



# *The City of New York*

## *Bronx Community Board Three*

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**CHAIRPERSON**

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**DISTRICT MANAGER**

### **BOARD MINUTES**

Date: 06/10/25  
Place: 1332 Fulton Avenue  
Time: 6:00 P.M.

#### **Members Present**

Atta Acheampong  
Kolaco Acqui  
Ibrahim Ahmed  
Xiomara Arriola  
Joetta Brown  
Robert Brown  
Edgardo Cedeno  
Gilberto Constantine  
Randy Dillard  
Francis D'Souza  
Wanda Ellis  
Beverly Emers  
Michele Gantt  
Margo Grant  
Maurice Gray  
April Jones  
Diane Jones  
Victor Latimer  
Una Lawrence  
Tracie Lucas-Lord  
Aubrey Mike  
Jacquelyn Moore-Hill  
Anddy Perdomo  
Amanda Reed  
Laredo Regular  
Jeannie Ruiz  
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas  
Beautiful Winston

#### **Councilmember Oswald Feliz**

Ali Saab

#### **Congressman Ritchie Torres Office**

Joanna Rivas

#### **Mayor Adams Office**

Emmanuel Martinez

#### **Staff Present**

Etta F. Ritter  
Courtland W. Hankins, III

#### **Members Excused**

Dawn Carter  
Joyce Diggs  
Abraham Jones  
Paul Navarro  
Keziah Sullivan-Norman  
Jasmine Uribe

#### **Members Absent**

Michelle Holmes  
Linda Johnson  
Kathy Morris

#### **Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office**

Althea Gibson  
Tyreke Israel  
Lisne Bautista

#### **Senator Luis Sepulveda**

Brianna Rosso

#### **Bronx DA's Darcel Clarke Office**

Senovia Simpson

#### **Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson's Office**

Ciara Gannon

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m.

## **INVOCATION**

Deacon Edgardo Cedeno led us in prayer.

## **PUBLIC HEARING**

**Laura Ramirez, Senior Homicide Advocate, Crime Victims Assistance Bureau, The Bronx District Attorney's Office**

**Leticia Tavares, Senior Violence Response Specialist, Crime Victims Assistance Bureau, The Bronx District Attorney's Office**

**Topic: Discuss how both teams respond to and support non-fatal shooting victims and also families of homicide cases.**

Ms. Joetta, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, introduced Ms. Laura Ramirez and Ms. Leticia Tavares to those in attendance.

Ms. Ramirez gave an overview of the following services related to homicide victims:

- Offers supportive services and advocacy to the loved ones of homicide victims.
- Provides therapy services administered by licensed social workers to the loved ones of homicide victims.
- Assists with developing a Victim Impact Statement, which is a written or oral statement that allows victims of crime to share how the crime has affected them.
- Hosts events in honor of the homicide victims.
- Offers follow up services to check on the status of the loved ones of homicide victims.
- Funeral costs may be covered up to a maximum of \$6,000.00
- Receives client referrals from the NYPD, Assistant District Attorney's, and community walk-ins.

Ms. Tavares gave an overview of the following services related to victims of non-fatal shootings:

- Provides therapy and psychological services administered by licensed social workers.
- Assists with safety planning.
- Assists with client relocation.
- Connects clients with legal services.
- Offers financial assistance to help cover the cost of lost earnings due to the crime.
- Liaises with multiple organizations to assist with support.
- Works with clients that are in fear of becoming shooting victims.
- Receives client referrals from the NYPD, Assistant District Attorney's, and community walk-ins.

At this time the presentation was concluded, and questions were entertained and answered satisfactorily.

## **PUBLIC SESSION**

### **Announcements**

Councilmember Althea Stevens shared time sensitive information and encouraged all community members to vote by or on June 24, 2025.

District Leader Gene Edwards, Jr., presented information on early voting sites in the district.

Ms. Linda Kemp of Bringing the Peace, Inc., encouraged the community to call 311 for quality-of-life concerns. Ms. Kemp also reminded those in attendance of the Juneteenth event celebration that she will be hosting this year.

