



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
BOROUGH OF THE BRONX  
COMMUNITY BOARD 7**



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## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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| <b>Chair:</b>             | <b>Emmanuel Martinez</b>  |
| <b>Meeting Date:</b>      | <b>April 26, 2022</b>   |
| <b>Meeting Time:</b>      | <b>6:30 PM</b>  |
| <b>Meeting Location:</b>  | <b>Via Zoom Video/Teleconference</b>                                    |
| <b>Meeting Recording:</b> | <a href="https://youtu.be/gto6wCqSvqE">https://youtu.be/gto6wCqSvqE</a> |
| <b>Minutes done by:</b>   | <b>Yajaira Arias</b>  |

**Minutes:**

Reading of Guidelines and Meeting Code of Ethics

Public Hearing:

References of Motions that will be discussed later in the evening:

Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce

Letter to City Council re: supporting the restoration and expansion of the curbside organic collection program.

**Elected Officials:**

**Bronx Borough President’s Office – Ish Gonzalez**

Hosting our fifth annual Bronx child safety fair at PS 5 it is the Port Morris school at 564 Jackson Avenue it's from 11 to 3 p.m.

working on donating prom suits unfortunately because of the partnership and a few changes that had to be made - the deadline for that will Friday the 29th and it will be the drop-off location will be the lobby of our office at 198 east 161st street also we are working on our denim day march and that march will be hosted this Thursday at 3 30 p.m. - all the flyers to be provided to CB7.

**Bronx District Attorney’s office – Erick Swayer/Erika Diaz**

5th Annual Child Safety Fair on 4/30/22 at 564 Jackson Avenue from 3 p.m. to 6p.m.

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If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out at [diazer@bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:diazer@bronxda.nyc.gov) (929)361-7273

## **Councilmember Eric Dinowitz**

Updates:

Worked on passing Executive Budget

For events and community meetings – please sign up for a newsletter or follow on all social media platforms.

<https://council.nyc.gov/eric-dinowitz/legislative-updates/> [Dinowitz@council.nyc.gov](mailto:Dinowitz@council.nyc.gov)

## **Councilmember Pierina Sanchez**

Worked on passing Executive Budget ie. More affordable housing

Introduced legislation to fine landlords after receiving multiple 311 calls

Announcement of participatory budgeting project winners.

Office: 2065 Morris Ave, Bronx, New York 10453 Phone: 2874-590-347

[District14@council.nyc.gov](mailto:District14@council.nyc.gov)

## **Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz**

Working on State Budget in Albany

More money being allocated to city and state universities

Increased tax funding uh for college students for part-time college students and we restored tap funding for people who are incarcerated - we want to make sure they have the best possible education so they can get their lives back on track

Increase in childcare funding.

Office: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue Bronx, NY 10463 718-796-5345

[DinowiJ@nyassembly.gov](mailto:DinowiJ@nyassembly.gov)

## **City Comptroller – Brad Lander’s office – Grim Mayhew**

Greetings. Comptroller introduced the New York City climate dashboard online to highlight the city's incremental progress and path forward to meet its goals of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 80 % by 2050. (212) 669-3916 [action@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:action@comptroller.nyc.gov)

## **Senator Gustavo Rivera Office Rachel Ferrari**

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Office is now open for community assistance

Senator is in Albany – Budget Negotiations

Health Bills Passed <https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/gustavo-rivera/legislation>

If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out at

718-933-2034 or [grivera@nysenate.gov](mailto:grivera@nysenate.gov)

## **Assembly Member Natalia Fernandez Office**

Working on State Budget in Albany

Lots of work to do in providing constituents the resources deserved

Shredding event will be held at 2018 Williamsbridge Road on May 29th.

Covid test kits available for those in need.

Please reach out to our office at [fernandezn@nyassembly.gov](mailto:fernandezn@nyassembly.gov) or call us at (718) 409-0109.

## **Presentations:**

Sandra Lobo Executive Director of Northwest Bronx Community Clergy Coalition. NWBCC was in Albany this morning advocating for the New York Health Act. Discussed Kingsbridge Armory Project and panel discussion with elected officials.

Terrence Judd – requesting letter of support for 2530 Grand Concourse multi-purpose project in conjunction with DHS and DYCD.

