



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

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**HON. VANESSA GIBSON**  
**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT**

**GLORIA ALSTON**  
**CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS**

**REV. FREDERICK CRAWFORD**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

**ETTA F. RITTER**  
**DISTRICT MANAGER**

**BOARD MINUTES**

Date: 4/9/2024  
 Place: 1332 Fulton Avenue  
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Members Present**

Kolaco Acqui  
 Robert Brown  
 Dawn Carter  
 Gilberto Constantinez  
 Rev. Frederick Crawford  
 Vladimir Cruz  
 Joyce Diggs  
 Francis D'Souza  
 Wanda Ellis  
 Michele Gantt  
 Maurice Gray  
 Linda Johnson  
 Rita Jones  
 Una Lawrence  
 Tracie Lucas Lord  
 Aubrey Mike  
 Anddy Perdomo  
 Amanda Reed  
 Laredo Regular  
 Keziah Sullivan-Norman  
 Bryan Wigfall

**Mayor's Office (CAU)**

Socrates Solano

**Bronx Borough President's Office**

Alexis Ruiz

**NYC Public Advocate's Office**

Gina Williams

**State Senator Luis Sepulveda**

Elizabeth Marte

**Staff Present**

Courtland W. Hankins

**Members Excused**

Gloria Alston  
 Joetta Brown  
 Aaron Dumfeh  
 Beverly Emers  
 Kathy Morris  
 Victor Latimer  
 Christian Matthew  
 Paul Navarro  
 Arona Testamark  
 D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

**Members Absent**

Xiomara Arriola  
 Randy Dillard  
 Abraham Jones  
 Linda Kemp

**Assemblymember Chantel Jackson's Office**

Crystal Diaz

**Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office**

Lisne Bautista

**Bronx District Attorney's Office**

Senovia Simpson

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Rev. Frederick Crawford, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:10 pm.

## **INVOCATION**

Rev. Frederick Crawford opened the meeting in prayer.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

Ms. Kolaco Acqui, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, introduced Mr. Pimentel, founder of South Bronx Cares. Mr. Pimentel came before the community at large to introduce South Bronx Cares, a community action group focused on highlighting many overlooked issues in South Bronx neighborhoods. South Bronx Care's aim is to rally people and sound the alarm, with the purpose of holding political leaders accountable to their constituents.

Mr. Pimentel gave an example of **La Resurrecion** on Elton Avenue, a historical 150-year-old church located in Bronx Community District 1, that had been demolished and replaced with supportive housing without Community Board knowledge or input. Mr. Pimentel also spoke of the proliferation of homeless shelters being disproportionately placed in South Bronx communities.

Mr. Pimentel concluded by stating that the community needs to continue to organize to ensure that the community is heard and has a say in the decision-making process regarding the community and encouraged the community to reach out South Bronx Cares at southbronxcares@gmail.com.

## **ELECTED OFFICIALS' REPORT**

### **Bronx Borough President - Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson's Report**

Ms. Alexis Ruiz, Deputy Director of Community Board, Bronx Borough President's Office, did not provide a written report.

Ms. Ruiz stated that the community board member applications were still being reviewed and the review process is nearing completion. Ms. Ruiz shared time sensitive information.

### **CM Rafael Salamanca's Report – 17<sup>th</sup> District**

Ms. Shanna Knotts, Director of Constituent Services, provided a written report as follows:

#### **Legislation:**

There are no legislative updates at this time.

#### **In-District Recap:**

- At the beginning of March, CM Salamanca was able to accomplish obtaining the official Landmark of Joseph Rodman Drake Park & Enslaved People's Burial Ground. He has advocated for this monumental effort since 2010, back when he was District Manager of Community Board 2.
- On March 20<sup>th</sup>, Council Member Rafael Salamanca, Jr. hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the newly installed CCTV security cameras at Melrose Houses. First introduced in 2017, funding for the cameras was secured through a \$3 million award from the 2018 fiscal year budget thanks to continued lobbying from Council Member Salamanca. An investment in the security and peace of mind of Melrose residents, these new cameras will also ensure and help usher in a greater sense of public safety for the entire South Bronx community.
- On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Councilmember Salamanca hosted a check presentation at Lincoln Hospital for the \$3 million dollars that he was able to allocate for sterilization equipment. CM Salamanca has allocated a total of \$40,241,000.00 in capital funding to various healthcare facilities, which includes \$10,469,000.00 to Lincoln for multiple uses. The full breakdown is as follows:
  - \$110k for a stereotactic breast cancer biopsy system
  - \$884k for a renovation and purchase of equipment for two x-ray suites
  - \$2.9m for a nurse call bell system
  - \$375k for an S8 brain tumor stealth detection station
  - \$3.2m for ultrasound & neonatal equipment, and operating room c-arms system

