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Bronx Community Board 12 Full Board Meeting Minutes

Date: May 28, 2026

Time: 7:16 PM – Adjournment

Location: Bronx Community Board 12

Prepared By: Dr. Dominique Phinn, Recording Secretary Nominee

Based on meeting notes provided.

Call to Order

The Full Board Meeting was called to order at **7:16 PM**.

Public Gallery Session

Guy Loving, Community Liaison, Uptown FEC

Mr. Loving announced several upcoming youth-focused initiatives, including the Youth Explosion event scheduled for May 29. He reported on a recent Junior Rescuers program for youth ages 8–16, where participants received CPR training. He also shared that the June calendar of events would be released on Monday and noted plans to celebrate community graduates.

Diane Royal, Jacobi Medical Center

Ms. Royal discussed efforts to strengthen partnerships between Jacobi Medical Center and the community. She highlighted programming related to mental health, maternal health, diabetes, and heart health. Additional announcements included a farm market, a community newsletter launch, a partnership with the New York Blood Center on June 26, and the Mind Matters mental health Facebook Live series. She also discussed opportunities for youth interested in healthcare careers.

Pamela Johnson, Community Resident

Ms. Johnson expressed concerns regarding the White Plains Road Neighborhood Plan. She cited issues related to infrastructure capacity, overcrowding, flooding, sewer drainage, parking availability, school capacity, and questions regarding affordability in proposed housing developments.

John Merchant, Building Legends

Mr. Merchant, a former basketball player, presented on the work of Building Legends. He discussed using basketball as a tool to teach life skills, leadership, and character development. He also shared his experience working as a recreation specialist in a juvenile detention facility.

Aida, African International Collaborative Center

Aida discussed the organization's culturally responsive programming focused on mental health, public safety, leadership development, and civic engagement. She encouraged participation in the June 20 voting process for community projects.

Natasha Walker, Community Resident

Ms. Walker discussed concerns regarding police activity near Malachi Fix It Right Inc. Auto Body Repair Shop at 4150 Boston Road. She reported issues related to vehicle towing and communication with business owners and customers.

Vance Callahan, Grenada Build to Win Inc.

Mr. Callahan announced the organization's summer Open Streets initiative, which will run from June 27 through August 22. The program will provide recreational activities, games, and resources for youth while promoting community wellness and violence prevention.

Leon Campbell, Community Resident

Mr. Campbell discussed ongoing concerns regarding quality-of-life issues in his neighborhood and requested increased police presence.

Rashida, Community Resident

Rashida raised concerns about dog owners failing to clean up after their pets. Board members discussed current reporting mechanisms and legislative efforts addressing the issue.

Isaiah Barrow

Mr. Barrow discussed his nonprofit organization's monthly food drive and programming currently being conducted through MMHC.

The Public Gallery Session concluded at **7:52 PM**.

Elected Officials and Representatives Reports

Andy Turios, Constituent Liaison

Mr. Turios discussed new construction legislation requiring applicants to submit plans for review by the Department of Buildings and noted enforcement provisions. He announced several upcoming community events, including:

- June 6 Steps to Change 5K Run
- Family Fun Day
- Juneteenth Parade
- Health Fair in partnership with the YMCA, NAACP, and NCNW
- Outdoor movie screening of *Zootopia* at Seton Falls Tennis Courts

Bianca Stephenson, Bronx Borough President's Office

Ms. Stephenson attended and listened to community concerns and discussion.

Anna Cohen, Office of Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz

Ms. Cohen announced passage of the state budget and reported increased income eligibility for the Rent Freeze Program, rising from \$50,000 to \$75,000 effective July 1.

Congressman George Latimer

Congressman Latimer discussed efforts with Congressman Ritchie Torres to address rising food and gas costs and broader economic concerns affecting residents.

Presentation: NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)

Juan Saldana, Office of Public Affairs

Mr. Saldana provided updates regarding the city's mandatory residential bin program, scheduled to begin in September. He discussed replacement procedures for damaged bins, upcoming informational sessions, and the Empire Bin pilot program currently operating in Brooklyn and

Harlem and expanding into the Bronx. Board members raised questions regarding sanitation services and neighborhood cleanliness concerns.

Presentation: White Plains Road Neighborhood Plan

Representatives from the NYC Department of City Planning provided updates on the White Plains Road Neighborhood Plan.

Camilla Thomas

Ms. Thomas emphasized that the planning process remains open to community input and that no final decisions have been made.

Joselyn

Joselyn reviewed the history of the planning process, which began in collaboration with Council Member Kevin Riley and Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz. She discussed community engagement efforts, the creation of a community working group, development of a vision statement, online feedback tools, and upcoming opportunities for public participation.

Board members raised questions and expressed concerns regarding housing affordability, infrastructure improvements, and community impacts.

