

The City of New York
Bronx Community Board Four
Public Meeting General Board Meeting
Tuesday, January 27, 2026 | 6 pm
Bronx Museum of the Arts
1040 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
MS. BEVERLY BOND, BOARD CHAIR, PRESIDING

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Ms. Beverly Bond, Ms. Angeli Cabrera Ventura, Ms. Ishaira Garcia, Mr. Robert Garmendiz, Ms. Johanna Gomez Cabrera, Ms. Prettystar Lopez, Mr. Mohammed Mardah, Mr. Rafael McDonald, Mr. Leandro Monzon, Ms. Martha Reyes, Ms. Yohanny Rincon, Ms. Elba Rodriguez, Ms. Latasha Wright.

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Ms. Priscilla Alexander, Ms. Tricia Claxton, Ms. Monique McMahon-Stancil, Mr. Alexander Ruiz, Mr. Winston Ward, Ms. Kinanda Williams-Murray.

MEMBERS EXCUSED:

Dr. Serge Caceres, Ms. Leticia N. Dinkins, Ms. Veronique Green, Ms. Towona Joye, Ms. Nurys Laureano, Dr. Veronie Lawrence, Ms. Marie McCullough, Mr. Ebrahim Dawda Ndure, Mr. Daniel Nieves, Mrs. Zonia Ortiz, Ms. Lilliam Rosa, Ms. Dena Williams.

STAFF:

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

ELECTED OFFICIALS:

Hon. Althea Stevens, NY City Council Member
Gina Williams, representing NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
Kenny Agosto, representing Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson
Jumanah Escalera, representing Bronx County District Attorney Darcel D. Clark
Summer Bedford, representing NYS Senator Jose M. Serrano
Nicole Liberato, representing NYS Senate Luis R. Sepúlveda
Greer Mayhew, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens
Tyreke Israel, representing NYC Council Althea Stevens

GUEST PRESENT:

Ursula Cooper-Hunter-BronxWorks, Inc., Brittany Hamlett-NYCPS, Judith Crawford-NYPL Grand Concourse Branch Library, Daniel P. Silvera-Bridge Builders Community Partnership, Officer Cirikovic-NYPD 44th Precinct, Officer Soreca-NYPD 44th Precinct, Robert Dalto-Bronx Burners, Michael Torres-161st Street BID, Arnoldo J Lopez-Pregones Theater, Cristian Reinosomontes-NYPL Highbridge Branch Library, Diana Reinoso-ECP Senior Residence Volunteers of America, Edward Bunge-Resident, Pamela Diaz-Resident.

Public Session Started at 6:20pm:

- Robert Dalto, President Bronx Runners club. 501c3. Discussed partnerships and programs. Reason: History at local track, Joseph Yancey track, a lot of advocacy to refurbish track. They want to push private funding to refurbish the track. Ask: File a motion to have it be a priority initiative for the community board.
- Board Chair Bonds introduced Council Member Stevens. Appointed as Chair of Children and Youth Services for another four years. Bill passed last session: DOB to send an email

to council members to note reasons for new sidewalk sheds. Office working on a distribution of food pantry lists. Partnering with Parks Dept for Skate Night on Feb 4th, all ages. Black Girl Magic is coming up and discussing nominations for black girls and women.

Announcements: None

Welcoming Remarks and Announcements delivered by Chair Bonds.

Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance delivered by Martha Reyes.

Report by NYPD 44th PCT delivered by Sergeant Soreca.

- 28 day period, 0 murders vs 3 last year. Felony assault 61 vs 72, burglaries, grand larcenies 14 vs 15.
- The number of police officers has increased.

By-Laws Committee Report: Proposed Amendments:

- Discussed review process with bylaws committee.
- This meeting is a discussion, a month later the board will vote on amendments to the bylaws.
- Next GBM: Vote to amend at the next meeting.
- Amendment 1 Concerns & Discussions:
 - The district manager and board chair noted that the board does not hire, the district manager does. Also noting that the raises are at the discretion of the board chair and district manager.
 - A member raised concerns regarding the hiring process. They noted it was authoritarian for the DM and Board Chair to hire directly.
- Amendment 2 Concerns & Discussions:
- Amendment 3 Concerns & Discussions:
 - Advocate with the BP's office to include specializations on the borough application.
- Amendment 4 Concern & Discussions:
- Amendment 5 Concerns & Discussions:
 - Need to be aware of all the Robert Rules of Order.
 - There will be a position of sergeant at arms for the next election.
 - Will there be training, just as the treasurer will receive?
 - The person will be expected to do their own learning.
 - The BX borough president hosts training sessions for the rules of order.

Review/Correction/Adoption of General Board Meeting Minutes:

- November minutes are tabled until February.

Report by CB4 District Manager

- The office has been working closely with the individuals impacted at 1365 Findlay Avenue. Represented board at 1365 Jerome Avenue, new supermarket; Ask: need a trash receptacle on corner. DM working with DSNY to get a trash can on that corner. CB working with 1955 Woodycrest Avenue with building issues, connecting with agencies to push improvements. Received email from NYC Parks, need help with Parks Dept

because Target carts are being taken and randomly abandoned at local parks. There will be a different task force meeting to investigate the issue. Following up on the parking lot area near the Grand Concourse, discussed the renewable energy plan. DOHMH seeking to do a rat academy for local business owners. Spoke to NYC DEP, they're offering flood packages to folks who are homeowners. The inauguration of Shekera Algarin as Civil Court Judge.

- Question:

- 156 Street and Concourse Village West. The parking lot is going to be an industry plant. Bloom energy. This is beside a school.
- Tyreke from CM Stevens wants to ensure a safe environment. We should all work together because there are different approval processes.
- Focus on prevention.
- Gina, Bronx Public Advocate also wants to be looped into conversation.

Committee Reports:

- Housing and Land Use:
 - Did not meet in January.
- Youth Services and Education:
 - 6-12 NYC Public School:
 - Discussed challenges with staffers with special certifications.
 - VOTE:
 - 1st: Committee
 - We did not meet quorum for today's vote.
- Municipal Services:
 - Did not meet in January.
- Parks:
 - Met on January 14th, conducted by co-chair Garmendiz. Spoke about bronx burners.
 - Franz Siegel Park.
- Health & Human Services:
 - Delivered by Martha Reyes. Set intentions for the year ahead. HOPE estimate outreach scheduled for tonight.
 - Health and Human Resources Fair.
- Economic Development
 - Did not meet in January.

Report by Elected Officials:

- Kenny Agosto, Rep from Bronx Borough President:
 - Community Board applications are live. Bronx SWAB has been convening, working with different CBOs to get more access to our waterfront.
- Rep from Senator Luis Sepulveda
 - Shared on legislative updates, events, constituent services and office information.
- Jumanah, Rep from Bronx District Attorney Office:
 - Discussed community events, criminal justice education and tours.
- Greer and Tyreke, Reps from Council Member Althea Stevens:
 - Discussed city council bills, district fires, partnership with hotel association of NY for families impacted by fires. Building con edison outage at 707 Concourse

Village West resolved in one day, worked with con edison to restore power in common areas.

- Gina Williams, Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
 - Discussed food distribution, new mayorship inauguration, worst landlords, calling 311, and street vending.
- Rep from Senator Serrano:
 - Discussed ICE in Minnesota and legislative updates.

Unfinished Business/New Business: None

Adjournment at 8:38pm

January Meeting Minutes prepared by Interim Recording Secretary, Prettystar Lopez.