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- \$3m for sterilization equipment for various departments (today's check presentation)

### **Reminders:**

Any community board members that are up for re-appointment please be sure to submit your applications. Some members have expressed that they have yet to receive their re-appointment applications. However, please be mindful, request them if need be, and submit them at your earliest convenience.

### **Office Operations**

- Our office remains open and in full operation to offer a variety of constituent services. Those looking for assistance can give us a call, submit an email, or visit us in person at the district office.
- We also have an immigration attorney available to provide constituents with free consultation and application assistance. However, this service is offered by appointment only. For more information or to set up an appointment please contact our office directly.
- CM Salamanca has partnered with DSNY for the E-Cycle NYC program. This a free service where you can discard electronics that you no longer need, want, or utilize. They can be dropped off at our district office weekly from Wednesday – Friday between the hours of 10am – 3pm. A variety of electronics will be accepted, that don't include household items such as vacuums, microwaves, batteries, light bulbs, or ballasts. Please refer to the flier with full details. This opportunity will remain available to community members and residents for the next few months. \*Flier Attached\*

### **Upcoming Events**

- On Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> CM Salamanca will host his Annual Heroes Recognition Breakfast at the Botanical Garden 2950 Southern Blvd. Bronx, NY from 10am – 12pm. Due to limited seating, RSVPs are required and can be submitted by phone or email. \*Flier Attached\*
- On Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> CM Salamanca will host his Annual Community Board & Precinct Council Appreciation BBQ from 12pm – 3pm at The Bronx Zoo's Dancing Pavilion 2300 Southern Blvd. RSVPs are required and can be submitted by phone email. \*Flier Attached\*
- On Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, CM Salamanca in partnership with NYC DOT will host a Helmet Fitting & Giveaway event from 11am – 2:30pm at Playground 52 located 681 Kelly Street, Bronx, NY while supplies last. No RSVP is required. \*Flier Attached\*

### **How to connect with Team Salamanca**

We strongly encourage interested parties to follow us on one of our social media platforms. This is to help individuals stay informed and up to date about legislation, upcoming events, and other pivotal information.

- Facebook: [Facebook.com/CMSalamanca](https://www.facebook.com/CMSalamanca)

- X (Twitter): @CMSalamancaJr

- Instagram: @cmsalamancajr\_d17

### **Councilmember Althea Stevens' Report – 16<sup>th</sup> District**

Ms. Lisne Bautista, Scheduler for Councilmember Althea Stevens, provided a written report as follows:

### **Upcoming Events:**

Garífuna Heritage Celebration at City Hall tomorrow 4/10 5-8pm hosted by CM Stevens, NYC Council Speaker & Other CMs

MET April 24th - Charter bus will be driving constituents to the Met. There is limited availability, please call our office for more information

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**Community Updates:**

Food Distribution location requests can be submitted to our office.

Participatory Budgeting- There will be 2 projects on the ballot that fall within CB3. Vote week is April 6th-14th. I will forward the voting sites when they are finalized. To vote online please visit [www.vote.pbnyc.org](http://www.vote.pbnyc.org).

**Legislative Updates:**

CM Steven's introduced seven different legislations:

*New York City Council  
Office of Council Member Althea Stevens*

**Legislation Introduced :**

**Int.733** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the New York City Department of Education to report information on Career and Technical Education programs in New York City public schools.

**Int.734** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing prevailing wage requirements for city-contracted human service workers.

**Int.735** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the department of correction to report on sexual abuse and harassment of staff and ensure that staff have access to mental health treatment resources.

**Int.729** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to establishing mental health services for two afterschool programs administered by the department of youth and community development.

**Int.730** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to a report on community engagement by city contractors.

**Int.731** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law in relation to establishing a task force to examine disparities in contracting.

**Int.732** *Prime Sponsor: Council Member Althea Stevens*  
A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to requiring the city chief procurement officer to conduct evaluations of non-profit programming.

