

The City of New York
Bronx Community Board Four
General Board Meeting
Thursday, June 26, 2025 | 6 pm
Bronx Museum of the Arts
1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
MS. BEVERLY BOND, BOARD CHAIR, PRESIDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Shekera Algarin, Ms. Beverly Bond, Ms. Tricia Claxton, Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Ms. Veronique Green, Ms. Nurys Laureano, Dr. Veronie Lawrence, Mr. Leandro Monzon, Mr. Ebrahim Dawda Ndure, Mrs. Zonia Ortiz, Ms. Elba Rodriguez, Ms. Lilliam Rosa.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Priscilla Alexander, Dr. Serge Caceres, Ms. Gleny J. Camacho, Ms. Musu Drammeh, Mr. Mohammed Mardah, Rev. Julian Stephenson, Ms. Marie A. Stroud.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ms. Rasheida Alston, Mr. Howard Brown, Ms. Leticia N. Dinkins, Ms. Ishaira Garcia, Ms. Towona Joye, Ms. Marie McCullough, Ms. Monique McMahon-Stancil, Ms. Martha Reyes, Ms. Yohanny Rincon, Ms. Kinanda Williams-Murray, Ms. Latasha Wright.

STAFF:

Elizabeth Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Community Coordinator

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough President
Hon. Luis R. Sepúlveda, New York State Senate Member
Hon. Landon Dais, New York State Assembly Member
Courtney Aubain, representing US Congressman Ritchie Torres
Terrell Brock, representing NYS Senate Jose M. Serrano
Nicole Liberato, representing NYS Senate Luis R. Sepúlveda
Yudelis Moronta, representing NYS Assembly Landon Dais
Wolf Grunberg, representing NYS Assembly Landon Dais
Crystal Diaz, representing NYS Assemblywoman Chantel Jackson
Daniel Osoro, representing NYS Assemblywoman Chantel Jackson

GUEST PRESENT:

Luis Rodriguez-Volunteers of America East Clarke Place, Mariano Laboy-Morrisania Diagnostics & Treatment Clinic, Stephen Peters-Community Resident, Vivian Young-Community Resident, Esther Polanco-Volunteers of America University Family Residency, CO Deputy Inspector Joe Pulgarin-NYPD 44th Precinct, Police Officer Damir Cirikovic-NYPD 44th Precinct Community Affairs Unit, Pamela Diaz-Community Resident, Andre P-Community Resident, Jacqueline Hinds-Community Resident, Ernest Serrano, Shakiza Borgen, Leslie Johnson.

Public Session:

- **Mr. Mariano Laboy, NYC H&H Morrisania Diagnostic & Treatment Center:**
 - Join- applications accepted for Gotham Health Community Advisory Board.
 - Highlighted the importance of Voting 2025, for the best candidate for mayor.
 - Raised issues about homelessness in our community.
- **Mr. Stephen Peters, Community Resident-** Raised concerns of receiving city summons for dumped trash on their property and enforcement policies implemented on homeowners.

Welcoming remarks and announcements: by Ms. Beverly Bond, Board Chair. The Chair welcomed members and called the meeting to order at 6:11pm. Pursuant to Chapter 70 Section 2800 of the City Charter the actions and procedure of Community Boards and their committees are governed by the applicable provisions of the City Charter and New York State Open Meetings Law (OML, Section 100-111 of the New York State Public Officers Law) and Freedom of Information Law (FOIL, Section 84-90 of the Public Officers Law). Each Community Board meets at least once each month. Community Board 4 shall meet every fourth (4) Tuesday of the month, in person. This Thursday, June 26, 2025, the meeting was held at The Bronx Museum of the Arts, located at 1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, New York. Ms. Bond acknowledged those presents and commented on members not in attendance for the holiday, in addition to the District Manager being unwell.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ms. Veronique Green.

