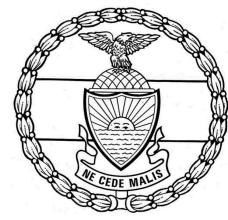


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## EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Barbara Stronczer</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>June 12, 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>Leurys Acosta</b>

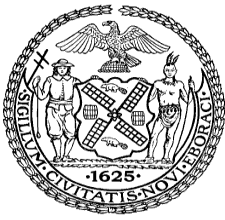
### Minutes:

- I. Barbara Stronczer read the Meeting Guidelines and Code of Conduct.
- II. Yajaira Arias took attendance- a quorum was met.
- III. Edgar Ramos motioned to amend the agenda to include Motions A, B, and C, and discussed motions for Health and Human Services, Housing, Land Use, and Economic Development. Betty Arce seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 7 votes in favor.
- IV. Review of Previous Minutes: Betty Arce motioned to approve the minutes with a correction to VII, A, 1, a): “no action was taken on the motion” (page 3). Yajaira Arias seconded the motion. The motion was approved with 7 votes in favor.
- V. There was no follow-up from the previous meeting.
- VI. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera Updates:
  - A. The District Manager reminded everyone of the upcoming Annual Resource Fair, scheduled for Saturday, June 28, 2025.
- VII. Chair Yajaira Arias Remarks:
  - A. The Chair reported that she held two public hearings to hear the community’s comments on the Redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory.

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She said she was impressed to see the turnout, especially by the North West Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition.

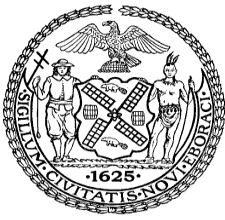
#### VIII. Motions

**A. Yajaira Arias motioned to accept the Ad Hoc Bylaws motion to accept the proposed changes to Bronx Community Board 7's Bylaws.** The following sections of the bylaws were clarified: Article III, Section 4; Article III, Section 5 was merged with Section 4 (see pages 2 and 3); and Article VI, Section 1 (see page 4). Barbara Stronczer seconded the motion ([bit.ly/45Rg5Av](http://bit.ly/45Rg5Av)). Discussion followed:

1. Jean Hill raised a question about the proposed leadership of the Municipal Services Committee.
  - a) Yajaira Arias responded that the Board Chair will appoint a Committee Chair, and the committee will select a Vice Chair.
2. Betty Arce raised a question about committee assignments and the potential of having a large committee.
  - a) Yajaira Arias responded that the Board Chair will assign board members to committees, ensuring there is balance. The District Manager will send a Google form to board members to determine which committees they are interested in being assigned to.
3. The motion passed with 7 votes in favor.

**B. Barbara Stronczer motioned to accept the Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs motion to send a letter to Bronx Parks' Commissioner Jessenia Aponte to request for the football field at the Williamsbridge Oval Park to be repaired ([bit.ly/4jJI48z](http://bit.ly/4jJI48z)). Yajaira Arias seconded the motion. A discussion followed:**

1. Leurys Acosta raised a question about addressing the motion to all the district's council members.



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a) Barbara Stronczer mentioned that youth come to play at the Williamsbridge Oval Park from different parks in the district.

2. The motion was approved with 7 votes in favor.

C. Yajaira Arias motioned to withhold Vote of CB7's recommendation of 8th Regiment Partners LLC, NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), and the NYC Department of Administrative Services' (DCAS) ULURP application to the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) until July 15, 2025. Reason for Delay: 8th Regiment Partners and EDC requested as they are working with all partners to conduct the maximum community engagement, as well as a public hearing being held by elected officials([bit.ly/3HFh50C](http://bit.ly/3HFh50C)). Bernard Wright seconded the motion. A discussion of the motion followed:

1. Jean Hill raised a question about the possibility of not having a quorum present in July.

a) Yajaira Arias responded that the motion was made in consideration of the request by the NYC EDC.

2. The motion was not approved with 6 votes in opposition and 1 abstention.

## IX. New Business

A. Follow up from the Health and Human Services' Public Hearing held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025, 5:30 pm, at the Bronx Library Center, 310 East Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458.

1. Leury Acosta motioned to send a letter opposing a Conditional Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Dispensary Application at 3010 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468, due to its proximity to a place of worship ([bit.ly/3FTucef](http://bit.ly/3FTucef)). Betty Arce seconded the motion.

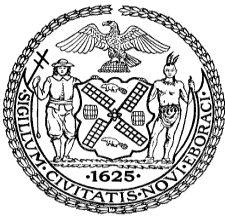
2. The motion was approved with 7 votes in favor and 1 abstention from Edgar Ramos.

B. Yajaira Arias motioned to send a letter recommending approval of 8th Regiment Partners LLC, NYC Economic Development Corporation (NYCEDC), and the NYC Department of Administrative Services'

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(DCAS) ULURP application to the NYC Department of City Planning (DCP) for land use actions to facilitate the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory with the attached public comments ([bit.ly/4e69mVE](https://bit.ly/4e69mVE)). Betty Arce seconded the motion.

1. The motion was approved with 6 votes in favor and 1 abstention.

C. Yajaira Arias motioned to send a letter of support to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission on behalf of 8th Regiment Partners LLC's application Docket LPC-25-12069 with the following recommendations: Reconsideration of the housing development's height and number of units ([bit.ly/445xmnh](https://bit.ly/445xmnh)). Bernard Wright seconded the motion.

1. The motion was approved with 5 votes in favor, 1 abstention, and 1 no.

#### **X. Committee Reports**

##### **A. Ad Hoc Bylaws - Andrew Laiosa**

1. Yajaira Arias reported that the committee is ready to present proposed changes to the bylaws at the June 17, 2025, General Board meeting.

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

1. No meeting held.

##### **C. Environment and Sanitation – Betty Arce**

1. No meeting held.

##### **D. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**

1. The committee reviewed the FY27 Statement of Needs and ranked capital and expense requests.

##### **E. Traffic & Transportation – Edgar Ramos**

1. The committee received an update from Leo Jimenez, Construction Liaison, regarding the Reconstruction of the Grand Concourse Phase 5. The meeting was attended by Darisa Cruz, DOT's Deputy Bronx Borough Commissioner.

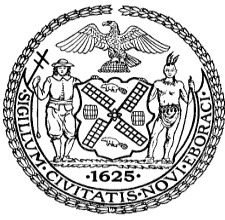
##### **F. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Yajaira Arias**

1. The committee had a presentation by 8th Regiment Partners LLC on their application to the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission.

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And updates on two other developments coming to the district. See minutes for details.

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

1. The committee may present a motion to approve the board's new leadership since everyone is running unopposed.

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

1. The committee had a motion to repair the AstroTurf on the football field.

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

1. No meeting held

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

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

**XI. Next meeting date:** September 18, 2025.

**XII. Discussion on the next agenda**

**XIII. The Meeting was adjourned.**