayor is and whoever is on city council to reduce the power of city council and increase the power of the mayor. Cutting the power of the city council will result in cutting the power of the borough president and cutting the power of the community boards. The board department sent a letter to the community stating that city charter prevents us from making any resolution on any items that are on the ballot. Our role as a community board is to speak on behalf of the community and this makes it that we are not allowed to speak. An example is last year, the 3 resolutions for changing the city charter on affordable housing. The board is all in favor of more housing and affordable housing for all, however this charter just gave more power to developers to pick and choose where they want to go. In Van Cortlandt Village you can see how private housing is being torn down, trees are being knocked down, and many apartment builds are being built. Since the voter of New York voted yes on this charter mis represented by the title of affordable housing. This will be discussed on at both the Thursday Land use Committee Meeting and on the upcoming Law, Rules & Ethics Committee meeting on Monday September 14th.

i) Land Use – The Next Land Use Committee meeting will be held on Thursday September 10th where we will discuss a series of Special Natural Area District (SNAD) and Landmarks Preservation issues along with the issue of the city charter. I will ask the Land Use Committee for authorization to start a series of conversations with corporation counsel. The issues that have been occurring in Van Cortlandt Village is a prime example of our opposition to aspect of City of Yes and the preceding charter revisions.

j) Housing Committee –Welcome back J. Sosa who will be serving as the Vice Chair of the committee during this term. Our first meeting will be held on Monday, September 28th which usually focuses on a review of the previous year and planning the calendar for the upcoming year. The mayor has an initiative called Block-By-Block. The plan is to set 22 billion dollars aside over the next 5 years for affordable housing and to preserve 200,000 homes and create 200,000 thousand more homes. We would like to focus on that in our meeting looking at co-ops, NYCHA, single family homes, and market rate apartment buildings.

k) Health, Hospitals & Social Services – The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 9th at 7:00 PM where we will be discussing the goals and visions for the rest of the term including one of the big issues which is the affordable care act.

l) Environment & Sanitation – The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 16th. We will be discussing litter and flooding issues in the district. We also will mention the 2 upcoming cleaning events.

m) Education Libraries & Cultural Affairs – There will be no meeting in September. The test scores for NYC have been plummeting. The chancellor will be taking questions from residents of NYC ON September 10th at 5 PM. The mayors' 2-k program will go into effect tomorrow and there are no funds for staff. A new deputy chancellor was appointed by the mayor today. We will follow up with the School Construction Authority to information about the 2 new schools being built in our district.

n) Economic Development – The committee met on Tuesday, September 1st. We talked about continuing to support our businesses focusing on the Kingsbridge and Marble hill area. We have an upcoming meeting with Marble Hill Merchants and hopefully several city agencies to address businesses closing because of the ongoing MTA business construction. Our next meeting will be on October 5th with the location to be determined.

o) Budget – Public Hearing was held prior to this meeting on the FY28 Budget Priorities. We received our FY27 Budget Allocations, thank you to the Borough President for that.

J. Sosa motioned to vote on the FY28 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities:

Approval of the FY28 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities

In Favor: (33) S. Alexander, D. Allen, A. Balcom, C. Barnes, B. Bender, J. Campbell Priveterre, K. Cedeno, M. Claude, M. Della, N. Fazio, A. Feldmeier, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, K. Klobocishta, L. Levine-Pinedo, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, A. Medina, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, Z. Sesay-Harrell, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff, J. Timothy Yanong

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The FY28 Capital and Expense Budget Priorities were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

p) Aging – The next meeting is on Thursday, September 10th at 4:00 PM. We have an initial draft of the updated Older Adults Resources Guide and plan to discuss distribution in October.

Report from the Mayor's Office

Maxwell Dickenson Bronx Borough Lead at the Mayor's Office of Mass Engagement. Our main campaign is our Talk to Tenant Campaign where we are speaking to tenants in high Violation buildings and are currently working on expanding to the Bronx. We inform tenants of the violations of the building and the status, if any, of a tenant union in their building. Also providing them with resources to help the form a tenant union in their building. That is a part of a series called NYC 101s which are a crash course on how to form a tenant union. If you are interested in canvassing with us or attending one of these 101s you can go to organize.nyc.gov. The mayor also announced the Office of Workplace Power which is a first administration designed to assisted workers to stay informed, connected, and organized and you can go to the mayor's workplace website to get more information. Back to school is happening and AI moratorium is in effect.

E. Hausman asked what is the status of getting the contract for the 2-k program paid since it affects pre-k and 3-k, local business owners and constituents?

M. Dickenson stated he would look into this so that he could provide an answer to this question.

M. Claude urged to ensure proper regulation in not only city owned but also family-owned daycare programs so that a tragic drug related accident that happened in the past in the family daycare on the concourse will not happen again.

J. Sosa asked how are we organizing not only tenants but developers as well? What is the mayor's office doing to ensure the community continues to have a voice with new development in our community? What is the plan with free buses and can we expect something

M. Dickerson stated the head of the MTA, Janno Lieber, has been against a free bus program. We are negotiating on this, however, since it is a state program, they can only do so much. He will also look into getting answers to the other questions.