Roll Call for Board Members: Present 12, Excused 11, Absent 7 = Total Board Members 30

Report by NYPD 44th Precinct: Commanding Officer DI Joe Pulgarin-NYPD 44th provided crime-statistics trends indicating improvements year to date in several key categories. Inspector Pulgarin discussed enforcement focused on loud and modified vehicles, unsafe driving, and nightlife-related quality of life issues. Members raised concerns about late-night activity, speeding and loud exhaust on and around University Avenue, and the need for additional weekend foot posts. As well as past issues at the forth coming Dominican Parade. NYPD will continue targeted deployments and encouraged residents to call 911 for emergencies and 311 for chronic conditions to document patterns.

Motion to Review/Correct/Adopt of General Board Meeting minutes:

No minutes were presented at this meeting.

Report by CB4 District Manager:

District Manager Leonardo Coello was not present, hence nothing to report.

Update by Special Guests:

Hon. Landon Dais, NYS Assembly Member, District 77

- Congratulated a member of community board 4 on her election to Judge for Civil Court in the Bronx.
- Thanked the Bronx Borough President who just got re-elected.
- The Assemblyman is the representative for Bronx Community Boards 4 & 5 and the district office is located at 910 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY.
- Assemblyman Dais is currently serving his 498th day in office and his work is predominantly performed in Albany, NY.
- Raised Budget proposals and Bill Introductions- that were put forth in Albany to fund diverse programs and services.
- The Assemblyman reflected his appreciation for Community Board 4 and is seeking what can be learned from effective, active community boards with good board members.

Hon. Vanessa L. Gibson, Bronx Borough President

- Monday, June 23: Elected joined Borough President Gibson at a ribbon cutting for the renovation athletic field a \$5.5-million-dollar funding investment at Taft Educational Campus in district 4.
- June 26: Salute to America Firework show- 9PM at Orchard Beach, section 5 in the Handball Court. An annual event in advance of Independence Day.
- During Bronx Week on May 7th: CB Recognition Event (Night at the Carnival) to honor 12 Community Boards' Economic Development Chairs at Pelham Bay Split Rock.
- Office Team review 400 applications, to appoint board members to join by September for an August orientation at Lehman and various training courses.
- Term Limits are upcoming in 2027, because of a ballot vote in 2019.
- Bronx Summer Concert Series at Orchard Beach (section 5) on 7/13, 7/19 & 7/26.
- July 7: Disability Pride Month 11AM-4PM at Bronx Borough Hall 851 Grand Concourse
- August 1: Veteran Job Fair 11AM-3PM at Bronx Borough Hall 851 Grand Concourse
- Shared flyers and Senior Resource Guide for SCRIE, social services and access-a-ride
- Thanked everyone for supporting her endeavors and asked that everyone does wellness checks on their neighbors and loved ones.

Hon. Luis R. Sepulveda, NYS Senate Member, District

- June 28: Father & Child Softball Classic Event 9AM-1PM at Patterson Playground
- June 30: Money Moves Monday a Financial Literacy Class, 5PM-7PM at Common Point Bronx. He also proposed to those who were interested in a grant contact the office with any questions 718-991-3161
- Senator Sepulveda shared Budget fundings and of passed Legislative sessions that made a positive outcome.
- The Senator's constituent services are the largest in the entire city, receiving 30 complaints a day for services in housing assistance, eviction prevention and many more. His multilingual team is ready to assist and invite everyone to visit the office. Nevertheless, he introduces the office staff- Nicole and Victor, who were present.

Committee Reports (Called by the Board Chair):

HOUSING & LAND USE:

- Committee Chair, Ms. Lilliam Rosa, stated:
- No meeting held for June 2025. However, meeting to resume September 2025.

YOUTH & EDUCATION:

- Committee Chair, Mrs. Zonia Ortiz stated:
- No meeting held for June 2025. However, meeting to Resume September 2025.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES:

