



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

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**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT**

**GLORIA S. ALSTON**  
**CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS**

**JOETTA BROWN**  
**CHAIRPERSON**

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

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| <b>Board Members</b> | <b>41</b> |
| <b>Present</b>       | <b>21</b> |
| <b>Excused</b>       | <b>13</b> |
| <b>Absent</b>        | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>Signed Late</b>   | <b>0</b>  |
| <b>Left Early</b>    | <b>0</b>  |

**BOARD MINUTES**

Date: 2/10/26  
 Place: 1332 Fulton Avenue  
 Time: 6:00 P.M.

**Members Present**

- Kolaco Acqui
- Xiomara Arriola
- Joetta Brown
- Robert Brown
- Dawn Carter
- Edgardo Ceden
- Gilberto Constantinez
- Iraida DeJesus
- Randy Dillard
- Francis D'Souza
- Wanda Ellis
- Michele Gantt
- Shakira Hart
- Linda Johnson
- Diane Jones
- Victor Latimer
- Tracie Lucas-Lord
- Kathy Morris
- Amanda Reed
- Laredo Regular
- Beautiful Winston

**Staff Present**

Courtland W. Hankins, III

**Members Excused**

- Atta Acheampong
- Joyce Diggs
- Beverly Emers
- Maurice Gray
- Una Lawrence
- Aubrey Mike
- Paul Navarro
- Anddy Perdomo
- Jeannie Ruiz
- Keziah Sullivan-Norman
- Jasmine Uribe
- D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas
- Chantel Wells

**Members Absent**

- Ibrahim Ahmed
- Eleanor Cano
- Margo Grant
- Michelle Holmes
- Abraham Jones
- April Jones
- Kim Roland

**79<sup>th</sup> Assembly District Leader**

Lanita Jones

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

Kenny Agosto

**Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office**

Lisne Bautista

**Councilmember Oswald Feliz Office**

Sone' Hege-Cornell

**Mayor Zohran Mamdani's Office**

Alina Dowe

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:18 p.m.

**INVOCATION**

Ms. Diane Jones, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, led the meeting in prayer.

**PUBLIC INFORMATION**

**Nicole Rizzi, FDNY Safety Education Unit**

**Topic: Discuss fire safety measures, best practices, and available resources**

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, introduced Ms. Nicole Rizzi James to the community at large.

Ms. Rizzi spoke on the following safety guidelines:

Fire extinguishers

- Appropriate use
- Type and class
- How to visually inspect

Smoke Alarms

- Installation
- Maintenance

Electrical

- Electrical cord safety
- Electrical outlet safety

Lithium-ion Battery

- Purchasing safety tested batteries
- Proper charging
- Proper storage
- Battery disposal

Ms. Rizzi conclude her presentation and satisfactorily entertained questions.

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Announcements**

Mr. Francis Dsouza, chairman of the Bronx Community Board Three Education & Consumer Affairs Committee, spoke on the Financial Literacy Workshops hosted by Bronx Community Board Three:



In partnership with **NYC Bronx 3** Community Board

**FREE FINANCIAL CAPACITY WORKSHOPS**

**ADVANCE REGISTRATION REQUIRED**

Wednesdays ONLY, 6:00 - 8:00 PM

**TOPICS**

- Money Management, **March 4<sup>th</sup>**
- Understanding credit, **March 11<sup>th</sup>**
- Scams, fraud, and rip offs, **March 18<sup>th</sup>**
- Investment Basics, **March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**LOCATION**  
East Bronx Academy  
1716 Southern Blvd  
Bronx, New York 10460

**Presenter**  
Ray Dr. Charles Butler  
VP of Equitable  
Development, HCCI

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The following community public hearing was announced:

Neighborhood Advisory Board - Wednesday, February 11, 2026 - 6pm to 8pm – at the Claremont Neighborhood Center, 489 East 169<sup>th</sup> Street.

Mr. Marcelo Villagran, Public Affairs Liaison, Lincoln Hospital shared time sensitive information.

**Community Concerns**

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Ms. Diane Jones, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, spoke on the importance of the upcoming midterm elections and voting for the congressional, senate, and assembly seats.