Ms. Etta Ritter, District Manager of Bronx Community Board Three, suggested community members call the NYC Dept. of Sanitation (212.677.4223) for complaints regarding dump sites. The 311 complaint numbers should be referenced.

Mr. Daniel Silver of Bridgebuilders, shared time sensitive information.

A representative from the Civic Engagement Commission spoke briefly regarding the city-wide Participatory Budgeting Program.

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Mr. Colbert Nembhard, Manager at the Morrisania Public Library, announced that the Morrisania Library will be a voting site on Election Day 2025.

A representative of the Family Enrichment Center shared time sensitive information.

Ms. Beverly Emers, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, shared information on the Safety Activation initiative within NYCHA Housing.

### **Community Concerns:**

Ms. April Jones, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, asked for community support to help address the youth violence in her immediate neighborhood.

A community resident complained of issues residents are experiencing due to water main construction on Jefferson & 169<sup>th</sup> Street (at Franklin Avenue). The construction is taking up parking spaces, blocking the street, and causing overall inconvenience to the residents. The resident mentioned that the scheduled construction end date has been pushed back several times, and the construction crew also works on Saturdays. The resident requested better communication from the administrators of the construction project.

### **ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS**

#### **Councilman Rafael Salamanca's Report**

Ms. Shanna Knotts, Chief of Staff, at CM Rafael Salamanca's Office, shared the following written report:

#### **Legislation:**

No new updates at this time.

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

- On Wednesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> CM Salamanca did a check presentation at Bronx Academy for Multi-Media in the amount of **\$750,000.00** for upgrades of their playground and auditorium.
- On Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> at P.S. 130 CM Salamanca did a check presentation in the amount of **\$2,700,000.00** for the upgrades of the auditorium and playground.
- On Wednesday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at P.S./M.S.29 The Melrose School, CM Salamanca presented a check in the amount of **\$750,000.00** for the renovation of their auditorium.
- On Thursday, May 29<sup>th</sup>, at Field of Dreams Park for the UHP Annual Diabetes Expo, CM Salamanca did a check presentation for the Healthy Food Initiative in the amount of **\$355,000.00**.

#### **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 attorneys 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 to 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.

#### **Upcoming Events**

- On Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 6pm, Councilmember Salamanca will host a Family Day: School's Out Celebration at Noble Playground on E. 177<sup>th</sup> Street btw. Noble Ave. & Bronx River Ave. \*Flier Attached\*
- On Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> from 6pm-9pm at the Bronx Zoo's Schiff Hall, CM Salamanca in partnership with the Bharati Foundation, will host the annual Bollywood event. RSVP's are required to attend. \*Flier in progress\*
- On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 11am – 2:30pm in partnership with NYC DOT & Bronx River Alliance, Councilmember Salamanca will host his annual Helmet Distribution at Starlight Park 1490 Sheridan Blvd. Bronx, NY. \*Flier Attached\*
- On Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup> from 12pm – 6pm, CM Salamanca will host his annual Longwood Festival at the intersection of Longwood Ave. and Southern Blvd. \*Flier in progress\*

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- On Friday, June 27<sup>th</sup> CM Salamanca will host Movies under the Stars for a showing of Mummies at Noble Playground on E. 177<sup>th</sup> Street between Noble Ave. & Bronx River Ave. Refreshments will be provided. \*Flier in 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
- X (Twitter): @CMSalamancaJr
- Instagram: @cmsalamancajr\_d17

#### **Assemblymember Chantel Jackson's Report**

Ms. Crystal Diaz, Director of Constituent Services, at AM Chantel Jackson's Office, shared the following report:

#### **EVENTS**

Icy Social Date of Event: 6/12/2025 Time:3:00pm-6:00pm Location: 156 Street & Concourse village West

Juneteenth Bus Trip to DC June13th history and culture of African Americans.

