

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

Minutes of the Meeting of May 24, 2012

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Irving Ladimer, Chair	CB8
Sergio Marquez, Vice Chair	CB8
Ari Spett, Secretary	CB8
Robert Fanuzzi, BXC8 Chair	CB8
Maria Khury	CB8
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Daniel Padernacht	CB8
Andrew Cohen	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
Joyce Pilsner	CB8
Arlene Feldmeier	CB8
Bill Stone	CB8
Patricia Mullen	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 all of the members of the Committee and thanked its members for their service.

The Chairman then discussed the management of the elections of officers and chairpersons, how and when to record the rules that this Committee approved this past session. Three options were suggested: Inclusion (a) in the Bylaws, (b) in the ethics manual, or (c) in the file of the Board minutes. Chairman Ladimer suggested inclusion in the Bylaws. If the rules for the Nominating Committee were to be inserted into the Bylaws, it would require two consecutive meetings of the full Board for approval.

Since this was the last meeting before the summer break, Chairman Fanuzzi suggested holding the matter over, and asked that everyone respect both the spirit and letter of the law regarding "consecutive" meetings. He asked that the issue be referred to the incoming chairperson of the Law Committee.

Mr. Wolpoff stated that the governing premise is that all chairmanships are vacant; the Nominating Committee should conduct a poll to find who would not be seeking reelection for their post and make that information available to the entire Board.

A consensus of the Committee held that the matter did not rise to the level of the Bylaws.

The Committee discussed the timing of the release of the Nominating Committee's report.

Regarding Procedures of the Nominating Committee:

1. Should the procedural rules for the nominations of officers and chairpersons be added to the Ethics Manual?

Yeas: (13 Votes) A. Feldmeier, A. Cohen, R. Fanuzzi, R. Ginty, M. Khury, S. Marquez, P. Mullen, D. Padernacht, J. Pilsner, R. Press, A. Spett, I.W. Stone, and M. Wolpoff

Nays: (1 Vote) I. Ladimer.

Abstentions: (0 Votes)

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On communication from B. Bender, the Committee discussed the issue of the adequacy of notice on franchise considerations provided by the City as applied in the matter of the Van Cortlandt Park ice rink. The matter was tabled by unanimous consent, on the ground that no action could be taken at this time.

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Chairman Ladimer concluded by requesting that the Committee and the Board consider support and action for a project on democracy, based on a grant by the ABA to Chairman Ladimer. A number of programs have already been successfully held.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Reviewed by:
Irving I. Ladimer, Esquire, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,
Ari Adam Spett, Esquire, Secretary