**District 16 In-Office Services**

<u>Service Agency</u>	<u>Frequency</u>
Choice of NY	Every other Wednesday
CUNY Citizenship Now	Every Monday
NAICA	By referral
Department of Buildings	Every other Wednesday
CUNY Law	First Tuesday of every month
OATH NYC	Request referral from our office

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**Join our District 16 Advisory Councils**

	Youth	Tenant Block & Neighborhood	Seniors	Health & Wellness	Multicultural
Date:	April 11th	April 15th	April 18th	May 7th	May 2nd
Time:	4:30pm	6:00pm	2:00pm	5:30pm	5:30pm

For anyone who would like to sign up for Council Member Althea Stevens E-Newsletter - Follow this link : <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/2PxkaUc>

**Constituent Service Hours**

<b>Mondays &amp; Wednesdays (9am -5pm)</b>	<b>Tuesdays &amp; Thursdays (9am -5pm)</b>	<b>Fridays (9am - 5pm)</b>
<b>*No Walk-Ins* Appointment Only!</b>	<b>Walk-Ins &amp; Follow Up Appointments</b>	<b>*Fridays are administration days, no walk-ins or appointments will be accepted. *</b>

How to make an appointment:

Email: District16@council.nyc.gov or Call: (718) 588-7500

Make sure to include:

- Full name
- Address
- Contact information
- Description of case

\*See attached flyers

**Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's Report**

Ms. Senovia Simpson, Community Engagement Coordinator for Bronx DA Darcel Clark, provided a written report as follows:

**Saturday Night Lights Sites:**

Location: Claremont Neighborhood Centers-Claremont Community Center 489 E 169<sup>th</sup> Street

Time: Every Saturday from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Activity: Basketball for Youth 14 yrs. & older:

Contact: Christopher Wilson - 347-935-5672

**7<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Safety Fair:**

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. In our efforts to promote awareness, the Bronx District Attorney's Office will be hosting our 7th Annual Child Safety Fair! It will take place on **Saturday, April 27th, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm** at **P.S. 211 The Bilingual School**, located at **1919 Prospect Ave, Bronx, NY 10457**. The Child Safety Fair aims to engage and provide valuable education to our community about children's safety and wellness. Many returning and new agencies will provide interactive learning activities for all children in attendance. There will also be food, entertainment, and music. Everyone is invited to join us on this fun-packed day!

See flyer attached.

**Court Tours:**

Our office tour aims to provide students with a basic understanding of the criminal justice system while focusing on the three essential parts of the process : Arraignments, the Detective Squad, and the Complaint Room.

- **Arraignment**

Students can understand how the court process works, and how each side (the people and the defendant.

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- **Detective Squad**

Students are given a unique understanding of how Law Enforcement Officers use skills and technology to catch criminals.

- **Complaint Room** -Students are given a walkthrough of where the Assistant District Attorneys are initially presented with the cases and the victims.

To book a tour and for further details please email [CEU@bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:CEU@bronxda.nyc.gov)

### **State Senator Luis Sepulveda's Report – 32<sup>nd</sup> Senate District**

Ms. Elizabeht Marte, Community Affairs Director for Senator Luis Sepulveda, provided a written report as follows:

#### **Office Relocation:**

Our office is relocating to a new location at 975 Kelly Street, Suite 203, Bronx, NY 10459. We will provide details on the reopening date as soon as we finalize the set-up of our services in the new location.

#### **Legislative Updates:**

Senator Sepulveda is actively working on several bills aimed at benefiting our community. Here are some key legislative initiatives:

- **Senate Bill 2023-S8685:** Establishes a tax credit for rent paid on the personal residence of certain taxpayers who lease their primary residence, aimed at providing relief to those spending over 30% of their income on rent, especially those with incomes less than 50% of the area median income.
- **Senate Bill 2023-S8593:** Allows students enrolled in public juris doctor or master of laws programs to apply for Excelsior scholarships, supporting low-income law students.
- **Senate Bill 2023-S8592:** Includes the city of New York in the Aid and Incentives for Municipalities (AIM) program, providing crucial funding to support essential services and infrastructure.
- **Senate Bill 2023-S8521:** Establishes the "New York Student Loan Assistance and Home Purchase Act," facilitating home purchases for those burdened by student debt by offering financing opportunities for consolidating debt into mortgages. We believe these initiatives and our partnerships will significantly impact our community, addressing housing stability, educational access, financial relief, and essential municipal funding.
- A reminder that the District Office is partnered with two legal service providers NYLAG and NAICA. Both organizations deal with an array of different issues, such as eviction cases, immigrations, HP Actions, and more. We are also partnered with Bridgebuilders who will be in the office bi-weekly, they assist with SNAP applications and recertifications, childcare vouchers, and the housing connect app. All partnered services are appointment based only, please reach out to the office to secure an appointment at 718-991-3161. The office is now open for virtual services only, when we return to in-person operations, we will make sure that the community is notified. Please call the office to receive assistance.

