

Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo
District Manager

Full Board Attendance

Date: March 25, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: NYPL – 877 Hunt's Point Avenue, Bronx NY 10459

Members present

Thelvis Alston, Jr
Raymond Arroyo
Barbara Bennet
Elias Contreras
Paul Coverdale
Roberto Crespo
Julia Cruz, LMSW
Lisa Delancey
Sha-Toria McCoy Gregg
Brian Kelly
LaShawn Lindsey
Roland Lopez
Luis Marrero
Yasha Morgan
Clifford Muniz
Rev. Moses Oladosu late
Maggie Ortiz
David Pabon
Larry Robinson
Anthony Rodriguez
Elvis Santana
Viancey Taveras
Jennifer Torres
Maria Torres
Tonya Waldo
Pastor John Udo Okon

Members absent

Carrie Agapito
Evelyn Arauz
Roselyn Grullon
Albin Infante
Dr. Lucretia Jones
Jeffrey Korn
Lynette Olmo
Eric Rivera
Laticia Thompson
Robin Vaughn

Staff Present:

Ralph Acevedo, District Manager
Cynthia Baez, Community Coordinator

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PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

Location: 977 Fox street, Bronx NY 10459

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FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, April 22, 2026

TIME: Upon Public Hearing completion

VENUE: 977 Fox street, Bronx NY 10459

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)

Removal / Not Reappointed

- Lynette Olmo
- Albin Infante
- Roselyn Grullion

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. Education

Thelvis Alston, Jr. Education Chair &
Youth Services

Larry Robinson, Youth Chair

Education & Youth Services Committee

Meeting Minutes

Date: April 16, 2026 | Chairperson: Thelvis Alston, Jr. /Larry Robinson | Called to Order: 6:00 PM

Presentations

1. **LYFE Program** – Jennifer Jackson, LCSW-R, introduced the program and overviewed services supporting young families and early childhood development. The program remains an important resource for student and family stability within the district.
2. **Reading Partners NYC** – Jake Levine presented their literacy support model: two weekly sessions with consistent volunteer tutors, focusing on phonics-based instruction (phonemic awareness, vocabulary, comprehension). Services are offered in-person and virtually, with assessment-driven intervention for students below grade level.
3. **Literacy Academy Collective** – Naomi Peña presented on identifying reading challenges, including dyslexia, and emphasized the “Science of Reading” approach. Key points:
 - Many students are performing below grade level in reading; early intervention is critical.
 - Reading challenges are often misinterpreted as behavioral issues.
 - Literacy gaps can contribute to disengagement and bullying behaviors.
 - The program model includes small group instruction, extended literacy blocks, and academic and social-emotional supports.

Old Business

Anti-Bullying Initiative (June 11, 2026): The committee provided an update on the upcoming district-wide anti-bullying event in partnership with District 8 schools. Each participating school will nominate a student demonstrating positive leadership and character. The event will engage students, parents, principals, and guidance counselors to promote positive school culture and community engagement.

New Business

Community Board Membership: Discussion was held on the application process. Prospective members are encouraged to attend at least three meetings to demonstrate commitment prior to consideration.

Announcements

- Autism Awareness Walk scheduled for May 15.
- Additional community programming and resources were shared with attendees.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:40 PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Thelvis Alston, Jr., Chairperson, Education & Youth Services Committee



FRIENDS OF ALL ■ DISTRICT 8 ■ ANTI-BULLYING INITIATIVE

RESPECT FOR ALL

ANTI-BULLYING CELEBRATION — HONORING STUDENT LEADERS

A powerful year-end celebration recognizing students who build safe, inclusive schools across the Bronx.

WHEN

Thursday, June 11

10:00 AM — 12:00 PM

WHERE

Banknote Building

851 Barretto Street ■ Bronx, NY 10474

★ EVENT EXPERIENCE

- Red Carpet Arrival
- Awards Ceremony
- Community Recognition
- Engage w/ Educators & Families

◆ WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Students & Families
- Educators
- Community Leaders
- Elected Officials
- Media

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

One student leader from EVERY participating school

Honored for commitment to creating a safe, inclusive, and respectful school environment.