After much discussion it was determined that this request needed to be addressed by several committees as it touches several areas of interest.

Tasha Andrews – Representative of Bronx Buccaneers

Information provided as to the youth football tackle program out of the Williamsbridge Oval. Offering our youth to participate in a safe athletic football program.

Jane Addison – Mosholu Library

Remind everyone that our in-person programming has resumed

and it's for all ages so please stop by and join us during these programs

We also have to take home covid tests. – hours for pick up are Monday through Thursday from 12 to 4 p.m.

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Public Hearing Closed.

**District Manager Ischia Bravo's Report:** [click on link](#)

**Chair Remarks:**

Barbara Stronczer – Reminder May 15 is the Bronx Week Parade -

It would be nice to have all board members in attendance.

Short walk and its way to see all of you in person (after being on zoom).

Engagement survey for the board members – in development more information to follow.

**Attendance taken - Quorum Met**

Review of Last Month's General Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve last month's minutes

Motion Second by Barbara Stronczer

Motion Passes

**Motions:**

Motions presented by Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce

Motion to send letter to city council supporting the restoration and expansion of the curbside organic collection program and ensuring that new residential buildings in cb7 participate in an organics collection program as mandated by the city.

Motion second by Chad Royer

**Vote taken – Motion Passes**

**Committee Reports:**

**Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos**

Committee had a very productive meeting.

We had three presentations one was for safety improvements of the Mosholu Parkway, the other one was a gun hill presentation as to the way the traffic flows with the bus speeds and they're trying to make that a lot better under the vision zero program and also

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the Jerome and Gun Hill municipal parking garage and open streets overview. Next meeting is going to be on May 5th. For more details – please see the committee minutes **Veteran’s – Chad Royer**

Next meeting is going to May 18th

Placing of Flags at Woodlawn Cemetery - tentative date would be May 22nd.

Discussion about the proposed closures of VA medical centers one in Manhattan and one in Brooklyn.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

## **Health & Human Services – Michelle Avila**

Committee did not meet.

However, the presentation of Verilife Cannabis Dispensary was very informative.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

## **Environment & Sanitation – Betty Arce**

Updates on Grow NYC and discussed programs available to homeowners who delinquent water bills - encouraged to apply for assistance through the State.

Next meeting will be May 3rd.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

## **Parks – Barbara Stronczer**

Committee finally received a tree list for the board area.

In addition to that we had the representatives from the rec centers

Williamsbridge Oval, Poe Park and St. James.

Received update on golf house that should be in construction along Jerome Avenue and also some of the amenities that were promised as a result of the filtration plant.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday May 11.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

## **Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**

For more details – please see the committee minutes

## **Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development – Erick Ascencio**

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Our meeting will be on May 10th and we're going to be hosting a representative from the Department of Sanitation to talk about the waste management program that has come into law as of April 1st for residential buildings and we're also going to be hosting the department of city planning with a study about Fordham Road and the businesses. For more details – please see the committee minutes

### **Public Safety & Quality of Life – Victor Saldana**

Committee met on the second Thursday of the month.

We had police officer Acosta report out on crime stats for CB7 and 52nd precinct we had presentations from both the Bronx DA and CCRB letting the community know events as we also sent out the flyers out to the community, we're looking for next month to hopefully keep adding all the tickets and complaints from the community to be able to provide precinct

more up-to-date stats on where we're seeing quality of life issues our next meeting will be May 12th. For more details – please see the committee minutes

### **Budget & Personnel – Andrew Laisoa**

Committee will follow up with the two attendance letters sent to two board members regarding their lack of attendance in addition the committee will report on the status of the board budget as provided by the city as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year which ends on June 30th.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

### **ByLaws – Myrna Calderon**

Committee will meet on April 27th.

Continue with recommendations and discussion of joining committees.

For more details – please see the committee minutes

Thank you to staff members Karla and Jade for their help in assistance under DM Bravo. Thank you to Sirio Guerrino for his hard work in our community.

Reminder committee meetings are recorded and posted to our youtube channel.

Chair presented Motion to Close Meeting

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Motion Second by Betty Arce /Michelle Avila/ Erick Ascencio

Next Board Meeting will be May 24, 2022

Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

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