- Committee Chair, Dr. Veronie Lawrence reported:
- NYPD 44th Precinct presented monthly activity; stats disclosed
- National Night Out- August 5th from 3-6PM at Rev. W. Foster Park next to Yankee Stadium.
- Discussion follows up by NYC DOT:
 - i. BX6 Select Bus Service (SBS): implementation expected by end of 2025.
 - ii. Package delivery lockers program: Amazon/FedEx lockers additions to be addressed in multi-residential buildings.
 - iii. Lighting Assessment: low lighting in neighborhoods is encouraged to be reported to the Board office.
- NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) presentation for a Letter of Support on Jerome Avenue Safety Improvements project (HWXJEROME)- The Jerome Avenue Rezoning.
 - i. Corridor: Jerome Avenue and cross streets (167th, 170th and Burnside).
 - ii. Vision Zero priority to enhance traffic/pedestrian safety and infrastructure.
 - iii. Installation of ADA compliant ramps, lighting and signals.
 - iv. Sidewalk expansions and curb extensions to reduce crossing distance.
 - v. Timelines: Jerome Avenue Rezoning 2014-2018; rezoning approved 2018; final design January 2026; construction begins January 2027.
 - Letter of support to be provided by the Committee's approval recommendation.

PARKS:

- Mrs. Zonia Ortiz, member of the Parks Committee, reported:
- No meeting held for June 2025. Nonetheless meeting to resume in September 2025
- The Joyce Kilmer Park Public Restroom Building has been completed and open to the public.
- CB4 Parks Tour to be arranged this Summer pending confirmation of NYC Department of Parks & Recreation.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES:

- Committee Chair, Ms. Veronique Green reported:
- Presentations led by SOMOS Community Care supporting 1 million+ Medicaid members with non-medical needs (housing, transportation, nutrition, employment, education) and encourage screenings, shared websites and enrollment.
- Health Equity & Community Wellness Update:
 - i. Jason Caraballo, MPA Bronx Neighborhood Health Center (Presenter).
 - ii. Tremont Action Center- services expanded; vital records assistance, immunizations, dog licensing, insurance/SNAP enrollment and health services.
 - iii. NYC Care Calls: support for chronically ill adults (18+, NYC residents), contact 347-752-3685.
- Emphasize annual physical scheduling and follow CDC guidelines for safety.
- Mental Health- resources by dialing 988 or visiting NYC Well for support. Further resources visit mybronximpact.org and hitesite.org
- Committee Meeting not held during the Summer. Next meeting to resume in September 2025 Bronx Care Hospital.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Committee Chair, Mr. Leandro Monzon reported:

- Committee meets on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at Bronx Care Hospital.

SLA Application for An Alteration was presented

- Stan's Sports Bar Inc.- 836 River Avenue (liquor, wine, beer, cider)
 - NYPD 44th Precinct reported no objection.
 - Letter of support to be provided by the Committee's approval recommendation.

Report by the Office of the Bronx Borough President and Local Elected Officials:

1. Tyrell Brock, representing NYS Senate Jose M. Serrano
 - Updates- Legislative passing of 2025-26 NYS Budget, for specific fundings.
 - May 20th: Senator Serrano chaired the Committee on Cultural Affairs, Tourism, Parks & Recreation in support of a bill to provide grants for cultural institutions educational programs to low-income communities.
 - Shared off-site constituent services hours, Wednesdays 10:30am-1:30pm at Councilwoman Diane Ayala's office and 2pm-5pm at Hunts Point Library. Any questions or information contact district office 212-828-5829 or via email serrano@nysenate.gov
2. Courtney Aubain, representing US Congressman Ritchie Torres
 - Legislative & Budget Updates- Congressman Torres opposed the Passed budget reconciliation bill known as the "One Big Beautiful Bill Act".
 - Discussed recent concerns and issues surrounding Department of Homeland Security and Immigration And Customs Enforcement (ICE).
 - Constituent Services hours can be reached at the Congressman's office.
3. Crystal Diaz, representing NYS Assembly Chantel Jackson
 - Flyers were shared on several event happenings with highlights of
 - July 12, 2025, 10AM-1PM Free Paper Shredding Event at Concourse Village East & East 158 Street.
 - June 27- August 29, Free Summer Meals- at select Schools, Pools, Parks, and Libraries for youth ages 18 and under. For more information visit on.nyc.gov/summer-meals

Adjournment:

- Chair Beverly Bond thanked the representatives and community members for attending community board 4 meetings. She further said that perhaps they can apply for Board membership.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30 PM

Submitted by Bronx Community Board Four Board Office