

Bronx Community Board #2

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Roberto Crespo
Chairperson



Ralph Acevedo
District Manager

Full Board Attendance

Date: February 25, 2026

Time: 6:00 pm

Venue: Webex

Members present

Carrie Agapito
Thelvis Alston, Jr
Evelyn Arauz
Raymond Arroyo
Elias Contreras
Paul Coverdale
Julia Cruz, LMSW
Lisa Delancey
Sha-Toria McCoy Gregg
Jeffrey Korn
Roland Lopez
Luis Marrero
Yasha Morgan
Clifford Muniz
Rev. Moses Oladosu late
Maggie Ortiz
David Pabon
Larry Robinson
Anthony Rodriguez
Elvis Santana
Viancey Taveras
Laticia Thompson
Jennifer Torres
Maria Torres
Robin Vaughn
Tonya Waldo

Members absent

Barbara Bennet
Roberto Crespo
Roselyn Grullon
Albin Infante
Dr. Lucretia Jones
Brian Kelly
LaShawn Lindsey
Lynette Olmo
Eric Rivera
Pastor John Udo Okon

Staff Present:

Ralph Acevedo, District Manager
Cynthia Baez, Community Coordinator

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PUBLIC HEARING

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

TIME: 6:00 PM

Location: NYPL 877 Southern Blvd, Bronx NY 10459

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FULL BOARD MEETING AGENDA

DATE: Wednesday, March 25, 2026

TIME: Upon Public Hearing completion

VENUE: Location: NYPL 877 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. Franchise, Licensing and Permits Committee Clifford Muniz, Chairman

FRANCHISE, LICENSING & PERMITS COMMITTEE MEETING CLIFFORD MUNIZ, CHAIRPERSON MARCH 10TH, 2026

Members: Evelyn Arauz, Barbara Bennett, Clifford Muniz, Maggie Ortiz, David Pabon, Jennifer Torres

Minutes

Review of Notification from NYS Office of Cannabis Management Notification for the following applicant and address.

Cannabis Dispensary :

Denver Delights. Inc

Address 850 Longwood, Bronx NY 10455

NYPD does not approve of this cannabis dispensary at this location due to the area being a heavy narcotics prone location, nearby school, local park and a shelter opposite the address which cause major concerns for the NYPD.

Motion to vote

1-Evelyn

2-Jennifer

Ayes: **3** Nay: **1** Abstain: **0**

Motion passes at F.L.P. Committee

Motion to adjourn: 7:14 pm

1-Jennifer

2-Evelyn

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B. Economic Development
Maria Torres, Chair

Economic & Municipal Services Subcommittee
Wednesday March 11th, 2026
6PM

In attendance: Maria Torres - Chair, LaShawn Lindsey, Anthony Rodriguez, Elvis Santana

- NYC Department of Design and Construction presented on Project ID – Bx 6 & SBS service. Repairs and construction will be taking place along the East-West Crosstown SBS Bronx-Manhattan. Work includes curb and bulb extensions, additions installing catch basins and hydrant installation and relocation. The staging area will be on 163rd & Kelly Street. DDC will provide traffic enforcement and flaggers. There will be some lane closures and temporary loss of parking as well as temporary relocation of Bus stops and scheduled water main service. The timeline will be Spring 2026 – Summer/Fall of 2028. The construction will on 163rd will not be constant.
- Gary Jacobs of F&F Supply is seeking a letter of support to the NYC Industrial Development Association for their application for a grant to purchase and renovate 1275 Oakpoint Avenue. They currently have 70 employees and would expand to up to 100. F&F has been in business of 85 years in the Hunts Point community and plays a vital role as a wholesale operator. Elvis Santana made the motion to give the letter of support and was seconded by Lashawn Lindsey. The motion passed unanimously.
- Ms. Jennie Jones returned with more information regarding her request for a street co-naming for her mother Audrina Jones at 156th St. & Fox St. Ms. Jones presented to the Board on this topic but was missing address information on the petition. Ms. Jones returned with the proper information. Lashawn Lindsey made the motion to approve the street co-naming and was seconded by Anthony Rodriguez. The motion passed unanimously.
- **New Business** – Yankees Scholarships are due by Friday
- Elvis Santana made the motion to adjourn, and Lashawn Lindsey seconded it. The motion passed unanimously - meeting adjourned at 6:57PM.