### **Assemblymember Chantel Jackson's Report – 79<sup>th</sup> District**

Ms. Crystal Diaz, Constituent Services Director for Assemblymember Chantel Jackson, provided a written report as follows:

#### **Events:**

- March 4th from 9am-5pm, our office hosted a Bring Your Parents to Work Day event where we provided breakfast and lunch, and a tour of the Capitol.
- March 16th from 11 am - 3 pm at the BronxWorks Betances Community Center, our office is supporting the Willie & Aikisha Colon Foundation's HBCU College Fair taking place
- March 21st at 12 pm, our office is hosting a Virtual Legislative Grants Workshop. We will cover the following topics: Reaching out to Elected Officials, Application Process Documents Needed, Project Descriptions, and Budgets Follow-up Process. Zoom Register Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZETdOmsqTsqGdlmVpL0Hkh6QFUmh1oBIC6C>

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- March 27th from 11am - 12pm, our office hosted a therapy dog, Roxy, in our Legislative Office Building room 547
- March 28th from 6pm-8pm, our office hosted a Social Work Month Social at Bronx Draft House in celebration of social worker month.
- March 29th from 1:30 – 2:30pm, our office did a Small Business Crawl within AD 79 where we connected with Small Businesses and shared resources with them.

### **Legislation:**

The 2024 Legislative Session calendar is available on AM Jackson's Instagram. You can download the session calendar as a pdf using the link in her Instagram bio. AM Jackson has been actively involved in various legislative efforts, including introducing 17 new bills this session relating to DNA, e-bikes/e-scooters, higher education, health/mental health, fetal infant mortality, and housing. AM Jackson cosponsors 6 new bills relating to housing, visitation rights, electronic wills, and traffic cameras.

AM Jackson introduced the following resolutions:

Bring Your Parents to Work Day (Mourning the death of Luciel Boles-Wilson)

Social Work Month

Employee Appreciation Day in the State of New York

Rates of retail theft have been on the rise, and many business owners fear for their store and their safety. Governor Kathy Hochul has proposed a \$40.2 million investment in retail theft prevention. Of the \$40.2 million, \$25.2 million will be allocated towards a State Police team to combat organized retail theft rings, \$10 million to support District Attorneys in prosecuting retail theft cases, and \$5 million to support local law enforcement in combating retail theft. We would like community opinions on this proposal to determine whether this investment in law enforcement and retail theft prevention would be helpful or harmful to our district. Please complete the survey below to give us your thoughts.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6YqrTJPbJb5CIEOFOYXnnnUhpkuq2MU69fjQEdwyWrBEYQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd6YqrTJPbJb5CIEOFOYXnnnUhpkuq2MU69fjQEdwyWrBEYQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Office Updates:**

Our district office offers free notary services Monday through Wednesday and Friday from 11:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Sign-up Form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX-SJA7K0i1wRGZ681Pw18XKUncr3feJwOG7eEd6k1o6sdw/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScX-SJA7K0i1wRGZ681Pw18XKUncr3feJwOG7eEd6k1o6sdw/viewform?usp=sf_link)

### **Resources/Initiatives:**

We are looking for Spanish-speaking volunteers to help our team. If you or anyone you know is interested, please email [casained@nyassembly.gov](mailto:casained@nyassembly.gov) and [district79@nyassembly.gov](mailto:district79@nyassembly.gov).

We are also offering people a chance to submit opinion pieces, poems, or short stories to be featured in our newsletter.

