

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8
COMMITTEE ON LAW, RULES & ETHICS**

Minutes of the Meeting of October 27, 2011

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Irving I. Ladimer, Chair	CB8
Sergio Marquez, Vice Chair	CB8
Ari Adam Spett, Secretary	CB8
Robert Fanuzzi	CB8
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Maria Khury	CB8
Daniel Padernacht	CB8
Lamont Parker	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
I. William Stone	CB8
Martin Wolpoff	CB8

Place: The Office of Bronx Community Board 8.

Chairman Ladimer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Chairman Ladimer welcomed the members of the Committee. Mr. Press moved to amend the minutes of the September meeting. The amendment was adopted by unanimous consent.

The Chair explained that the Committee is engaged in formulating guidelines for fair and effective nominations, elections and committee voting procedures in accord with Board Bylaws, good practice and experience.

1. Nominations

A Nominating Committee consisting of three or five appointed members shall be elected by the Board (Art. 5, Sec. 2, Bylaws) The Committee designates its chairperson and presents candidates for offices (officers and committee chairs) to be filled at the next election meeting. Proceedings of the Committee are confidential and not subject to outside appeal.

The Committee determines its own procedures for meeting its responsibility. Instructions for nominating candidates for positions of officer and chair of committees were proposed:

- (a) Officers: A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated by the committee for a position of officer.

Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed and 0 abstentions

In Favor -

R. Ginty, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, A. Spett, R. Press, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff

This provision is intended to assure impartiality on behalf of a Committee member.

- (b) Committee Chairs: A member of the Nominating Committee under consideration for a committee chair shall recuse himself or herself from discussion or vote if there is another candidate. The Committee may recommend one or both to the Board without prejudice.

Vote: 9 in favor, 0 opposed, and 1 abstention

In Favor -

R. Ginty, I. Ladimer, S. Marquez, D. Padernacht, L. Parker, A. Spett, R. Press, I. W. Stone, M. Wolpoff

Abstention -

M. Khury

2. Elections

Elections of officers and committee chairs by majority vote of appointed members take place annually at the regular meeting June. They serve one-year terms, unless filling a vacancy (Art. 5, Sec. 1, Bylaw).

3. Committee Voting

Each appointed member is required to serve for a term of two years and serve on two committees, but may also serve on additional committees (Art. 3, Sec. 4, Bylaw). A member "may be appointed to committees at any point during the year or transfer from one committee to another, with the consent of the chairperson and committee chairs involved, as required" the needs of the various committees shall require (Art. 6 Sec. 3, Bylaw).

It was recommended that the privilege to join later should be reserved for members qualified for voting by attendance, participation and interest, to avoid the possibility of selection appearance for a particular issue since meetings are open, except executive sessions.

The Chair of this committee notes that this is a project in progress to achieve a active and faithful participation. Board members are invited to comment. The next meeting of the committee will be held in December.

4. Civic Actions

The Committee is planning a program to promote citizenship, civic education and community participation in governance. The Education and Youth Committees are cooperating along with outside groups.

Submitted by

Irving Ladimer and Ari Spett