District Manager's Report

The District Manager discussed:

- Area Median Income (AMI) levels
 - Affordable housing rent calculations
 - Community priorities related to the White Plains Road Neighborhood Plan
 - Requests for improved public spaces, sewer infrastructure, park investments, sanitation services, and street lighting
 - Flooding concerns and the need for official city documentation
 - Concerns regarding affordable housing guarantees under the City's housing initiatives
 - The Mayor's announcement that the White Plains Road Neighborhood Plan would move forward
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Chairperson's Report

The Chairperson:

- Commended strong attendance at recent meetings
 - Reminded members of attendance expectations and virtual participation options
 - Emphasized professionalism
 - Promoted the June 6 Community Connect Event
 - Encouraged board members to remain active in community events during the summer recess
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Approval of April Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by **Karl Stricker** to approve the April meeting minutes and seconded by **Robert Hall**. Following discussion, a voice vote was conducted and the motion passed.

Committee Reports

Public Health and Education Committee

The committee reported on its May 21 meeting, including:

- A presentation on hypertension by Karen Skinner-Parks
 - Updates regarding the Clubhouse program
 - Discussion of hearing disabilities
 - Social media outreach efforts
 - Community engagement activities
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Land Use and Zoning Matters

786 Burke Avenue

The Board considered a variance request related to a gas station at 786 Burke Avenue. The proposal was approved for an additional ten years with the condition that no cars or trucks be sold on-site. Following motions and a voice vote, the motion passed.

Shell Station – East 233rd Street

The Board reviewed a proposal involving reconstruction of the Shell station. Following committee recommendations and discussion, the motion passed by voice vote.

Traffic Safety Recommendation

The Board approved a letter supporting removal of an in-and-out traffic lane in the bus loading area near East 233rd Street. The motion passed by voice vote.

Equality Charter School

The Board approved a request from Equality Charter School to temporarily close streets during designated recess periods. The motion passed with one abstention by Tierra Donaldson.

Old Business

Executive Board Elections

The following members were appointed to the Nominating Committee:

- Karl Stricker
- Philamena Moss
- Wayne Palma
- Sheila Grierson
- Charlton Burkley

The Board approved the committee by voice vote. Nominations from the floor will occur at the next meeting.

Recording Secretary Nomination

Eatonia Davis nominated **Dr. Dominique Phinn** for the position of Recording Secretary. The nomination was seconded by Bobby Link. Dr. Phinn accepted the nomination.

Additional Discussion

Board members discussed the upcoming Legislative Breakfast and strategies for engaging elected officials.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Denise and seconded by Dr. Dominique Phinn. The motion carried, and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Dr. Dominique Phinn, DSW, LMSW
Recording Secretary Nominee
Bronx Community Board 12

COMMUNITY BOARD 12, THE BRONX

ATTENDANCE SHEET

Date

5/28/24

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	VIRTUAL
BENITEZ, JUDITH			<i>M/ks</i>	X
BERKLEY, CARLTON	✓			
BORSOTTI, CARLA		✓		
BOSWELL, PATRICIA	✓			
CLODD, JOAN	✓			
COTTON, TERRI			X	
DAVIS, EATONIA	✓			
DICKERSON, TOLLYNE	✓			
DONALDSON, TIERRA	✓			
ECHEVARRIA, DENISE	✓			
FARMER, JAZLYN	✓			
FIGUEROA, ALFREDO	✓			
FISHER, SABRINA		X		X
GOFF, JOHNNIE	✓			
GRIERSON, SHEILA	✓			
HALL, ROBERT	✓			
ISAAC, JOHN	✓			
KAMARA, ALPHA	✓			
LINK, ROBERT	✓			
MALIK, JAVAD	✓			

BOARD MEMBER	PRESENT	ABSENT	EXCUSED	VIRTUAL
MARK, UDUAKOBONG		X		
MARTIN, KEMONE		X		
MARTIN, LUCILLE			X	
MENSAH, MAAME		X		
MITCHELL, ANTOINETTE		X		
MOSS, PHILOMENA	✓			
MURRAY, ELYSE ANDREA	✓			
MYKE, CLINTON	✓			
NNANI, DARYL	✓			
ORTIZ, CARMEN		<i>Handwritten signature</i>	X	
PALMA, WAYNE	✓			
PARIS, REGINALD	✓			
PETERS, ARIELLE	✓			
PHINN, DOMINIQUE	✓			
REID, ANTHONY				X
ROSA, NICHOLAS	✓			
SAMUELS, SHERRY, Dr.	✓			
SKINNER PARKES, KAREN	✓			
STRICKER, KARL	✓			
SUBAIR, GBENGA	✓			
TIRADO, DEBRA	✓			
THOMAS, TROY			X	

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DATE:

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MOTIONS:

1.	To ACCEPT THE MINUTES From April 2026 Motion Made By Bobby Link and Second by EATONIA
2.	BSA EXTENSIONS 834 EAST 233 TO ALLOW TO SELL GAS BUT NOT BE ALLOWED TO SELL CARS. Committee Robert Motion Made by Alfredo TO APPROVED THE BSA. Second
3.	By Robert Link. Motion TO SUPPORT THE Removal OF THE IN and OUT LANE AT THE STATION AT 834 EAST 233 ST
4.	Motion TO support the gas station AT 726 Burke Avenue. Not Allow TO SELL GAS
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6.	EQUALITY Charter school TO Close THE SCHOOL FOR lunch and dismissal 10-12 2:15-3:15 Motion by EATONIA / SECOND Karl Stricker
7.	TO Approve THE Nominating Commitee APPOINTED By THE Chair Motion Robert Link second
8.	EATONIA
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