Fathers Day Celebration Date of Event: June 14th 2025  
9am-2pm  
Location: 1665 Hoe Avenue Bronx NY 10460

#### **LEGISLATION**

##### New Bills

- A8388:
- A8744:
- A7830:
- A7956:
- A8128:
- A8726:
- A8727A:
- A8759:

##### Bills Passed

- A429: Passed both Senate and Assembly and signed into law. The bill requires landlords to notify adjoining units of a bed bug infestation in a rental residential premises without identifying information, and to notify all tenants of an infestation in a common area by posting such notice in a conspicuous location accessible to all tenants.
- A4677-A: Passed the Assembly, Senate bill is in the Insurance committee. The bill requires insurance to cover lactation consultant services.
- A4159A: Passed Assembly and Senate, not yet signed by governor. The bill Prohibits blocking certified peer support advocates, who were previously incarcerated, from providing treatment services in correctional facilities.
- A8254: Passed Assembly and Senate, not yet signed by the governor. This bill relates to training police officers on how to respond to situations involving individuals with autism spectrum disorder and other developmental disabilities.

##### Final Budget Items

- \$120 million towards Foundation Aid bringing total school funding to \$26.4 Billion
- \$13.5 million for statewide "bell-to-bell" ban on smartphones in K-12 schools, creating distraction-free learning zones.
- \$18.4 million for the expansion of body worn cameras for all DOCCS staff along with a minimum age decrease to 18 for correctional officers.
- \$500 million to distressed hospitals
- \$70 million for the Opioid Settlement Fund
- \$20.5 million for 200 additional inpatient mental health beds
- \$8 million for Daniel's Law Pilot and Behavioral Health Crisis Technical Assistance Center

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- \$8 million for baby benefits for new families to provide postpartum care packages and \$1.5 million to distribute approximately 10 million diapers to families across NYS
- \$50 million for lead abatement in NYC

#### Bronx Budget Wins

- 10 new NYC civil court judges, including 2 for the Bronx
- \$325 million for gun violence prevention
- \$50 million for supportive housing in NYC
- \$80 million for Mitchell-Lama preservation
- \$200 million for NYCHA
- \$50 million for Housing for the Future homeownership and rental programs
- \$340 million to expand universal school meals
- \$50 million for Housing Access Voucher Program (HVAP)
- \$40 million for Homeowner Protection Program
- \$20 million for eviction legal counseling
- \$400,000 for Bronx Legal Services for free legal services to help low-income Bronx residents

#### **NEW YORK STATE BLACK LEGISLATIVE TASK FORCE (NYSBLT)**

This year, the New York State Black Legislative Task Force (NYSBLT) received enhanced recognition from the New York State Assembly.

- The Black Legislative Task Force is composed of 35 Black legislators serving in both the New York State Senate and Assembly.
- Assembly Member Chantel Jackson serves as the Chair.
- Founded in 2022, the NYSBLT harnesses the political power of its members to advance economic security and racial justice for Black communities.
- Our mission is to advance legislation and secure financial resources that uplift Black communities.
- Legislative priorities include:
  - Health & Mental Health
  - Economic Empowerment
  - Criminal Justice Reform
  - Housing
  - Education
  - Technology
  - Justice

#### June 2025 Highlights

- June 5th: Hosted a Pastel, Seersuckers, and Sundress Day at the Capitol.
- June 9th: Hosted a Black Music Month Celebration at the Capitol which included a press conference, lunch, a legislative resolution introduction, and a floor introduction for legends such as Kurtis Blow, G. Keith Alexander, and Dr. Bob Lee on the Assembly and Senate floor.
- June 19th: Hosting a Juneteenth event in collaboration with the Black, Puerto Rican, Hispanic, Asian Caucus and the Office of NYS Senator Cordell Cleare. The event will be located in Harlem and we will be raising the Juneteenth flag. The Black Legislative Task Force is currently circulating a google form to collect the contact information for community-based organizations that are interested in receiving updates on the \$30 million we secured for underserved communities:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfcvFKd5rOX7x104eDoFEiOsMXSJQNipBI0Fsh9LXUM4DBLZw/viewform?usp=header>

