

Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo
District Manager

Full Board Attendance

Date: March 26, 2025

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: PS 75 984 Faile Street, Bronx NY 10459

Members present

Thelvis Alston, Jr.
Evelyn Arauz
Raymond Arroyo
Paul Coverdale
Roberto Crespo
Julia Cruz, LMSW
Lisa Delancey
Albin Infante
Cindy Isadoro
Dr. Lucretia Jones
Jeffrey Korn
LaShawn Lindsey
Luis Marrero
Sha-Toria McCoy Gregg
Clifford Muniz
Rev. Moses Oladosu
Maggie Ortiz
David Pabon
Larry Robinson
Anthony Rodriguez
Elvis Santana
Peter Serrano
Viancey Taveras
Jennifer Torres
Maria Torres
Pastor John Udo Okon

Members absent

Carrie Agapito
Barbara Bennet
Elias Contreras
Kevin Ellison
Jesse Harris
Kisha Hutchinson
Roselyn Grullon
Brian Kelly
Roland Lopez
Monique Minnis
Lynette Olmo
Eric Rivera
Laticia Thompson

Staff Present:

Ralph Acevedo, District Manager
Cynthia Baez, Community Coordinator

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PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

TIME: 6:00 PM

Location: Erma Cava – 887 Southern Blvd, Bronx NY 10459

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FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, April 23, 2025

TIME: Upon Public Hearing completion

VENUE: Erma Cava – 887 Southern Blvd, Bronx NY 10459

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|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|---------------------|
| I. COMMANDING OFFICER REPORT: (41st Precinct) | | (10 Minutes) |
| II. BUSINESS SESSION: (BOARD MEMBERS) | | |
| A. Roll Call | Julia Cruz | (2 Minutes) |
| B. Adoption of Minutes | Roberto Crespo, Chair | (2 Minutes) |
| C. Chairperson's Report | Roberto Crespo, Chair | (5 Minutes) |
| D. District Manager's Report | Ralph Acevedo, District Manager | (5 Minutes) |
| E. Borough President's Report | Alexis Ruiz, BP Representative | (5 Minutes) |
| F. Elected Officials Report | Not to exceed 10 minutes - 2 minutes per Rep | (10 Minutes) |

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III. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Health & Human Services Luis Marrero, Chair

Bronx Community Board #2 Health and Human Services Committee Minutes for April 1, 2025

Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 6pm.

1. Introductions and Meeting Agenda

- Mr. Marrero, Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee opens the meeting, introducing the Health and Human Services Committee of Community Board 2.
- Various members introduce themselves, including Julia Cruz, Luis Marrero, , Roland Lopez, Lucretia Jones, Dr. Cooper Hart, Karen Jala, Emma Alexander, Marcia Peterman, and others.

2. Dr. Krupa Hart, DBA, MBA of Urban Health Plan presented their new Quick Care Service for the pediatric population

- Dr. Cooper Hart introduces the "Quick Care for Kids" service at Urban Health Plan, which has a 42-minute cycle time for patient care.
- The service operates Monday to Friday, from 8 AM to 6 PM, with a Patient Service Representative (PSR) available at 7:30 AM to ensure prompt registration.
- The Quick Care service treats conditions such as fever, vomiting, diarrhea, cold, flu, rashes, sore throat, earaches, stomach aches, asthma, and minor injuries.
- Follow-up appointments are scheduled if necessary.
- Dr. Hart highlights an expansion of services to include wound care, suturing, local anesthesia, and other urgent care needs.
- Patient satisfaction scores are shared, with high ratings for provider listening, reception, nurse courtesy, exam room cleanliness, and discharge instructions.
- The service sees nearly 3,000 patients per month, with plans to extend hours until 7 PM.
- Dr. Hart stresses the importance of continuity of care and follow-up with primary care providers.

Questions and Clarifications asked to Dr. Hart

- Mr. Marrero inquiries about whether new patients that it is doesn't have Urban Health Plan as primary care provider can be seen. Dr. Hart confirms that new patients can indeed be seen. Dr. Jones asks about the facility's location. Dr. Hart confirms the service is located at El Nuevo San Juan.
- Another clarification done was about vaccination services, and Dr. Hart explains that vaccinations are provided separately from Quick Care services to maintain continuity of care.
- Dr. Hart discusses the plans to expand Quick Care services to additional locations and include adult medicine.