Mr. Victor Latimer, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, spoke on the importance of voting in the local elections.

Ms. Joetta Brown, chairwoman of Bronx Community Board Three, asked those in attendance to encourage young people to register to vote and to actually vote. She also spoke on the need for more registered voters, in general, to actually vote.

Ms. Beautiful Winston, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, spoke on the process of pre-registering to vote at the age of 17 years old.

Ms. Stephanie Gadsden, resident of Bronx District Three, inquired about what can be done to improve the law that regulates heating in rented apartments. A discussion ensued on the current heating laws and how HPD addresses and monitors heating issues.

Kenny Agosto requested that the 311 numbers be collected and sent to the Bronx Borough President's office.

### **Roll Call**

Mr. Courtland Hankins, Community Coordinator of Bronx Community Board Three, called the roll, and a quorum was not established.

### **Elected Official's Reports**

#### **Mayor Zohran Mamdani's Report**

Ms. Alina Dowe, Bronx Borough Director for Mayor's Community Affairs, introduced herself to those in attendance and her new role with the mayor's office. Ms. Dowe spoke on the importance of getting out the vote, suggested that community boards advocate with elected officials to address issues with the current NYC heating law, and stressed the importance of tenant associations organizing on their own behalf.

Ms. Dowe shared her email [adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov)

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

Ms. Lisne Bautista did not provide a written report and shared time sensitive information.

#### **Councilmember Oswald Feliz's Report**

Sone' Hege-Cornell, Legislative Fellow, shared the following written report:

Representative: Soné Hege-Cornell, Legislative Fellow  
[SHege-Cornell@council.nyc.gov](mailto:SHege-Cornell@council.nyc.gov)  
Office Number: (718) 842-8100  
573 East Fordham Road, Bronx, NY 10458

#### **Office Information:**

Our office is available to help District 15 constituents with a wide range of issues, including housing and quality of life issues.

- Our office is open 10AM-5PM, from Monday to Thursday.
- We can be reached by phone, (718) 842-8100, 10AM-5PM from Monday to Friday.

We have an immigration attorney in office every Tuesday through CUNY Citizenship Now!

- Please call 646-664-9400 or 212-652-2071 to make an appointment, or for more information.

#### **Tax Preparation Services**

It's tax season! Our office has certified tax preparers in the office every Monday and Thursday. Appointments are free and available from 10AM - 4PM. To make an appointment, please call our office.

#### **Legislative Updates:**

Council Member Oswald Feliz now serves as the chair of the Public Safety Committee.

Council Member Feliz also serves on the following committees:

- Committee on Civil and Human Rights
- Committee on Criminal Justice
- Committee on Finance
- Committee on Governmental Operations, State & Federal Legislation
- Committee on Housing and Buildings
- Subcommittee on Landmarks, Public Sitings, Resiliency, and Dispositions

Council Member Feliz is currently prioritizing passing three bills.

- Int 0194-2026 Bedroom Dimensions Bill - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York and the New York city building code, in relation to minimum living room size requirements in multiple dwelling units.
- Int 1320-2025 (New Bill Number Pending) Defective Sidewalk Bill - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to the imposition of

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civil penalties on property owners who fail to repair sidewalk defects.

- Int 0196-2026 Sodium Warning Label Bill - A Local Law to amend the administrative code of the city of New York, in relation to modifying the sodium warning at chain restaurants

**Bronx Borough President's Office Report:**

Mr. Kenny Agosto did not provide a written report and shared time sensitive information.

**OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Joetta Brown, chairwoman of Bronx Community Board Three, announced that District Manager Etta Ritter will be out of the office for the rest of the week due to a family emergency. Ms. Brown also mentioned that the Bronx Community Board Three office space is currently without heat and has been working with city agencies to rectify the issue.

**BIRTHDAY ANOUNCEMENTS**

Bronx Community Three recognized the birthday of board member and 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chairwoman Kathy Morris.

**BENEDICTION**

Mr. Edgardo Cedeno led us in prayer.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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