

The City of New York
Bronx Community Board Four
Public Hearing/General Board Meeting
Tuesday, October 28, 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. Angeli Cabrera Ventura, Dr. Serge Caceres, Ms. Tricia Claxton, Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Ms. Johanna Gomez, Ms. Towona Joye, Ms. Nurys Laureano, Dr. Veronie Lawrence, Ms. Prettystar Lopez, Ms. Marie McCullough, Mr. Rafael McDonald, Mr. Leandro Monzon, Mr. Ebrahim Dawda Ndure, Mr. Daniel Nieves, Mrs. Zonia Ortiz, Ms. Martha Reyes, Ms. Yohanny Rincon, Ms. Lilliam Rosa, Mr. Alexander Ruiz, Ms. Dena Williams, Ms. Kinanda Williams-Murray, Ms. Latasha Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Gleny J. Camacho, Ms. Musu Drammeh, Mr. Mohammed Mardah, Ms. Monique McMahon-Stancil, Ms. Marie A. Stroud.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Ms. Priscilla Alexander, Ms. Leticia N. Dinkins, Ms. Ishaira Garcia, Ms. Veronique Green, Ms. Elba Rodriguez, Mr. Winston Ward.

STAFF:

Leonardo Coello, District Manager
Elizabeth Gonzalez-Rodriguez, Community Coordinator

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Hon. Landon Dais, New York State Assembly Member
Tamar Rothstein, representing US Congressman Ritchie Torres
Alexis Ruiz, representing Bronx Borough President Vanessa L Gibson
Jumanah Escalera, representing Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark
Nicole Liberato, representing NYS Senate Luis R. Sepúlveda
Terrell Brock, representing NYS Senator Jose M. Serrano
Daniel Osoro, representing NYS Assembly Chantel Jackson
Greer Mayhew, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens
Tyreke Israel, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens
Nicol Aguila, representing NYC Council Oswald Feliz
Gloria Cruz, representing NYC Council Deputy Speaker Diana Ayala

GUEST PRESENT:

Mariano Laboy-Morrisania Diagnostics & Treatment Clinic, Esther Polanco-Volunteers of America University Family Residency, Fraynette Familia-Community Resident, Caesar Tobar Acosta-Northwest Bronx Community & Clergy Coalition, Jack Dugan-Mega Contracting Group LLC, Cristian Reinosomontes-NYPL Highbridge Branch Library, Sheila Smith-DugoutBX 2 LLC, Andrew Fuys-Resident, Diana Reinoso-Volunteer of America East Clarke Place Senior Residence, Judy Crawford-NYPL Grand Concourse Branch Library, Genee Bright-NYPL Fordham Branch Library, Samira Lacayo-Community Resident, Jorge Luis Plasencia-Emergency Sport Bar Corp., Kofi Dawson-NYC Department of Education, Andre P.-Community Resident, Santiago Almonte-S&S Bar & Lounge Corp/New Generations Lounge, Barbara Vazquez-Good Shepards Services, Enrique Colon-CASA New Settlement, Haile Rivera-Resident, Rosemary Ofili, Josephine Ofili-New Settlement PAC, Lt. Ryan Moyles-NYPD 44th Precinct, PO Damir Cirikovic -NYPD 44th Precinct.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE FY2027 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES AND DISTRICT NEEDS FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 4:

VOTE ON THE FY2027 CAPITAL AND EXPENSE BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 4
(see listing attached - FY2027 BXCB4 Community District Priorities)

Capital Requests:

DCAS

- 1) Stands as is

DOE

1. Stands as is

DOT

- 1) Stands as is
- 2) Stands as is
- 3) Stands as is

DPR

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is
3. Stands as is
4. Stands as is
5. Stands as is
6. Stands as is
7. Stands as is
8. Stands as is
9. Stands as is
10. Stands as is
11. Stands as is
12. Stands as is
13. Stands as is
14. Stands as is
15. Stands as is

DSNY:

1. Stands as is

HHC:

1. Stands as is

HPD:

1. Request change: change *Request Title* name to: "low and medium household."

HRA:

1. Stands as is

NYPL:

1. Stands as is

SBS:

1. Stands as is

Continued Support:

DOE:

1. Stands as is

DOT:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is

DPR:

1. Change names to “Foster and Glove Park,” everything else stands as is.

FDNY:

1. Stands as is

HPD:

1. Stands as is

SCA:

1. Stands as is

Expense Requests:

DCLA:

1. Stands as is

DCP:

1. Stands as is

DFTA:

1. Stands as is

DHS:

1. Stands as is

DOE:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is
3. Stands as is
4. Stands as is
5. Stands as is
6. Stands as is
7. Stands as is
8. Stands as is

DOHMH:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is

DPR:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is
3. Stands as is
4. Stands as is
5. Stands as is
6. Stands as is

DSNY:

1. Add: The East 174th Street tunnel should also be kept clean.
2. Stands as is

DYCD:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is
3. Stands as is
4. Stands as is
5. Stands as is
6. Stands as is

EDC:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is

HPD:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is
3. Stands as is
4. Stands as is

HRA:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is

NYPD:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is

NYPL:

1. Stands as is

SBS:

1. Stands as is
2. Stands as is

Concerns raised:

2. Housing (HPD, #4): continued language (Lilly mentioned)

3. Municipal: Some of the language that was voted in on committee has been changed.

❖ **VOTE:**

- Motion to accept the 2027 Community District Priorities Daniel Nieves motioned, Robert Garmendiz second.
 - No abstentions, no nays = **the motion passes.**

Chair Bond closed the public hearing and opened the general board meeting at 7:19PM.

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Mariano, Morrisania Health Advisory Board :
 - a. Discussed the importance of: breast exams, colon exams; the importance of voting; Health Morrisania board; and homelessness around Mt. Eden
2. Cesar Acosta, NWBCCC:
 - a. Inviting folks to Tenants Resource Festival. Urged folks to reach out at: 646-350-0060
3. Miguelina Espiritu, SW and Bronx Resident:
 - a. Works for EDCAP. Bronx has the biggest default numbers in the nation, helping with parent-student loans. Discussed discharged loans and eligibility for them.
4. Mr. Landon Dais, Assembly Member:
 - a. Complaints of extremely brown water at River Park towers, sedgwick ave, undercliff, nelson ave. A lot of pressure on DEP. Urged folks to contact his office if they are experiencing the problems. Joined Gov Hochul in regards to SNAP, announced 41million in emergency food servicing. Will reach out to grocery stores, companies, restaurants to partner with food pantries. Session starts in January, Black task force creates the People's agenda. Homelessness: helping with one shot deals but money is drying up. ICE: Will get an immigration attorney once a month. Urged folks to know their rights. Job fair on October 30th.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

❖ N/A

OPENING & WELCOMING REMARKS:

❖ Led by Chair Bond.

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

❖ Led by Ms. Martha Reyes.

REPORT BY NYPD 44TH PCT:

❖ Report delivered by Lieutenant Ryan Moyles. 11% down in crime in all major categories: 28 day period: 29% in major crimes, up in rape 3v2. Shootings: 24v40%; 44th PCT is in #1 in moped seizures.

REVIEW/CORRECTION/ADOPTION OF GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

❖ September minutes are tabled for next month.

❖ **VOTE:**

- Motion to accept June minutes with any necessary corrections:
 - 1st motion: Towona Joye
 - 2nd motion: Leandro Monzon
 - 8 abstentions.

- The motion passes.

REPORT BY CB4 DISTRICT MANAGER BY LEONARDO COELLO:

- ❖ NYPD sent notification re new DV unit each PCT is installing. Tomorrow, we have a parliamentary training for all board members, they worked with the NYC Civic Engagement Commission for the partnership.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

❖ Housing & Land Use:

- Led by Committee Chair Rosa. Mega Contracting Group is requesting a letter of support to extend Saturday work hours from 7AM to 6PM at 1387 University Avenue. The committee voted for LOS for an initial 3 month concurrent permit for a period of 18 months.
 - Timeline: effective immediately. Once this year and about 5x next year.
 - A board member asked regarding the proposed mechanism.
 - Response: Call 311 and there are complaint notification signs on constructions. Construction liaisons are also available on site.
 - **VOTE:**
 - Committee motioned to provide a LOS for an initial 3 month concurrent permit for a period of 18 months.
 - 2nd motion: Martha Reyes
 - ◆ The motion passes.

