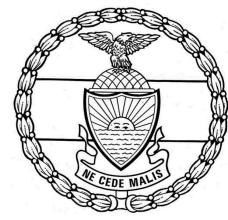


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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>May 15, 2025</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b><u><a href="#">The Bedford Community Room</a></u> 211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458</b>
<b>Members In Attendance:</b>	<b>✓ Barbara Stronczer _ Yajaira Arias ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Jesús López-Jensen ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky _ Bernard Wright ✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Andrew Laiosa</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Helene Hartman-Kutnowsky</b>

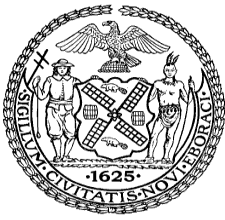
### Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Introductions/Attendance was taken, and quorum was met**
- III. Review of Previous Minutes**
  - A. April minutes were accepted with no corrections by Betty Arce and seconded by Jean Hill.
- IV. Follow-up from last month**
  - A. A question was raised about the NYCityLearn Website status, where the DM stated we are awaiting responses from the BP's Office.
  - B. The DM has requested information on reappointments prior to May 27, so that they can determine who is eligible for board nominations at the May General Board meeting.
- V. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates**
  - A. Votes are already being collected for The People's Money, and on Sunday, May 18th, during the Bronx Week Festival, additional votes will be collected.
  - B. The flagging event for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bronx Victory Memorial will take place before the Bronx Week Parade on Mosholu

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Parkway and Hull Avenue. The event will begin at 9:30 am. Note that the original flagging date was on Saturday, May 17th.

- C. On Tuesday, May 20th, 2025, five CB7 youth awardees for the Yankee Scholarship will be recognized on the field at Yankee Stadium. Leurys Acosta, Education Chair, will be joining the youth.
- D. Part of the Solution (POTS) is having a grand opening of their expanded space next to their office on Webster Ave. The event is from 4:30-7 PM, and the DM will be attending.
- E. Armory Events:
  - 1. On 5/28/25, the Application for the Kingsbridge Armory will be certified virtually.
  - 2. On 6/3/25, there will be an in-person meeting at P.S. 246. The board will be creating a flyer to invite the community to this event.
  - 3. We have 60 days to give an opinion, approve, or disapprove of the ULURP Process. The Mayor has veto power over this. The end date for this process is anticipated to be in November. Andrew Laiosa pointed out that it would be important to know what the mayoral candidates' positions on the Armory are.
  - 4. The board does not have a guaranteed space at the Armory, although the developer has mentioned community space during presentations to the Housing, Land Use, and Economic Development Committee Meeting. It is hopeful that we will be able to rent space since our lease status is not guaranteed. The DM stated that this is an issue for many boards across the city.
  - 5. The DM and Chair are working on a way to inform the committees on the problems they are seeing via 311 calls so they can be worked into the agendas.

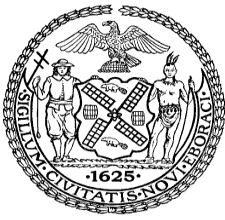
**VI. Chair Yajaira Arias Remarks - The DM reported on all issues in Ms. Arias' absence.**

**VII. New Business**  
**A. Motions**

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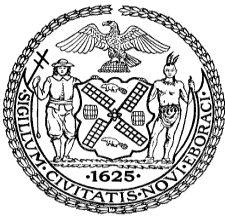
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1. Traffic & Transportation received a Sidewalk Cafe Notice from NYC Department of Transportation (DOT)-Dining Out NYC Sidewalk Cafe Notice: [bit.ly/4iDKmFT](https://bit.ly/4iDKmFT) at Taqueria Los Angeles Corp. - 2558 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10458.
  - a) The Traffic and Transportation Committee hosted a public hearing on May 1, 2025. Due to time constraints, no action was taken on the motion on May 1. The motion is to send a letter recommending approval of a sidewalk cafe at Taqueria Los Angeles located at 2558 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10458, with the following modifications:
    - The establishment agrees to reduce the number of tables from three to two if space does not allow for three.
    - Establishment understands that they need to update their liquor license if they wish to sell alcohol at the sidewalk cafe.
  - b) Betty Arce made a motion, and Barbara Stronczer seconded it. The motion was approved.
2. **Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs ([bit.ly/4jYEYPa](https://bit.ly/4jYEYPa)):** The Committee recommends converting one tennis court to a Pickleball area, provided the Board receives a petition in favor of this proposal with 100 signatures from community members.
  - a) An individual came to the Parks Committee with a proposal to create 3 additional Pickleball courts.
  - b) The proposal was very involved and potentially quite costly. The document included options and diagrams. A motion was made to add this to the Exec agenda, and it was approved for discussion and a possible vote.
  - c) The Parks Committee approved the motion, which asked for 100 signatures to ensure that the community supports this decision. The plan was to add addresses to the petition and to canvass the area around the WBO, where the courts would be installed. The