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Bronx Community Board 2 ■ NYC Department of Education — District 8

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B. Executive Committee
Robert Crespo, Chair

- **Motion was made by Executive Committee to remove Rev. Laticia Thompson**
- **Discussion regarding Lisa Delancey's attendance**

C. Franchise, Licensing and Permits Committee
Clifford Muniz, Chairman

FRANCHISE, LICENSING & PERMITS COMMITTEE MEETING
CLIFFORD MUNIZ, CHAIRPERSON
APRIL 14, 2026

Members present: Barbara Bennett, Clifford Muniz, Maggie Ortiz,

Minutes

Call to Order: 6:21 PM

Agenda Items:

1. La Patrona Restaurant Corp (558 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10455)

The applicant is seeking a class **change to a full liquor license** (Serial #1346813). The establishment offers a full food menu and recorded music. There is no sidewalk café.

The NYPD reported no issues with this location aside from double-parking conditions.

2. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC (1030 Southern Blvd, Bronx, NY 10459)

The committee reviewed a renewal application (0240-24-114487) for their liquor license (Beer/Wine). The location features a full kitchen and food menu with recorded music. There is no outdoor permit for this location.

The NYPD has no issues with this location.

The applicant must update their renewal application due to an error where the applicant is only renewing for the current Beer/Wine license ,not a full liquor license.

Meeting Status:

Due to the lack of a quorum, the votes for the above renewals have been postponed until the Franchise, Licensing & Permits Committee meeting in May.

Adjournment:

A motion to adjourn was made by Maggie Ortiz and seconded by Barbara Bennett. The meeting concluded at 6:45 PM.

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D. Health & Human Services
Luis Marrero, Chair



Bronx Community Board #2
Health and Human Services Committee
Minutes for April 2026

The Health and Human Services Committee meeting, chaired by Luis Marrero, introduced key members and featured presentations on colorectal cancer and cardiovascular health, environmental justice policy, and hospice services. The committee voted to support the proposed Beauty Justice Act.

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- Luis Marrero opened the meeting at 6pm, welcomed attendees, and introduced himself as Chair of the Health and Human Services Committee.
- Julia Cruz introduced herself as First Vice Chair.
- Cynthia Baez introduced herself as Community Coordinator.
- Anita Reyes introduced herself as Chairman of the Franchise License Apprentice Committee from the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene.
- Gregory Brown introduced himself as a Community Health Worker with the New York Jerusalem Worship Center, in partnership with Columbia University Medical Center.
- Karina Shigetolo introduced herself as a Wakefield resident.
- Brianna Carabajal introduced herself as State Legislative Manager at WE ACT for Environmental Justice.

2. Presentation: Colorectal Cancer & Cardiovascular Health

- Gregory Brown from The Jerusalem Worship Center Community Health Workers in partnership with Columbia University Irving Medical Center spoke about the services.
- Mr. Brown presented program addressing colorectal cancer and cardiovascular disease in underserved communities.
- The program identifies individuals not up to date with screenings and connects them to care.
- He highlighted disparities, noting higher mortality rates among African American and Hispanic populations.

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- Services include free screenings, educational workshops, and outreach at community events.
- Incentives such as gift cards are used to increase participation.
- The program operates across all five boroughs and connects individuals to insurance access programs.
- The importance of reducing stigma and increasing awareness around colorectal cancer screening was emphasized.

3. Presentation: Beauty Justice Act

- Brianna Carabajal presented on the proposed Beauty Justice Act.
- She highlighted the lack of regulation of chemicals in personal care products and disproportionate impacts on communities of color.
- The legislation seeks to ban harmful substances such as heavy metals, parabens, phthalates, and PFAS.
- The proposal aligns with stricter standards seen in the European Union.
- Members expressed concern about chemical exposure and its health impacts.
- The committee discussed the need for safer alternatives and stronger consumer protection.
- She requested a letter of support to the ***Beauty Justice Act to protect our community from toxic chemicals in personal care products and address the health risks faced by women of color in the community board #2 district***.
- The committee **approved support for the Beauty Justice Act.**

4. Presentation: Hospice Services

- Anthony Castaldo from Hospice of New York presented on hospice care services.
- Hospice care was described as comfort-focused care for individuals with terminal illness, including support for families.
- Services include interdisciplinary care teams (doctors, nurses, social workers, and volunteers).