2. Alejandro Cordero from Molina Health Care could not attend the meeting.

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3. Marcia Biederman from the New York City Organization of Public Service Retirees requests a letter of support for a bill aimed at preserving healthcare choices for retirees.

- The bill seeks to ensure retirees have access to Medigap plans with benefits equivalent to or better than those available in 2021.
- Marcia Peterman outlines the challenges retirees face, including the city's plan to transition them to Medicare Advantage plans.
- The bill would codify retirees' rights to Medigap plans, addressing concerns about the city's financial savings goals.

Questions and clarification about the Bill

- The Chair of the Committee, Mr. Marrero seeks clarification on the bill's specifics and the need for a letter of support from the New York City Council.
- Marcia Biederman confirms that support from the City Council and other community boards is necessary.
- Dr. Jones and other members discuss the importance of supporting the bill, emphasizing a unified stance from the community board.
- A motion is made and seconded to support the letter of support for the bill, with all members in favor.
- Ms. Biederman was asked to come to the CB2 full board meeting in case any other board member has other questions. Since the motion was approved in the committee. Now, the whole body will need to vote for the letter of support and it will happen in the full board meeting.

4. Michelle Corona from Mount Sinai Center for Occupational Health promotes awareness of no-cost, confidential services for work-related injuries and illnesses, including occupational COVID-19.

- Services offered include medical exams, diagnosis, treatment, workplace hazard screenings, disease prevention education, and return-to-work accommodations.
- Michelle Corona highlights the importance of recognizing and addressing workplace hazards to prevent injuries and illnesses.

5. Announcements and Community Events

- Announcements are made about upcoming community events, including:
 - The 41st Precinct's Autism Awareness Walk.
 - St. Ignatius's Station of the Cross procession.
 - Annual prom dress and suit giveaway.
 - Child safety fair, hero's recognition breakfast, and the Bronx prom boutique.
 - Local initiatives such as the DEP's pilot program for commercial parking for overnight trucks and the emergency management commissioner essay contest.
- The importance of community engagement and participation in these local events is emphasized.

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- Ms. Anita Reyes, Assistant Commissioner from the NYC Department of Health announces the expansion of services at the Morrison Avenue clinic, which now includes assistance with vital records, dog licensing, and immunization records.
- The clinic aims to provide personalized service to meet community needs, particularly during challenging times.
- These new services are available during regular business hours, with plans to expand to Saturdays based on community demand.

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment

- Mr. Marrero, chair of the health and services committee thanks all participants for their contributions and active participation in the meeting.
- A motion is made and seconded to adjourn the meeting, with all members in favor.
- The meeting is officially closed. Members are encouraged to stay for further discussions if needed.

Meeting Adjourned at: 7:05pm

**B. Franchise, Licensing and Permits Committee
Clifford Muniz, Chairman**

1. Review of a renewal application for full liquor license # 0370-23-139072 at the ‘Tiffany Bar & Grill Inc’, located at 960 East 165 St, Bronx ,NY 10459. Their menu meets legal minimum food requirements. They will have Disc Jockey, recorded music & Live music. There is no outdoor permit for this location.

- Motion was made to approve renewal of SLA license by Maggie and 2nd by Barbara.
- Motion approved unanimously by the Committee.

2. Review of a renewal application for Wine, Beer & Cider SLA license # 1315611 at the Bx Invest LLC, trade name ‘Boogie Down Grind Cafe’ , located at 868 Hunts Point Ave, Bronx, NY 10474. The establishment will have a menu that meets legal minimum food availability requirements. They will have a DJ, recorded music, karaoke & live music. Outdoor area is NYC DOT Roadway seating sidewalk cafe.

- Motion was made to approve renewal of SLA license by Maggie & 2nd by Evelyn.
- Motion approved unanimously by the Committee.