**NYSBLT WEBSITE:** <https://nyassembly.gov/comm/?id=173>

- You can find the website by googling Black Task Force. NYSBLT SOCIAL MEDIA:
- Instagram | X | TikTok | YouTube: @nysbltaskforce

#### **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

For all matters: [nysbltaskforce@gmail.com](mailto:nysbltaskforce@gmail.com), 518-455-5273  
Executive Director: Dorcia Williams, [williamsd@nyassembly.gov](mailto:williamsd@nyassembly.gov)

#### **AM WEBSITE**

<https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Chantel-Jackson>

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- You can find the website by googling Assembly Member Chantel Jackson; the survey is on her main page.

## NEWSLETTER SIGN-UP

- Subscribe to our newsletter using the link in AM Jackson's Instagram bio  
<https://state.us4.listmanage.com/subscribe?u=5491220e529623bf71e8742b3&id=cfa8de078e>

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## Bronx District Attorney Darcel Clark's Report

Ms. Senovia Simpson, Community Engagement Coordinator, Bronx DA's Office, provided the following written report:

The Bronx District Attorney's Office hosted its first Beautification Event, Plant for Peace, in recognition of National Gun Violence Awareness Day. The event took place at St. Mary's Park last week Friday, June 6, 2025, in the afternoon.

This initiative was grounded in research showing that beautification and greening efforts can play a meaningful role in reducing crime and enhancing community well-being. Through this event, we honored the lives lost to gun violence while fostering a sense of healing, unity, and hope in our neighborhood. This event included the planting of orange flowers in memory of Gun Violence Victims in the St. Mary's area. Following the flower planting, community members, partners, BXDA Staff and elected officials collaborated to clean up at St. Mary's Park. We extend our sincere appreciation to all who contributed to the distribution of the event flyer and participated in the initiative. We hope you all will join us in future initiatives to honor Gun Violence Awareness.

### To keep up with our office

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Career Opportunities

Press Releases

Learn about what our office is doing through the BXDA Newsletter and other resources please refer to the link below.

<https://linktr.ee/bronxda>

### **Councilmember Althea Stevens' Report**

Lisne Bautista, Scheduler, Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office, provided the following written report:

### **Legislative Updates**

N/A

### **Community Updates:**

Mr. Tyreke Israel, Deputy Chief of Staff for Councilperson Althea Stevens, spoke at the June 2025 Bronx Community Board Three General Board meeting on the following community issue:

Sanitation: our office is looking for any signs of illicit canning or bottle deposit operations in the community. We have seen operations pop up in CB5 CB4 and looking for feedback from CB3. These operations are distributive, unsanitary, and lack regard for our communities. CM Stevens is committed to creating a unique approach to not penalize citizens recycling but also create safer conditions for people in our community.

### **Upcoming Events:**

- 3:00pm Wednesday, June 11th, 2025 Skate Night @ Nelson Playground
- 2:30pm Wednesday, June 18th, 2025 Pride on the Highbridge w/ CM De La Rosa
- 12:00pm Thursday, June 19th, 2025 Juneteenth Family Day/Line Dancing Party @ Joyce Kilmer Park via street closure
- 11:00am Saturday, June 21st, 2025, Community Vendor Fair @ Lou Gehrig Plaza

### **District 16 In-Office Services**

Service Agency	Frequency
CUNY Citizenship Now	Every Monday
NAICA	By referral
Department of Buildings	By referral
Choice (Medicaid assistance)	By referral
CUNY Law	First Wednesday of every month
SNAP	Request referral from our office

### **Join our District 16 Advisory Boards**

Board:	Health & Wellness	Youth	Tenant Block & Neighborhood	Seniors	Multicultural
Date:	June 12th	June 23rd	July 7th	June 26th	September (TBD)
Time:	5:30pm	4:30pm	6:00pm	2:00pm	5:30pm

For anyone who would like to sign up for text message updates from Council Member Althea Stevens sign up via this link:

<https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/sl/k0DBwAd>

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<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](mailto:District16@council.nyc.gov) or Call: (718) 588-7500
- Make sure to include:
  - Full name
  - Address
  - Contact information
  - Description of case

#### Senator Luis Sepulveda's Report

Briana Rosso, Deputy Chief of Staff at Senator Sepulveda's office, shared time sensitive information.