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C. Education

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

EDUCATION COMMITTEE MINUTES

DATE OF MEETING: March 18, 2026

Thelvis Alston, Jr. – Education Chairman

Larry Robinson- Youth Chairman

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

Committee meeting was chaired by Chairman Thelvis Alston, Jr.

1- David Chuchuca, School Program Director, gave a presentation on outdoor education and field trip opportunities for students and teachers. The presentation focused on urban ecosystem learning, environmental stewardship, and hands-on experiences such as NYC water (H2O) education. Mr. Chuchuca shared that the program has served over 200 schools since 2014 and emphasized the importance of connecting students to nature.

2- Darlene Jackson of Classical Charter School discussed current programming and services provided, with a focus on family engagement and strengthening connections between schools and the community. She highlighted the importance of understanding and addressing specific community needs.

3- Kristine Rivera of Excellence Schools presented information on Girls Prep, a free public charter school serving grades K–8. The presentation focused on academic programming, leadership development for young girls, and expanding awareness of school options available to families.

Old Business:

Discussion continued on strategies to reduce unstructured time for youth, particularly during school breaks. The committee discussed opportunities for partnerships with schools, community organizations, and outdoor programming providers.

Announcements:

Several community announcements were made. Plans are underway to develop an “In the Loop” newsletter to improve communication with the community. Follow-up will be coordinated with the District Manager. Additional discussion included potential youth engagement initiatives such as community clean-up efforts and bullying awareness programming.

Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 7:10pm.

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D. Health & Human Services Luis Marrero, Chair



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

The CB2 Health Committee meeting, chaired by Luis Marrero, featured presentations from the Alzheimer's Association, NYC DOH Bureau of Public Clinics, and from CEASE Helpline Outreach talking about their Center for Elder Abuse Program

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

- Introduction and Meeting Agenda
- Luis Marrero opens the meeting, welcoming attendees and outlining the agenda.
- Luis Marrero introduces himself as the Chair of the Health Committee and mentions the absence of board members.
- Tamika Phillips, Mia, Grace Chung, and Tamika Marrero introduce themselves and their roles.

2. Jackie Lopez's Presentation on Dementia and Alzheimer's

- Tamika Phillips begins her presentation, highlighting her background and the progress made by the Alzheimer's Association in New York City.
- Jackie Lopez emphasizes the disproportionate impact of Alzheimer's on women, noting that two-thirds of diagnosed cases are women.
- She highlights the high rates of Alzheimer's in the Bronx, ranking it among the top counties in the U.S.
- Jackie discusses the diverse languages supported by the Alzheimer's Association to reach the community.
- She explains the shift in focus from Alzheimer's to brain health, emphasizing the importance of early detection and prevention.
- Jackie Lopez shares the US Pointer Study findings, which highlight the importance of physical exercise, health monitoring, and mental activity in reducing the risk of Alzheimer's.
- She discusses the connection between sleep apnea, insomnia, and Alzheimer's risk.
- Jackie mentions the new blood tests available for early detection of Alzheimer's.
- She encourages community engagement and collaboration to spread awareness and support for Alzheimer's patients and their caregivers.

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3. Department of Health and Mental Hygiene Presentation

- Angelina Smith and Mia Neighbors from the Department of Health and Mental Hygiene present on their services and community engagement efforts.
- They discuss the six public health clinics in New York City, including locations in Morrisania and Central Harlem
- The clinics offer services such as STI testing, HIV prevention, and immunizations, all on a sliding scale or free of charge.
- They emphasize the importance of confidentiality and the availability of services in multiple languages.
- The presentation details the sexual health services offered, including STI testing, emergency contraception, and medicated abortion.
- They highlight the availability of immunizations for conditions like monkeypox, meningitis, and HPV.
- The clinics also provide counseling and support for substance use and domestic abuse.
- Angelina and Mia stress the importance of accessibility and confidentiality in their services
- The presentation covers the tuberculosis clinic in Fort Greene, Brooklyn, and the services provided, including chest X-rays and medication adherence support.
- They discuss the HIV counseling and testing services available at the clinics.
- The clinics also offer BLT observational therapy for those struggling with medication adherence.
- The importance of providing these services in high-risk areas is emphasized.