- Submit your writing as Word doc by emailing [johnsons@nyassembly.gov](mailto:johnsons@nyassembly.gov). Our community feedback survey is live!
- On AM Jackson's assembly page, community members can share ways to improve the district. You can find the website by googling Assembly Member Chantel Jackson; the survey is on her main page. <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Chantel-Jackson>

### **Newsletter Sign-up:**

Subscribe to our newsletter using the link in AM Jackson's Instagram bio:

<https://state.us4.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5491220e529623bf71e8742b3&id=cfa8de078e>

### **Office Contact Information:**

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Bronx NY 10451  
718-538-3829 / 347 234-5597

Constituent matters: [help79districtbx@gmail.com](mailto:help79districtbx@gmail.com)

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## **Mayor Eric Adams' Report**

Socrates Solano, representing Mayor Adams Office, provided a written report as follows:

Mayor Adams is calling upon community boards, community-based organizations, council members and business improvement districts to submit a **Request for Expressions of Interest** (RFEI) for the development of a **Neighborhood Support Teams** (NST). The RFEI package should include a detailed description of the Quality-of-Life problems facing each community. <https://www.nyc.gov/site/cau/Initiatives/support-teams.page>

Mayor Eric Adams and New York City Police Department (NYPD) Commissioner Edward A. Caban announced efforts being taken to make the Metropolitan Transit Authority's (MTA) subway system safer by investing in new technology to detect firearms, as well as invest in more clinicians that will help those suffering from severe mental illness in the nation's largest subway system. Company name is **Evolv**.  
[https://www.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/public\\_information/post-final/electromagnetic-weapons-detection\\_iup\\_3.28.24\\_draftforcomment.pdf](https://www.nyc.gov/assets/nypd/downloads/pdf/public_information/post-final/electromagnetic-weapons-detection_iup_3.28.24_draftforcomment.pdf)

Mayor Eric Adams announced "jobs.nyc.gov," a new multi-pronged citywide effort to reduce barriers to economic opportunities and deliver workforce development services directly to communities across the five boroughs that are experiencing high unemployment.

## **Public Advocate Jumaane Williams Report**

Ms. Gina Willams, representing the Jumaane Williams, the NYC Public Advocate, provided a written report as follows:

### **Greetings:**

Eid al-Fitr (starting 4/9), Tax Day (4/15), and Passover (4/22) NEW YORKERS

### **Should Know:**

Check out our new website! Advocate.nyc.gov has been redesigned to provide streamlined access to resources, reports, and other tools – from our administration and previous Public Advocates.

Free tax preparation is available for eligible New Yorkers. Reminder: the deadline to file a tax return for your 2023 taxes is April 15, 2024. Find out more at [nyc.gov/DCA](http://nyc.gov/DCA).

COVID19 Updates: New Yorkers can still sign up for an updated COVID-19 vaccine, as well as a flu shot, at [vaccinefinder.nyc.gov](http://vaccinefinder.nyc.gov), and get free PCR tests for COVID-19, flu, and RSV. Visit [on.nyc.gov/covidexpress](http://on.nyc.gov/covidexpress).

### **Legislative Updates:**

Daniel Ohebshalom has been number one on our Worst Landlord Watchlist for two years in a row, and now, he's facing real accountability for his negligence. Last month, the city arrested the owner behind some of the most dangerous buildings in our city. This should send a signal to other bad actors across the city –putting profit over people will cost you.

Public Advocate Williams recently released a proposal to prevent e-bike battery fires by distributing fireproof battery storage bags. Lithium-ion batteries used in e-bikes continue to cause an alarming number of fires citywide –, Public Advocate Williams is calling for the city to invest in fireproof battery storage containers to distribute to delivery drivers citywide. These bags are low-cost, less than \$20 each, and for a relatively small expense, the city can provide bags to every delivery driver who needs one. This is a simple, cost-effective solution that will ultimately save money, and

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much more importantly save lives.

### **Upcoming Events:**

Find out about upcoming events by following our Eventbrite page at [NYCPublicAdvocate.eventbrite.com](https://NYCPublicAdvocate.eventbrite.com) – Join us on April 3 for an informational virtual conversation, How To: Apply for Healthcare Through NYC Care, on our Facebook, LinkedIn, and YouTube channels. Join us in-person on April 5 for Bridging the Gap Health Forum: Collaborating to End the Opioid Epidemic in Staten Island to discuss how we can work together to end overdose in New York. Join us in-person in Queens for the April 30 Queens Satellite Office for Commuters (with another in Queens in July).

### **Watch Ask the Advocate on News12:**

Tune into News12 Bronx, Brooklyn or online to watch our monthly segment Ask the Advocate. Our next episode will air live on Monday, April 18th from 7-7:30pm. Call in to have your questions asked live!