#### Congressman Ritchie Torres' Report

Ms. Joanna Rivas, Constituent Services Liaison, shared the following written report:

- May 28, 2025 – Rep. Ritchie Torres wrote to Homeland Security to explain why ICE detained Dylan, a 20-year-old NYC student who legally entered the U.S. from Venezuela under a Biden-era asylum program. Dylan was living in the Bronx with his family when he was arrested after a routine court hearing. Torres questioned how the arrest serves public safety and asked for assurance that Dylan's legal rights—like access to a lawyer and medical care—are being upheld.
- June 9, 2025 – A long-awaited study to restore the Harlem River is moving forward after a \$1 million funding deal was announced on Friday. The study, led by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, will explore ways to improve the river's natural habitats, water quality, flood protection, and public access. New York City is contributing \$500,000, matching federal funds secured by Representatives Ritchie Torres and Adriano Espaillat.

That wraps up tonight's updates. As always, our office is here to help with any federal issues like Social Security, Immigration, Passports, or the IRS. With summer coming up, don't forget to check your passport status before booking travel. We can help with checking statuses on first-time applications, renewals, and even same-day appointments if needed. Call us at 718-503-9610 to set up an appointment. Thank you!

#### Councilman Oswald Feliz' Report

Mr. Ali Saab, a staff member, at CM Oswaldo Feliz' Office, shared the following written report:

In mid-May the City Planning Commission (CPC) certified the land use application for an affordable homeownership project funded (\$500k) by the Council Member last year. This application consists of changing the existing R7-1 zoning district to an R8 zoning district to facilitate the development of a new 13-story housing development with 65 affordable homeownership units. The local community board now has 60 days to review this proposal and submit recommendations to the CPC.

One in four City households had no broadband access via cable, FTTP or DSL internet subscription as of 2023. NYPL offers a Neighborhood Internet program that provides wireless internet from certain libraries for local residents. In January 2025, Mayor Adams announced \$6 million in new funding to expand the NYPL "Neighborhood Internet" network, providing free Internet to an additional 2,000 households receiving Section 8 rental assistance. HPD reached out to Council Member Feliz to ask if we would provide a letter of support requesting for Congress to provide the funding necessary for the expansion of the program, which he did on May 15th.

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On May 17th, two staffers from our office participated in the East Tremont Community Cleanup from Arthur Ave to Vyse Ave. We are looking to have another clean up within the next 6 to 8 weeks in order to build on this momentum.

On Monday, May 19 two staffers joined our W Farms Sq. Food Giveaway from 2-4pm with Affinity and catholic charities they came with fresh produce; 200+ people were able to make it to the event.

On Tuesday, May 20, we had a staffer join Purple Specialty Pharmacy's Grand Opening on West Farms Road and the POTS Grand Opening Ceremony.

On May 20 a staffer reached out to Bronx Special Kids, which is a program that hosts events and classes for kids and families with special needs across the Bronx to see if their program would like the remaining tickets for the Bronx Zoo that we were unlikely to be able to give away before they expired. She was able to disburse nearly 100 tickets to schools and families across the borough. Some went for Mother's Day, others had a school trip on Friday.

On May 22nd, our budget and land use director met with representatives from the Bronx River Alliance, Transportation Alternatives and other elected officials to touch base regarding the 5 Bridges Project led by NYSDOT. The Council Member has joined his colleagues at the State level in signing onto a letter opposing this project due to the longstanding health consequences of the Cross Bronx and the environmental impact this construction would have on the Bronx River underneath it. This meeting was called because NYSDOT pushed back the release of the Environmental Assessment this summer. The Bronx River Alliance and its coalition are concerned that NYSDOT will publish this report on short notice, eliminating the possibility for informed public testimony. To address these concerns, they are asking that DOT increase the public review period from 30 to 120 days (per CB6's motion.) This project is set to begin construction in Summer 2026. - - - - -

Feliz Festival on Sunday, June 1st from 12-5PM at Poe Park. The event was open to anyone who wanted to participate and we saw a turnout of over 3,000 people.