4. Community Engagement and Outreach

- Angelina and Mia discuss the importance of community engagement and building partnerships with local organizations.
- They highlight the role of the clinics in providing timely and accessible healthcare services.
- The presentation includes a map of the clinic's locations and contact information for further inquiries.
- They encourage community members to utilize the clinics and take advantage of the free and confidential services offered.
- Grace Chung from the Center for Elder Abuse Solutions presents on the New York State Elder Abuse Helpline for Concerned Persons.
- She highlights the prevalence of elder abuse, noting that one in 10 older adults experience abuse, neglect, or financial exploitation.

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- The helpline focuses on supporting concerned people, such as family members and caregivers, who are impacted by elder abuse.
- Grace discusses the services provided, including supportive counseling, information and education, and referrals to other agencies.
- The helpline aims to provide support to concerned people, empowering them to act on behalf of older adults and mitigate their distress.
- Grace emphasizes the importance of community networks and trust-building in addressing elder abuse.
- The helpline operates 24/7 and provides services in multiple languages.
- Grace encourages community members to spread awareness about the helpline and its services.

5. Announcements and Closing Remarks

- Cynthia Baez and Ralph Acevedo, CB2 District Manager discuss upcoming events and opportunities for community engagement, including a men's mental health awareness day and a health fair.
- Tamika Marrero mentions the availability of national donations at local Marshals locations to support community efforts.

6. Luis Marrero thanks the presenters and attendees, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and community support.

- The meeting concludes with a commitment to continue working together to address health and wellness issues in the community.
- A motion to end the meeting was at 7:15pm.

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

No Meeting

F. Special Events
Vee Taveras, Chair

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

1. David Chuchuca, School program director presented about shared field trip opportunities for teachers and students
2. 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@casitamaría.org
Nutrition Department Fruit & veggie distribution	March 19, 2026 11am	The meeting place 1069 Southern blvd	Urban health
41 st Precinct Easter egg hunt	April 4, 2026 11am – 3pm Up to 12 years	Barretto Point Park	
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@casitamaría.org Must RSVP
Remember / Recordar Exhibition date	April 18, 2026 August 14, 2026 3pm -5pm	Casita Maria Gallery 928 Simpson Street Bronx NY	Marketing@casitamaría.org Must RSVP

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Autism Walk	April 24, 2026 10am – 1pm	41 st precinct 1035 Longwood Bronx NY 10459	
M.S.Walk	April 26, 2026 8:30 am	Pier 76 408 12th Ave West NY, NY 10018	https://events.nationalmssociety.org/pages/2026
Peace Walk	May 15, 2026 10am – 12pm	PS48	
Fellowship Breakfast	May 20, 2026	Banknote Building	
Nutrition Department Fruit & veggie distribution	May 21, 2026 11am	TBD	Urban health
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 Tin Ton Avenues	Joey Rivera
Bronx PR Parade	May 30, 2026	Grand Concourse	Joey Rivera
Bullying			Thelvis Alston, Jr.
Pride month			
Bronx CB2's Summer Kick off	June 5, 2026	Monsignor Del Valle Square	
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	
Nutrition Department Fruit & veggie distribution	June 11, 2026 11am	TBD	Urban health
Health and Wellness Fair	June 13, 2026 12pm – 4pm	Banknote 890 garrison	FEC
Juneteenth	June 19, 2026		

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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		
Urban Health Plan's Youth Day	August 5, 2026	Field of dreams	
CB 2 Back to school	August 15, 2026	Longwood Ave between Beck St & Fox st	
HPAC Back to school			
9/11 Memorial	September 11, 2026 8am	1035 Longwood ave Bronx NY 10459	
Aids Walk	September 26, 2026		
Aids health fair	September 26, 2026		
Breast Cancer Walk		Bay Plaza Shopping mall	
41 st Annual Bronx Halloween Parade		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 give away			
Tree lighting			
Parranda			
World AIDS Day	December 1, 2026		Cb2 (Luis Marrero)

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41 st pct Winter wonder land	December 11, 2026	41 st Precinct	

**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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