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C. Special Events
Vee Taveras, Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
V. TAVERAS, CHAIRPERSON
APRIL 2, 2025

MINUTES

1. April and May Events

Event	Date	Location	Contact/ permit
<i>You CAN Sit Here</i> by Tiff McFierce, Exhibition	Thursday, March 20 from 5:30-8pm: - August 2025	Casita Maria Gallery	
Autism Walk Wear Blue	April 4, 2025	41 st Pct 1035 Longwood	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
41st Pct Community Council Meeting	April 4, 2025 6:30pm	Banknote	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
41 st Precinct Easter egg hunt	April 19, 2025	Barretto Park	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Prom dress and Suit giveaway	April, 26, 20205	Banknote 1231 Lafayette 2 nd fl	Ray Arroyo
Family day	May 2, 2025 2pm	Hunts point rec/ Julio Carballo	Maritza Wiggins
Gun violence Walk Wear orange	tba		Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Urban Health Plan's Diabetes Expo	May 22, 2025 11am	Filed of dreams	Pauline Cruz
Women's Wellness	May 23, 2025	Banknote 1231 Lafayette 2 nd fl	HPAC
<i>South Bronx Culture Festival:</i>	May 30-June 1:	Father Gigante Plaza	
Fellowship Breakfast	June 3, 2025	Banknote	Ray Arroyo / PO Feliz
Summer kick off event	June 13, 2025		Vee
Fish Parade	June 14, 2025 12pm – 4pm		The Point CDC 7185424139

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D. Housing and Land Use
Pastor John Udo Okon, Chair

Housing & Land Use Committee Meeting
Rev John Okon, Chairperson Wednesday,
April 2, 2025

Members: Joyce Campbell-Culler, Jeffrey Korn, Cindy Isidoro, Paul Martinez, Paul Coverdale, Eric Rivera, Rev John Udo Okon

1. Angela Davis-Farrish, Executive Director of SEBCO, provided an update on their portfolio in the district.
2. New Business
3. Old business: HP Express report regarding Community Access
4. Announcements

Respectfully submitted by Cindy Isidoro

E. Economic Development
Maria Torres, Chair

Economic & Municipal Services Subcommittee
Wednesday April 9, 2025
6PM

In attendance: Maria Torres - Chair, Miguel Calderone, Albin Infante, Anthony Rodriguez

- NYC DCP discussed a new industrial plan. There will be an information session on Zoom on April 28. They will have a workshop to discuss demographics of the workforce and incentives to help grow business. They want to hear from residents, owners and workers. DCP, SBS & EDC will be working together to develop the new plan. Incentives could include loans and grants for businesses. There will be a draft of the report in July and they hope to complete it by December 2025

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- Tanya Osborne of The CannaDiva presented on behalf of the Cannabis Workforce Initiative shared their efforts in education and resource sharing regarding workforce development in the NYS Cannabis industry. CWI – is funded through the State to create and support social equity. All of their programs are free of charge. They are having an event on 5/14 at Andrew Freeman House. CWI also provides certificate based courses.
- **Old Business – Flyers and Announcements** – DOT removed 3 carshare spots and renewed 1.
- The meeting adjourned at 7:04PM.

F. Education

**Thelvis Alston, Jr. Education Chair
&
Youth Services
Larry Robinson, Chair**

Education and Youth Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: April 10, 2025

Time: 6:00 PM

Meeting Opened by: Thelvis Alston

Meeting Convened by: Larry Robinson

Agenda:

1. Presentation by Vanessa Ruiz, District 8 Department of Education
 - Program: My Sister's Keeper
 - Key Highlights: Vanessa Ruiz shared significant achievements and milestones accomplished by the My Sister's Keeper program, emphasizing positive impacts and ongoing objectives.
2. Presentation by Sandy Lirano, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board
 - Overview of Services: Sandy Lirano introduced the range of services provided by the NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board.
 - Community Outreach: Detailed outreach efforts aimed at community engagement and awareness.
 - FAQs: Shared insights into the most commonly asked questions from the community.
3. Guest Introductions: All guests in attendance introduced themselves briefly.

Meeting Adjourned by: Larry Robinson

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G. Executive Committee
Robert Crespo, Chair

IV Old Business	(7 Minutes)
V. New Business	(7 Minutes)
VI. Announcements	(7 Minutes)
VII. Roll Call –	(2 Minutes)

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