On Tuesday, June 3rd Council Member Feliz attended the ribbon cutting for 1946 Webster Avenue (Property of Graham Windham), as they completed the ground floor of their renovation. This organization offers health advocacy and family support – they mainly get referrals from the Office of Children and Family Services (OCFS, which is a state agency) Council Member also attended the Ribbon Cutting of Quarry Ballfields, which was a reconstruction project that was recently finalized

On Friday and Saturday, June 6 and 7, three staffers attended VIP Services and Senator Sepulveda's Resource Fairs where our office distributed pampers, and bags of non-perishables/ fresh produce

On Sunday, June 22nd the United Bodegas of America and AM Alvarez will hold a concert at Poe Park. Two staffers from our office will be present.

Children's Aid Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). We will receive two participants ages 16-24 yrs to assist in the day to day tasks during the length of the program. 6 Week program starting July 1st 2025 – August 8th 2025. Participants are paid by Children's Aid and can work up to 25 hours weekly. Please ask friends and family to call our office at (718) 842-8100 to get more information.

CM Feliz will introduce the Defective Sidewalk Bill with Council Member Rivera on June 11th. Currently property owners are able to sit on property with defective sidewalks without any short-term consequences. Owners who never intend to leave or sell their property, generally do not have any incentive to take on the cost of repairing defective sidewalks. The city currently will place a tax lien on a property for defective sidewalks, however such liens will not manifest into a monetary penalty until sale or transfer of the property. This bill would subject owners of real property to a maximum civil penalty of \$250 if they fail to complete sidewalk repairs as directed by the Department of Transportation. In addition, this bill would subject owners of real property to a maximum civil penalty of \$250 upon being issued notice of a sidewalk defect that poses an immediate danger to the public if such owners knew or should have known of the defect unless the Department of Transportation determines that the failure to address such defect before notification is reasonable under the circumstances.

#### **Mayor Eric Adams Office**

Mr. Emanuel Martinez, Bronx Director of Community Affairs, shared time-sensitive information.

#### **Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson's Office**

Ms. Ciarra Gannon, Director of Community boards, shared time-sensitive information.

#### **District Manager's Report**

Ms. Etta Ritter, District Manager of Bronx Community Board Three, shared the following report:

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The following represents a brief summary of issues of importance affecting Bronx Community District Three for the period covering May 14th to the present:

Int 1065-2024 – Terms of employment for district managers – A Local Law to amend the New York City Charter in relation to the terms of employment for district managers. This bill would limit the term of community board district managers to four years, with the possibility of re-appointment, and provide borough presidents with the power to remove district managers at will. It is proposed to be effective immediately.

The hearing is scheduled for Monday, June 16, 2025, at 10:00am.

The hearing is posted [online here](#).

You are hereby invited to attend and testify, either live via video conferencing, or live in person at City Hall.

If you are planning on testifying live in person or via video conferencing, please register in advance of the hearing at <https://council.nyc.gov/testify/>. Each person who intends to testify live via Zoom should register separately. If you plan to testify in person, it would be greatly appreciated if you could bring twenty (20) copies double-sided of your written testimony to the hearing.

Written testimony may be submitted without registration by emailing it to [testimony@council.nyc.gov](mailto:testimony@council.nyc.gov) or via the Council's website at <https://council.nyc.gov/testify/> up to 72 hours after the close of the hearing. The entrance to the hearing and restrooms at City Hall are fully accessible. For questions about accessibility or to request additional accommodations, please contact Nicole Benjamin (NBenjamin@council.nyc.gov or 212-482-5176) at least 72 hours before the hearing. All other questions about the hearing can be directed to JGanapathy@council.nyc.gov and ErCohen@council.nyc.gov.

