



**The City of New York**  
**Bronx Community Board Three**

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**RUBEN DIAZ, JR.**  
**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT**

**GLORIA ALSTON**  
**CHAIRWOMAN**

**JOHN W. DUDLEY**  
**DISTRICT MANAGER**

**BOARD MINUTES**

Date: 4/14/20  
 Place: Remote Teleconference  
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Members Present**

Kolaco Acqui  
 Gloria Alston  
 Xiomara Arriola  
 Jerry Aviles  
 Joetta Brown  
 Dawn Carter  
 Gilberto Constantinez  
 Rev. Frederick Crawford  
 Vladimir Cruz  
 Nelson Delerme  
 Randy Dillard  
 Wanda Ellis  
 Abdul Johnson  
 Kathy Johnson-Morris  
 Abraham Jones  
 Rita Jones  
 Linda Kemp  
 Victor Latimer  
 Una Lawrence  
 Wilbert Tee Lawton  
 Tracie Lucas Lord  
 Aubrey Mike  
 Gina Newton  
 Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.  
 Laila Patino  
 Anddy Perdomo  
 Edna Quinones  
 Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera  
 Olympia Jay Striplin  
 Keziah Sullivan  
 D'Andra Van Heusen  
 Patrick Willis

**Staff Present**

Etta F. Ritter  
 John W. Dudley

**Members Excused**

**Members Absent**

Marilyn Johnson  
 Marlon Molina  
 Terrence Podolsky

**Councilmember Vanessa Gibson's Office**

CM Vanessa L. Gibson  
 Michael Ivory

**Bronx Borough President's Office**

Tom Lucania

**CM Rafael Salamanca's Office**

CM Rafael Salamanca  
 Shanna Knotts

**SS Luis R. Sepulveda's Office**

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## **SS Gustavo Rivera's Office**

SS Gustavo Rivera  
Latanya Christian

## **NYC Comptroller's Office**

Mariel Del La Cruz

## **Guests Names**

Belinda Simmons  
**All Other Guests Names on File**

## **Call To Order**

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson at Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

## **Invocation**

Min. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

## **COVID-19 Information**

At this time, Chairwoman Gloria Alston stated that the general board teleconference meeting this evening, will focus on the Coronavirus pandemic and how it has affected Community District Three.

## **Elected Officials Report**

### **CM Vanessa Gibson's Report**

CM Vanessa Gibson stated that her office along with other elected officials, are working to provide resources for constituents, first responders and essential workers during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic. CM Gibson provided updates as follows:

- The NYC Council is working remotely and ensuring that testing sites are in place.
- The NYC Department of Education is committed to making three free Grab and Go meals for all New Yorkers at Meal Hubs from Monday through Friday. Meals can be picked up for children and families from 7:30am to 11:30am, and for adults from 11:30am to 1:30pm. Constituents were instructed to call 311 to locate the Meal Hubs.
- NYC Department for the Aging has set up home deliveries for seniors and those who have mobility issues.
- Parents who have not received an iPad for their child(ren), are encouraged to call 718-935-5100 or call 311.
- Complete the Census 2020 at [www.my2020census.gov](http://www.my2020census.gov) and answer ten (10) simple questions
- NYC has a \$6.4B deficit in loss income and sales taxes. A PEG (Program to Eliminate the Gap) has been issued that requires city agencies to cut spending due to COVID-19.
- Major cuts to DYCD and DFTA services will be begin this fiscal year and carry into fiscal year 2021.

CM Gibson noted that the Executive Budget for FY'2021 is addressing the serious revenue shortfalls, prioritizing health protections, safety, shelter and access to food, for all New Yorkers. CM Vanessa Gibson stated this is the time to hold on to your faith, because this too, shall pass.

Questions were entertained and answered satisfactorily.

### **CM Rafael Salamanca's Report**

CM Rafael Salamanca stated that his office is working remotely; however, if you have a concern or issue, you can call the office at 718-402-6130 and speak with Deputy Chief of Staff Ms. Shanna Knotts. CM Salamanca stated that his office is ensuring that constituents receive the necessary essential services relating to food and that the children within the district, have iPads to participate in remote learning.

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### SS Gustavo Rivera's Report

SS Gustavo Rivera stated that due to COVID-19, video and teleconferencing will be the new norm on how future meetings will be hosted. SS Rivera informed the community at large that the state budget was passed and that it was a terrible budget.

The State Senator wished everyone health and prayers during this pandemic.

### SS Luis Sepulveda's Report

SS Luis Sepulveda stated that his office is focusing on advocating for "testing sites closer to the district" and that is important to providing health care services during this pandemic.

### Roll Call

Ms. Joetta Brown, secretary of Bronx Community Board Three, called the roll and a quorum was established.