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- Bereavement services are provided for at least 13 months after a patient's passing.
- Mr. Castaldo emphasized the underutilization of hospice services and volunteer opportunities, particularly in the Bronx.
- The importance of early referral to hospice care was emphasized.
- Participants discussed the need to increase awareness and reduce stigma around hospice services.
- Community engagement through health fairs and outreach events was encouraged.

5. Action Items

- The chair requested Ms. Briana Carbajal to attend the full board meeting to present the Beauty Justice Act and answer questions.

6. Adjournment

- Luis Marrero thanked presenters and attendees for their participation and contributions.
- The meeting concluded with appreciation for the informative presentations and continued collaboration.
- A motion to adjourn was made and approved at 7:15pm.

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SUPPORT



Major Benefit



Substantial Benefit



Benefit

The Beauty Justice Act A.2054A (Glick, et al.) /S.2057A (Webb, et al.)

Explanation:

[Numerous research studies](#) have found harmful chemicals within the ingredients of beauty products. With women using an average of 12, and men using an average of 6 [personal care products every day](#), there is high reason for concern regarding what ingredients are used in our everyday beauty products. This legislation directs companies to remove known toxic chemicals from beauty products creating a safer and healthier environment for New Yorkers.

Labels and claims like “chemical-free,” “preservative-free,” and “toxin-free” are [not regulated in the United States](#) and are misleading, which means even when consumers want to purchase “safe” beauty products, they have no way of knowing whether or not the products’ ingredients are truly safe. Given the costs of buying safer products (both the time needed to decipher ingredient lists and financial costs), individuals from low income backgrounds are more likely to use products containing harmful chemicals. Furthermore, research has continuously shown that women of color are more [likely to be exposed](#) and impacted by beauty products’ [harmful](#) ingredients. [Numerous studies](#) show that US reproductive-aged women of color have higher levels of certain endocrine-disrupting chemicals, such as phthalates and parabens, in their bodies compared with white women. These chemicals are key ingredients in many lower-cost beauty products.

This legislation takes significant steps in protecting consumers by banning chemicals that are known to be dangerous such as PFAS, asbestos, benzophenones, phenylenediamines, triclosan, nitrosamine and known carcinogens, such as ethylene oxide, toluene, naphthalene, and more. By enacting this legislation, New York State is placing itself among the leaders in this area with the [European Union](#), and states such as [Washington](#), [Minnesota](#), [Vermont](#), and [Connecticut](#).

Environmental Advocates NY strongly urges the legislature to pass A.2054A /S.2057A given the critical health impacts caused by these toxic chemicals. This bill also supports additional efforts to remove PFAS and other toxic chemicals that can continue to impact New Yorkers downstream through our water and environment.

Summary:

This legislation creates a list of prohibited substances in cosmetic products, and prevents the sale of any cosmetic product that contains these substances as an intentionally added ingredient after 2029.

2026

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<https://www.eany.org/bills>

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E. Special Events
Vee Taveras, Chair

SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE MEETING
V. TAVERAS, CHAIRPERSON
APRIL 2026
MINUTES

1. 2026 Events

Event	Date	Location	Contact/ permit
Free Book Giveaway	Currently happening until further notice	Casita Maria 928 Simpson Street Bronx NY	Please make appointments with ydilone@casitamaria.org
Nutrition Department Food distribution	April 16, 2026 11am	Field Of Dreams	Urban health
Opening Day Remember / Recordar Exhibition date	April 17, 2026 5:30pm – 8pm	Casita Maria Gallery 928 Simpson Street Bronx NY	Marketing@casitamaria.org Must RSVP
Remember / Recordar Exhibition date	April 18, 2026 August 14, 2026 3pm -5pm	Casita Maria Gallery 928 Simpson Street Bronx NY	Marketing@casitamaria.org Must RSVP
Autism Walk	April 24, 2026 10am – 1pm	41 st precinct 1035 Longwood Bronx NY 10459	Wear blue
M.S.Walk	April 26, 2026 8:30 am	Pier 76 408 12th Ave West NY, NY 10018	https://events.nationalmssociety.org/pages/2026
Nutrition Department Food distribution	April 29, 2026 11am	Field Of Dreams	Urban health
Peace Walk	May 15, 2026 10am – 12pm	PS48 1290 Spofford	Wear anything orange
Fellowship Breakfast	May 20, 2026 9am -11am	Banknote Building	RSVP
Nutrition Department Fruit & veggie distribution	May 21, 2026 11am	TBD	Urban health