### Committee – Updates

#### *Housing, Land-Use & Economic Development Committee*

1388-1400 Stebbins Avenue - The Housing, Land-Use and Economic Development Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, June 16th discussion will be held regarding 1388-1400 Stebbins Avenue

1404 Stebbins Avenue - Matthew Gross from Lettire Construction Corp came in March to discuss a proposed affordable housing project at 1404 Stebbins Avenue.

1472 Boston Road - Bold Charter School will serve 700 students in grades K-8. Civic Leaders will be the borrower, as well as the developer and landlord, and they will lease the facility to Bold.

#### *Parks and Recreation/Youth Services & Historical Outreach*

Wednesday, June 18th – Approval of the schematic designs for Eae J. Mitchell Park and Youth Village Park – Committee quorum is imperative.

#### *Health & Human Services/Aging Committee*

1283 Westchester Avenue – Bronx Community Board Three received email correspondence from Wanda Salaman, Director of Mothers on the Move at Banana Kelly, proposing to open a retail dispensary at said location. The HHS committee will entertain this proposal. - The Community Board is permitted 30 days to review and issue an advisory opinion per the State of New York Office of Cannabis Management.

### Chairperson's Report

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, shared that the Bronx Borough President's Office conducted a de-escalation training for community board chairs and district managers. Ms. Brown suggested that committee chairs should also receive the training.

It was also mentioned that Bronx Community Board Three submitted the following letters of support in May 2025:

- Nos Quedamos – support for an application to host a Civic Engagement Fellow through the CUNY Institute for State and Local Governance
- WhedCo. – support for an application to the Institute for State and Local Governance at the City University of New York (CUNY ISLG) Civic Engagement Fellowship Program.
- Volunteers of America – Greater New York - support for an application to the Institute for State and Local Governance at the City University of New York (CUNY ISLG) Civic Engagement Fellowship Program.

### **MOTION**

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#### **EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

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1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Chairperson

Kathy Morris  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-Chairperson

Keziah Sullivan-Norman  
Secretary

D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas  
Treasurer

Robert Brown  
Sgt.-at-Arms/Parliamentarian

It was motioned by Tracey Lucas Lord and seconded by Randy Dillard to Empower the Executive Committee to Act on Behalf of the Board During Summer Recess (July 2025 -August 2025).

YES	ABSTAIN	NO
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**MOTION CARRIED**

### **ROLL CALL**

Mr. Robert Brown, Sargeant of Arms of Bronx Community Board Three, called the roll, and a quorum was established.

### **APPROVAL OF MEMBERS REQUESTING TO BE EXCUSED**

The following members requested to be excused:

Dawn Carter  
Joyce Diggs  
Abraham Jones  
Paul Navarro  
Keziah Sullivan-Norman  
Jasmine Uribe

### **MOTION**

It was motioned by Maurice Gray and seconded by Aubrey Mike to excuse the following members:

Dawn Carter  
Joyce Diggs  
Abraham Jones  
Paul Navarro  
Keziah Sullivan-Norman  
Jasmine Uribe

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

It was motioned by Beverly Emers and seconded by Ibrahim Ahmed to approve the minutes May 08, 2025, with any necessary corrections.

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### **AMENDMENT TO THE AGENDA**

There were no amendments to the agenda.

### **BIRTHDAYS**

At this time, individuals born in the month of June were acknowledged.

### **SPECIAL RECOGNITION**

Board member Ibrahim Ahmed was congratulated on receiving a commendation for his community work.

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**SICKNESS & DISTRESS**

Please keep District Leader Lanita Jones in our prayers as she continues her road to recovery.  
Please keep board member Margo Grant in our prayers as she continues her road to recovery.  
Ms. Iraida DeJesus shared that her brother is doing much better and she thanked everyone for her prayers and thoughts.

**BENEDICTION**

Deacon Edgardo Cedeno led us in prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.