### Approval of Members Requesting to be Excused

At this time, no one requested to be excused. For the record, Mr. Abraham Jones requested that members absent at this meeting, be excused due to COVID-19. There was a consensus amongst board members present, to allow members who were not in attendance tonight, to contact the board office prior to the meeting in May, to request excusal from the April 14, 2020 meeting.

### Approval of Minutes of Prior Meeting

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Rita Jones, to approve the February 11, 2020 general board minutes, with any necessary corrections, if there be any.

All In Favor

Motion Carried

### Amendments to the Agenda

Currently, there were no amendments to the agenda.

### NYC Comptroller's Report

Ms. Mariel Del La Cruz, representative from the Office of NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, stated the following:

The Comptroller is looking to host two Town Hall meetings; one for small businesses and the other to address constituent concerns.

Ms. Del La Cruz can be reached at 212-669-8720 or 212-920-9501, for further information.

### Assembly member Michael A. Blake's Report

Assembly member Michael A. Blake stated that the aim of the **Bronx Community Relief Effort** is to raise \$10m to support effective, on the ground operations, that are focused on meeting the most essential needs of the Bronx community during COVID-19. To learn more about the Bronx Community Relief Effort, go to **thebronx.org**, where you can also give a donation. The donations received will address, food insecurities, small business relief, distribution of microgrants, distribution of personal protective equipment (PPE), distribution of nonprofit economic relief grants to not for profits, connectivity and technology gaps, equity & justice and housing stability. World Kitchen has been a great contributor to the residents within Community District Three in providing hot and cold meals at more than 61 sites. The Bronx Draft House and the Bistro are providing meals to community residents as well.

Assemblyman Blake noted that these services can be accessed by going online and typing **WCKitchen** or **MrMikeBlake** or texting the word **COVID 692692** or **BLAKE 66539** and press send.

- Assemblyman Blake also noted that the June election will allow for everyone to vote by **absentee ballot**.

Assemblyman Blake suggested that persons contact his office at 718-538-3829, should they require further information or have concerns.

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## **Bronx Borough President's Report**

Mr. Tom Lucania, representative from the office of Bronx Borough President Ruben Diaz, Jr., forwarded the Borough President's Report via email. Ms. Ritter e-blasted the report to those on Bronx Community Board Three's list serve. Mr. Lucania thanked the board members for attending the virtual teleconference meeting this evening.

Mr. Lucania informed those in attendance, that the Bronx Borough President's website is updated regularly regarding available resources related to COVID-19.

## **District Manager's Report**

The district manager stated that the board provides its members and the general public with daily informational updates and resources from NYC and NYS agencies, as well as non-profit organizations, on the status of COVID-19 in New York State and New York City.

The district manager also provided members with an update on activities at Bronx Care as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, and noted that it appears that 12-15% of all cases of individuals testing positive for the Coronavirus in the Bronx, reside in zip codes 10456, 10459 or 10460.

The following concerns were raised:

What steps are being taken to assist individuals who have been diagnosed with the coronavirus, sent home, quarantined for 14 days and who need to return to work? How do they secure a doctor's note if they have no primary care or family doctor? What steps are being taken to assist an individual in this regard.

What laws or rules are in place to ensure that buildings which contain residents who have or had the coronavirus, be sanitized and cleaned properly **"Universal Clean Up?"** Who ensures that building maintenance crews are given sufficient PPE to conduct their jobs safely?

Ms. Mariel Del La Cruz from the office of NYC Comptroller Scott Stringer, stated that she would look into how someone can get a doctor's note to return to work.

Recommendation: Community District Three needs a testing site so constituents do not have to travel on a bus or train to be tested. It was suggested to use the playground of Richard R. Drew JHS 148 for this purpose; nevertheless, this matter was not taken for vote consideration by the board.

## **Committee Report(s)**

### **By-Laws & Membership Committee**

At this time, Ms. Wanda Ellis, chairperson of the By-Laws and Membership Committee, stated that the By-Laws and Membership Committee recommends the removal of Melody Jimenez, due to her having missed five (5) meetings for the period October 2019 to February 2020. This recommendation is in accordance with Bronx Community Board Three's By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 4-4c, which governs the necessary actions in removing appointed members.

At this time, Ms. Wanda Ellis, chairperson of the By-Laws and Membership Committee, made a motion to remove Ms. Jimenez due to her having missed five (5) meetings for the period of October 2018 to February 2020.

### **Motion**

**It was motioned by Ms. Wanda Ellis and seconded by Ms. Linda Kemp, to remove Ms. Melody Jimenez due to her having missed five (5) meetings for the period of October 2019 to February 2020. This recommendation is in accordance with Bronx Community Board Three's By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 4-4c, which governs the necessary actions in removing appointed members.**

YES

NO

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**Ms. Wanda Ellis noted that Bronx Community Board Three was in receipt of a letter of resignation from Ms. Cassandra Saunders, due to her attending school on Tuesdays.**

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**Benediction**

Rev. Frederick Crawford led us in prayer led us in prayer.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.

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