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Earth day			
South Bronx Culture Festival: Family day	May 29, 2026 4pm – 7pm	Father Gigante Plaza	
South Bronx Culture Festival:	May 30, 2026 11am – 7pm	Father Gigante Plaza	
PR Festival	May 30, 2026	152 nd street between Jackson and Tinton Avenues	Joey Rivera
Bronx PR Parade	May 30, 2026	Grand Concourse	Joey Rivera
Pride month			
Bronx CB2's Summer Kick off	June 5, 2026		
Southern Blvd Bid presents Men's Mental Health Awareness	June, 6, 2026	Monsignor Del Valle Square across the street from 1049 East 163 rd Street	
Inauguration Anti Bullying Awards Ceremony	June 11, 2026 10am – 12pm	Banknote	Thelvis Alston, Jr.
Nutrition Department Fruit & veggie distribution	June 11, 2026 11am	TBD	Urban health
O.U.R. Place FEC Community Health and Wellness Fair	June 13, 2026 12pm – 4pm	Banknote 890 garrison	FEC
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026		
Fish Parade	June 20, 2026 12pm-5pm	Hunts Point Riverside Park	
Fiesta del San Juan	June 27, 2026 11am -4pm	Westchester avenue	
Urban Health Plan's Healthy Playstreet	July 2, 2026	Gilbert Place and Hunt's Point Ave	Urban
National Health center	Aug 2 – 8		Urban
National Night Out	August 4 th , 2026		Precinct

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Urban Health Plan's Youth Day	August 5, 2026	Field of dreams	Urban
CB 2 Back to school	August 15, 2026	Longwood Ave between Beck St & Fox st	
Back to school Pct	1035 Longwood Avenue		Precinct
HPAC Back to school			
9/11 Memorial	September 11, 2026 8am	1035 Longwood ave Bronx NY 10459	Precinct
Aids Walk	September 26, 2026		
Aids health fair	September 26, 2026		
Breast Cancer Walk		Bay Plaza Shopping mall	
41 st Annual Bronx Halloween Parade	October 24, 2026	Begins on Simpson St and East 163 rd St Ends: Dawson st between longwood & intervale ave	
41 st pct Halloween Extravaganza	October 31 4pm to 7pm	41 st precinct 1035 Longwood Ave	
Baldor Turkey Giveaway		The Point CDC 940 Garrison Ave	Cb2
41 st precinct turkey giveaway			Precinct
Tree lighting			
Parranda			
World AIDS Day	December 1, 2026		Cb2 (Luis Marrero)
SoBo Bid Coat giveaway			
41 st pct Winter wonder land	December 11, 2026	41 st Precinct	Precinct

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

Bronx Community Board # 2
Housing and Land – Use Committee Meeting

April 1, 2026
Time: 6 PM.

Minutes:

1. There was no voting item for consideration.
2. MHANY Management provided updates on their current and upcoming projects in Community Board 2. The Committee was informed that recent gas and roof leaks on the Peninsula properties are being addressed and that lottery for phase 2 will start soon and phase 3 is in the pipeline to commence construction.
3. Wave Management informed the Committee that the company will be taking over the management of some NYCHA properties in the Community Board 2.
4. The District Manager briefed the Committee of many ongoing YIMBY projects in the District and that the owners have declined to meet with the District Board. The issue has been referred to Councilmember Sanchez for appropriate action.
5. The meeting adjourned after many notifications of announcement by the District Manager.

G. Economic Development
Maria Torres, Chair

No Meeting

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

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