



The City of New York
BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD #1

3024 THIRD AVENUE
BRONX, NEW YORK 10455
(718) 585-7117 • Fax (718) 292-0558 • Email: BX01@CB.NYC.Gov

Serving and Representing: Port Morris, Mott Haven and Melrose



VANESSA L. GIBSON
BOROUGH PRESIDENT

CLARISA M. ALAYETO
CHAIRPERSON

ANTHONY R. JORDAN
DISTRICT MANAGER

Immigration Committee Minutes

March 21st, 2025

Mohammed Sheikh, Committee Chairperson

DRAFT

Opening Remarks and Introductions

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh opens the meeting, welcoming everyone and emphasizing the importance of collaboration and community input.
- Marilyn Pena introduces herself as the chairperson of health and human services.
- Argelia Ortiz introduces herself as the secretary of the immigration committee.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan expresses concern about misinformation surrounding immigration and the need for accurate information to prevent panic and fear.

Overview of Immigration Committee's Role

- District Manager Anthony Jordan, district manager of Bronx Community Board 1, explains the committee's responsibility in discussing immigration resources and services.
- The committee works with various organizations to support immigrants with different statuses, including legal permanent residents, workers, and asylum seekers.
- Recent successful events, such as the Iftar event during Ramadan, are highlighted, emphasizing the committee's efforts to support the community.
- Plans for future virtual informational workshops are discussed to address the anxiety caused by federal executive orders.

Community Concerns and Suggestions

- District Manager Anthony Jordan acknowledges Rosemary's concerns about the constantly changing immigration laws and the need for accurate information.
- Rosemary emphasizes the importance of having Know Your Rights workshops with proper interpretation and resources.
- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh praises the efforts of the immigration committee and mentions the limited resources available to the community board.

- Member Argelia Ortiz discusses the need for direct legal access and Know Your Rights workshops, especially for the large immigrant population in their district.

Brainstorming and Future Plans

- Marilyn Pena suggests brainstorming for future events to address the community's needs, including virtual meetings to reach more people.
- Speaker 1 mentions the challenges faced due to the renovation of the community board office, which limits in-person meetings.
- Anthony Jordan shares his experience with the challenges immigrants face and the importance of providing accurate information.
- The committee discusses the need for credible organizations and professionals to conduct workshops and provide legal assistance.

Commitment to Community Support

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh reiterates the community board's commitment to providing resources and support, despite limited legal advice capabilities.
- The importance of directing people to elected officials and legal aid offices for immediate assistance is emphasized.
- Rosemary shares her experience with Know Your Rights workshops and the need for resources like cards with information in multiple languages.
- The committee discusses the challenges of mixed-status families and the importance of addressing different scenarios during workshops.

Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Committee Chair Mohammed Sheikh thanks everyone for their participation and contributions, emphasizing the importance of working together to support the community.
- District Manager Anthony Jordan expresses gratitude for the leadership and efforts of the committee in providing resources and support.
- The meeting is adjourned after a motion by Marilyn Pena and seconded by another member.

Action Items

- Host a virtual "Know Your Rights" forum with interpretation services for the immigrant community.
- Explore options for hosting virtual community meetings to increase participation and reach.
- Coordinate with Congressman Richie Torres and Congresswoman Ocasio-Cortez to host a meeting with credible organizations to provide immigration information.

