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Bronx Community Board Three

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BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT

JOETTA BROWN
CHAIRPERSON

ETTA F. RITTER
DISTRICT MANAGER

GLORIA S. ALSTON
CHAIRPERSON EMERITUS

Board Members	38
Present	24
Excused	11
Absent	3
Signed Late	0
Left Early	1

BOARD MINUTES

Date: 5/12/26
Place: 1332 Fulton Avenue
Time: 6:00 P.M.

Members Present

Kolaco Acqui
Ibrahim Ahmed
Xiomara Arriola
Joetta Brown
Robert Brown
Eleanor Cano
Dawn Carter
Edgardo Ceden
Gilberto Constantine
Iraida DeJesus
Joyce Diggs
Francis D'Souza
Shakira Hart
Michelle Holmes
Abraham Jones
April Jones
Tracie Lucas-Lord
Aubrey Mike
Kathy Morris
Anddy Perdomo
Amanda Reed
Laredo Regular
Jeannie Ruiz
Chantel Wells

Bronx Borough President Vanessa Gibson's Office

Kenny Agosto

Senator Luis Sepulveda's Office

Elizabeth Marte

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Joetta Brown, Chairperson of Bronx Community Board Three, called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

INVOCATION

Deacon Edgardo Ceden, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, led the meeting in prayer.

PRESENTATION

Ryan Arreco, Community Affairs Associate, NYC Department of Consumer & Worker Protection

Staff Present

Etta F. Ritter
Courtland W. Hankins, III

Members Excused

Atta Acheampong
Wanda Ellis
Michele Gantt
Maurice Gray
Linda Johnson
Diane Jones
Victor Latimer
Una Lawrence
Keziah Sullivan-Norman
Jasmine Uribe
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas

Members Absent

Margo Grant
Kim Roland
Beautiful Winston

Councilmember Althea Stevens' Office

Lisne Bautista

Councilmember Justion Sanchez's Office

River Alexander

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Kolaco Acqui
1st Vice-Chairperson

Kathy Morris
2nd Vice-Chairperson

Keziah Sullivan-Norman
Secretary

D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas
Treasurer

Robert Brown
Sgt.-at-Arms/Parliamentarian

Topic: Discuss Worker Protection Laws in New York City

Ms. Joetta Brown introduced Mr. Ryan Arreco to those in attendance.

Mr. Arreco shared the information on the following:

- Prenatal parental leave
- Leave time to care for a sick family member or close friend
- Leave time for cases of domestic violence
- Leave time for cases involving a threatening work environment
- Leave time for cases of natural disasters

Mr. Arreco concluded his presentation by entertaining questions and answering them satisfactorily.

PUBLIC SESSION

- Mr. Javier Genao, MAP Engagement Coordinator - Butler Houses, shared time-sensitive information.
- Steven Pacheco, MAP Engagement Coordinator - Morris Houses, spoke on "**Fight The Power Initiative**", and the **Self Defense and Animation program** for the youth in Morris Houses.
- Mr. Abraham Jones, Executive Director of the Claremont Community Center, announced that the center was awarded funding for a **Fathers Program**, a program to support fathers and assist in navigating the financial and emotional requirements of fatherhood. Mr. Jones also shared time-sensitive information.
- Mr. Robert Brown, Sgt. of Arms of Bronx Community Board Three, spoke on the People's Money participatory budgeting process.
- Ms. Iraida DeJesus, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, urged the community to support the recognition of Ms. Una Lawrence and her contributions to the community and the work she has done in the GreenThumb Garden La Familia. Ms. DeJesus also asked the community to help in providing the garden. She also requested assistance with reaching out to the youth who are interested in horticulture.
- Ms. Michelle Holmes, board member of Bronx Community Board Three, complained about the mobile car washes located on Park Ave from 168th Street to 170th Street. District Manager Etta Ritter suggested that the 311 complaint numbers be sent to Bronx Community Board Three for follow-up.
- Ms. Keisha McCroskey, founder of Seeds for Growth (Not-for-profit), spoke on the issue of human trafficking and the need for more awareness around the subject.

Roll Call

Ms. Kolaco Acqui, 1st Vice Chairperson 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:

Atta Acheampong
Wanda Ellis
Michele Gantt
Maurice Gray
Linda Johnson
Diane Jones
Victor Latimer
Una Lawrence
Keziah Sullivan-Norman
Jasmine Uribe
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas

MOTION

It was motioned by Kathy Morris and seconded by Robert Brown to excuse the following members:

Atta Acheampong
Wanda Ellis
Michele Gantt
Maurice Gray
Linda Johnson
Diane Jones
Victor Latimer
Una Lawrence
Keziah Sullivan-Norman
Jasmine Uribe
D'Andra Van-Heusen Thomas

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Kolaco Acqui	Kathy Morris	Keziah Sullivan-Norman	D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas	Robert Brown
1 st Vice-Chairperson	2 nd Vice-Chairperson	Secretary	Treasurer	Sgt.-at-Arms/Parliamentarian

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Anddy Perdomo and seconded by Abraham Jones to approve the April 14, 2026, minutes, with any necessary corrections.

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION CARRIED

AMENDMENTS TO THE AGENDA

There were no amendments to the agenda.

ELECTED OFFICIAL'S REPORTS

Senator Luis Sepulveda's Office

Elizabeth Marte, Community Affairs Director, did not provide a written report; however, she shared time-sensitive information. Ms. Marte also provided a legislative update on Bill S4735B, which prohibits ICE Agents from entering a school to retrieve student(s).

Councilmember Althea Stevens' Report

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

Councilmember Justin Sanchez's Report

River Alexander, Legislative Director, did not provide a written report and shared time-sensitive information.

Bronx Borough President's Office Report

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

CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT

Chairperson Joetta Brown encouraged residents to collaborate with neighbors or their respective tenant associations to collectively set up a system for calling in complaints via 311.

DISTRICT MANAGERS REPORT

District Manager Etta Ritter provided the Committee with an update on several ongoing housing and development projects throughout the district. She advised that she will be reaching out to property owners, developers, and project representatives to request meetings, obtain additional information, and discuss project timelines, community impacts, and opportunities for stakeholder engagement. The District Manager also shared relevant announcements and updates pertaining to district operations and community affairs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Parks & Recreation, Youth Services & Historical Outreach Committee

Mr. Oran Brown, son of the Late Marcella R. Brown

Topic: The Parks and Recreation/Youth Services and Historical Outreach Committee reached consensus to recommend, for consideration by the full board, the co-naming request to designate the southeast corner of Washington Avenue and East 167th Street as Marcella R. Brown Way.

*****VOTE REQUIRED*****

Mr. Oran Brown spoke to the community at large regarding his late mother, Marcella R. Brown. Mr. Brown provided an overview of his mother's tireless work on behalf of the community during her lifetime. Other members of the community spoke in support of co-renaming the southeast corner of Washington Avenue and East 167th Street as **Marcella R. Brown Way**.

MOTION

It was motioned by Abraham Jones and seconded by Kathy Morris to co-rename the southeast corner of Washington Avenue and East 167th Street to **Marcella R. Brown Way**.

Yes
22

No
0

Abstain
0

ALL IN FAVOR

MOTION PASSED –

Note: Shakira Hart left early, and Edgardo Cedeno recused himself from the vote

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

BIRTHDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Bronx Community Three recognized attendees born in May.

SICKNESS & DISTRESS

Wishes for a healthy recovery for board member Ms. Una Lawrence. Condolences to the family of board member Jasmine Uribe on the loss of her grandmother.

BENEDICTION

Mr. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.