### **Listen to The Reset Show:**

Also, each month, Public Advocate Williams participates in a longform interview covering issues across the city on The Reset Show. The next episode will be on April 26 at 10am. Follow us on Facebook for more details.

### **Stay In Touch With Our Office:**

Any New Yorker can always reach out to our office by contacting [gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov](mailto:gethelp@advocate.nyc.gov) or calling 212.669.7250 and leaving a message. Our office is receiving constituents with an appointment. Also to stay in touch with our office: 1). Sign up for our bi-monthly newsletter at [bit.ly/AdvocateNewsletter](https://bit.ly/AdvocateNewsletter) [NOTE: Bit.ly links are case sensitive]; 2). Subscribe to The Advocate text bot by texting “Hello” to 833-933-1NYC (833-933-1692); 3). check out our blog at [advocate.nyc.gov/blog](https://advocate.nyc.gov/blog); and 4). Follow us on Eventbrite, Threads, Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn.

### **COMMUNITY CONCERNS:**

- Mr. Colbert Nembhard, Site Manager at the Morrisania New York Public Library thanked Bronx Community Board Three for liaising with Con Edison to get the branch’s power restored. The library was without power since Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>. Power was restored on Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Ms. Dawn Carter, board member, mentioned that retail store Black Friday, plays loud music from their establishment which disturbs the peace. Black Friday management refuses to lower the music when asked too. The store is located on 2868 Third Avenue at 149<sup>th</sup> Street. A 311 complaint will be made and forwarded to Bronx Community Board 1 for follow-up.
- There was a consensus of members who expressed their concern regarding dog owners and walkers who are not cleaning up after their pets in public areas. The NYC Pooper Scooper Law is legislation that allows the NYC Department of Sanitation the authority to fine violators up to \$250.00. If you know a public area where people frequently fail to pick up after their pets, call 311 to report the location and time that the pooper scooper violation occurs. The DSNY Canine Unit will monitor the area for enforcement and issue a fine to the pooper scooper violator.
- A street co-naming for the late Estella B. Diggs will take place on Sunday, April 21, 2024, at East 167<sup>th</sup> Street between Franklin Avenue & Boston Road at 3 pm. Immediately following there will be a celebration from 5pm to 7pm at Estella B. Diggs Park.
- Mr. Michael Pimentel spoke on condition of the roads on Bronx District Three. Mr. Pimentel encouraged the community at large to call 311 and request that the roads get paved and milled.
- A request was made for additional garbage cans within Community District Three. It was advised that specific areas be identified for said request.

### **ROLL CALL**

Ms. Keziah Sullivan-Norman, Recording Secretary of Bronx Community Board Three, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

### **MEMBERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

Gloria Alston  
Joetta Brown  
Aaron Dumfeh  
Beverly Emers  
Kathy Morris

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Paul Navarro  
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D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas

**MOTION**

It was motioned by Mr. Bryan Wigfall and seconded by Mr. Laredo Regular to excuse the following member(s):

Gloria Alston  
Joetta Brown  
Aaron Dumfeh  
Beverly Emers  
Kathy Morris  
Victor Latimer  
Christian Matthew  
Paul Navarro  
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**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

It was motioned by Ms. Anddy Perdomo and seconded by Mr. Robert Brown, to approve the March 12, 2024, General Board minutes, with any necessary corrections, if there be any.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

There was no amendment to the agenda.

**CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT**

Rev. Frederick Crawford, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, announced the following:

- Elections for Bronx Community Board Three officers will be held in June 2024
- Ms. Wanda Ellis will serve as the chairperson of the Nomination Committee
- Mr. Francis D'Souza has been appointed as co-chairperson of the Education & Consumer Affairs Committee
- Ms. Kathy Morris has been appointed as co-chairperson of the Health, Human Services and Aging Committee
- Ms. D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas has been appointed as co-chairperson of the Parks & Recreation, Youth Services, Historical Outreach Committee

**DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT**

Ms. Etta Ritter, District Manager of Bronx Community Board Three, was not in attendance due to health reasons.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

There were no committee reports.

**NEW BUSINESS**

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**SICKNESS, DISTRESS, & BIRTHDAYS**

Please keep Ms. Gloria Alston and Ms. Etta Ritter in prayer:

Bronx Community Three wishes Ms. Etta Ritter and Mr. Bryan Wigfall a happy birthday for the month of April.

**BENEDICTION**

Mr. Walter Mobley closed the meeting with a prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.

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