Bronx Borough President Representative

Alexis Ruiz reported the community board appreciation barbecue is set for Monday October 5th.

Elected Officials Representative Report

NYC Council Member (CM) Eric Dinowitz:
None.

NYC Council Member (CM) Pierina Ana Sanchez:

Soraya Bonilla reported CM Sanchez led negotiations with the mayor's office and on June 30th landed on an agreement to expand city PHEPS. There was also the passing of the certification of the no harassment program which will strengthen protections for immigrant New Yorkers and monitor problematic owners. 16 million in funding with collaboration with the Borough Presidents Office, the Bronx delegation and the council speaker Julie Menin for the West Bronx. 13 million to upgrade our k- 12 schools and local colleges, 1 million to improve street cleanliness. 532,000 for housing support, older adult services, physical and mental health programming for everyone.

NYC Council Member (CM) Carmen De La Rosa:

None.

Bronx District Attorney (DA) Darcel Clark's Office: J. Pena

Having the 9th Annual 5K Walk/Run/Roll to End Domestic Violence on Saturday, October 24th. From 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. We will begin and end on East 161st Street between the Grand Concourse and Walton Avenue.

NYS Senator Gustavo Rivera: Flavia Salazar

We hosted a senior health fair and luncheon where we had over 200 attendees. We also distributed 2,000 backpacks and school supplies. Our office will resume our free immigration and housing assistance clinics. We have the housing one taking place next Tuesday, September 15th, from 10am to 4 p.m. by appointment only. Please call us to make an appointment. The office is located at 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458 and can be reached at 718-933-2034 or grivera@nysenate.gov.

NYS Senator Robert Jackson: Dario Quinsac

Our office is available in person Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 9 to 5 at our Manhattan office, 5030 Broadway, Suite 701 and we also have a Bronx office located at Bronx Community College available Wednesdays and Thursdays and we're available Monday through Friday 9 to 5:00 via phone: 212-544-0173 and I can be reached via email at quinsac@nysenate.gov and we did provide back to school supplies to events and to the community.

NYS Assembly Member (AM) Jeffrey Dinowitz:

None.

US Congress Member Ritchie Torres' Office: J. McManus

None.

Public Advocate Jumaane Williams' Office:

None.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

A MOTION was made by M. Della and SECONDED by B. Bender to go into Executive Session.

In Favor (33): S. Alexander, D. Allen, A. Balcom, C. Barnes, B. Bender, J. Cambell Priveterre, K. Ceden, M. Claude, W. DeBeatham, M. Della, N. Fazio. A. Feldmeier, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, K. Klobocishta, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, A. Medina, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, Z. Sesay-Harrell, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff, J. Yanong

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

The motion passed unanimously.

M. Della presented the below resolution:

**Resolution for Bronx Community Board 8
Community Coordinator: Promotion and Salary
September 8, 2026**

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 appropriately advertised for the position of Community Coordinator and interviewed candidates; and

WHEREAS, Bronx Community Board 8 received over 275 applications to review; and

WHEREAS, a Search Committee composed of four board members, Margaret Della, Bob Bender, Julie Reyes & Miriam Filer and the District Manager Farrah Kule Rubin, was formed and interviewed 5 candidates; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Jaylyn Adorno has been selected to be promoted as the Community Coordinator for Bronx Community Board 8 with an expected date of September 20 pending the full board vote on September 8, 2026 and OMB approval; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson of the Board, in consultation with the Treasurer, Officers of the Board and the District Manager recommend that Ms. Adorno's salary be set at \$72,000 per year; and

WHEREAS, the recommendation was presented to the Executive Committee; and

WHEREAS, 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 promotion of Ms. Jaylyn Adorno as Community Coordinator and the annual salary of \$72,000 per year.

In Favor (33): S. Alexander, D. Allen, A. Balcom, C. Barnes, B. Bender, J. Cambell Priveterre, K. Cedenno, M. Claude, W. DeBeatham, M. Della, N. Fazio. A. Feldmeier, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, K. Klobocishta, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, A. Medina, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, Z. Sesay-Harrell, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff, J. Yanong

Opposed: None

Abstained: None

The Resolution for Bronx Community Board 8 Community Coordinator: Promotion and Salary were APPROVED UNANIMOUSLY.

Adjournment

A MOTION was made by J. Sosa and SECONDED by B. Bender to adjourn.

In Favor: (33) S. Alexander, D. Allen, A. Balcom, C. Barnes, B. Bender, J. Cambell Priveterre, K. Cedenno, M. Claude, W. DeBeatham, M. Della, N. Fazio. A. Feldmeier, S. Froot, J. Gomez, E. Green, E. Hausman, R. Hilliard, B. Kail, K. Klobocishta, M. Lewis, S. Matthews, A. Medina, B. Reynoso, D. Rowen, G. Santiago, Z. Sesay-Harrell, J. Sosa, L. Spalter, C. Tobar Acosta, D. Travis, K. Walker, M. Wolpoff, J. Yanong

Abstentions: (0)

Opposed: (0)

The Chairperson adjourned the meeting at approximately 9:01 pm.

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

Reviewed by: Farrah Kule Rubin, District Manager, Bronx Community Board 8