❖ Economic Development:

- Led by Committee Chair Monzon.
- **VOTE:**
 - Committee motioned to provide LOS to Emergency Sports Bar Corp & S&S Lounge Corp DBA New Generations Lounge for a new application and Temporary Retail
 - 2nd motion: Rafael McDonald
 - 3 abstentions
 - ◆ The motion passes

- **VOTE:**
 - Committee motioned to provide a LOS to DugoutBX LLC for a Liquor, Wine, Beer, & Cider License (located at 880 River Avenue).
 - ◆ 2nd motion: Zonia Ortiz
 - ◆ 3 abstentions
 - The motion passes.

- **VOTE:**
 - Committee motioned to provide a LOS for a method of operations to Sobredosis D'Amor for food service only:
 - 2nd motion: Shekera Algarin
 - 1 nay
 - 3 abstentions
 - The motion passes.

❖ Youth Services & Education:

- Led by Committee Chair Ortiz.

- The committee meets every third Thursday of the month. The committee discussed goals, focused on capital and expense budget priorities. The committee also discussed a Youth & Family Day event.

❖ **Health & Human Services:**

- Led by Committee Chair Green.
- The committee meets the second Monday of the month. September minutes were tabled. The committee is planning a health fair subcommittee for July 2026. The planning will take place November until July 2026. Morrisania Health Advisory Board is seeking new board members. The next meeting will be over Zoom. Discussed resources residents can find at: MyBronxImpact.org

❖ **Municipal Services:**

- Led by Committee Chair Lawrence.
- The committee meets the first Wednesday of the month. The committee did not meet quorum. DSNY is asking folks to call 311. Illegal dumping issue brought up to presenter, brought up issue with rats; there are ticketing disparities in different neighborhoods; requested for garbage can survey (ex: Trash can on 161st and Morris Ave, next one is on 148th St and Morris Ave). Location to be determined for the next meeting.
 - Board members discussed the lack of trash cans outside of hotspot areas. Another board member mentioned to ensure the BID is present. Board chair seeking to work with AM Jackson.
 - DM discussed that the city adds trash cans on blocks designated as commercial, not as residential. Landlords are responsible for the trash.
 - A board member asked: "How does one differentiate residential and commercial?"
 - The board chair discussed inviting DSNY.
 - A board member discussed a mixed use area.
 - Another board member asked regarding accountability and walking tours.

❖ **Parks:**

- Led by Committee Chair Rincon.
- The committee meets the second Wednesday of each month. Chair discussed a few issues regarding trash cans in the parks: Macombs Track & Field trash cans are overflowing, Franz Siegel park, lack of signage regarding dog curbing; Foster park, lack of trash cans. Discussed a survey trip on November 8th to assess the parks. Needs to discuss the pavement program at the Hip Hop Museum. The next meeting will be on November 12th.
 - A board member made a comment: The Bronx has the highest HVI (heat vulnerable index), we need more trees and more park space. We are in the red. Urged cross-collaboration with the Health & Parks Committee.

Special Presentation by Council Member Althea Stevens' office listed on the CB 4 October General Board Meeting Agenda was not conducted.

- ❖ Representative from the Office of Congress Member Ritchie Torres:
 - Discussed federal shutdown and SNAP benefits ahead of Nov 1st.
- ❖ Representative from the Office of State Senator Jose Serrano:
 - Heat in buildings, call 311 if you aren't receiving heat. Emergency Preparedness event.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/NEW BUSINESS:

- ❖ N/A

ADJOURNMENT:

- CB 4 General Board Meeting of October 28th, 2025 adjourn at 8:53pm.

General board meeting minutes were recorded and submitted by Interim Recording Secretary, Prettystar Lopez.