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plan was to take one tennis court and convert it into two Pickleball courts. The committee vote was five in favor, 0 opposed, and 2 members were absent.

- d) After much discussion on how to approach this issue, the Executive decided to table the motion for now. Ms. Stronczer suggested working out a more feasible option financially and practically. The concerns were conflicts with the other summer schedules for tennis, etc.

## VIII. Committee Reports

### A. Ad Hoc Bylaws - Andrew Laiosa

1. The committee met on May 5th.

### B. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce

1. The committee did not meet in May. The plan is to meet in June, but a new date will be selected due to a conflict with a Kingsbridge Armory Hearing.

### C. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta

1. The committee did not meet in May but will meet in June. The Chair will accompany the Yankee awardees to Yankee Stadium. (see above for details)

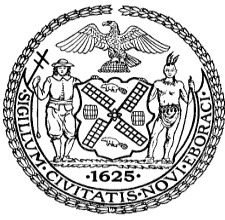
### D. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos

1. A public hearing was held at 5:30 pm-6:30 pm (Motion A above)-for a liquor license at the Taqueria Los Angeles Corp. The owners of the restaurant were present at the hearing. The beer license was only for the inside of the restaurant. The presentation went well, but due to time constraints, the Executive Board will vote on the motion.
2. The committee meeting then began at 6:30 PM
  - a) Citi Bikes presented where they are looking for additional sites in our area for bike racks. They are no longer owned by Citibank, but the name has been retained for brand recognition.
  - b) The MTA presented its plans for the Botanical Gardens train station to make it ADA compliant. Williamsbridge and

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Woodlawn stations will be done at the same time. Completion is expected in 2027.

#### **E. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Yajaira Arias**

1. The committee met on May 13th.

#### **F. Nominating Committee – Jesús López-Jensen**

1. The committee did not meet this month, and they may meet in June.
2. A person can be nominated for two positions; they have a week to decide which nomination to accept.
3. By-Laws Committee
  - a) Progress is being made on the changes/outlined procedures. Yajaira is in the process of creating a more usable format. The procedure for sending out attendance letters and the process of removing board members have been simplified. This will ensure continuity for new board members.

#### **G. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer**

1. Joe Magneri, Parks Manager, was asked about summer staffing, but no details were given yet; hopefully, by next month.
2. Joe was asked about the likelihood of getting 1% funding for the Parks, but it is still only a dream.
3. The Chair reported that she read in Crain's a proposal to change city-owned empty lots into 60 parks throughout the city. It is currently being discussed.
4. The Mayor is starting a second shift of Parks workers to clean up the hardest-to-clean parks. WBO may be included where the hours will be from 11 am-7 pm.
5. Motion B (Pickleball) was voted on and approved in the committee.

#### **H. Public Safety & Quality of Life – Vacant**

#### **I. Health & Human Services – Vacant**

#### **J. Veterans Affairs – Bernard Wright**

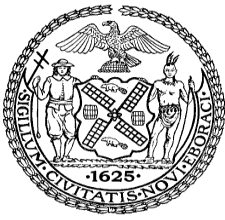
1. The meeting will be on May 21st.

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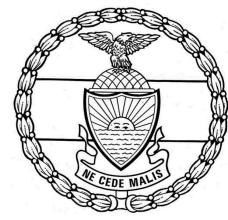




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#### **K. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill**

1. Did not meet.

**IX. Next meeting date: June 12, 2025**

**X. Discussion on the next agenda -**

A. The Motion for Kingsbridge Armory

B. CB7 Elections

**XI. Adjournment - The Meeting was adjourned at 8 PM.**

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