

BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON., BOROUGH PRESIDENT

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KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Leurys Acosta
Meeting Date:	September 18, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 pm
Meeting	The Bedford's Community Room
Location:	211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458
Members	✓ Leurys Acosta ✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Robin Rollan
In Attendance:	✓ Jean Hill ✓ Dr. Momodou S. Sawaneh ✓ Bernard Wright
	∠ Edgar Ramos _ Chad Y Royer
Minutes done by:	Robin Rollan

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines and Code of Conduct were read
- II. Introductions/Attendance- A quorum was met
- III. Review of previous minutes Minutes were approved
- IV. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera's Updates:
 - A. Attended a Neighborhood Safety Meeting on 9/16/25, sponsored by the Bronx Family Center alongside the 52nd Precinct's Quality of Life Team, Edgar Ramos, and Kenny Agosto from the Bronx Borough President's Office.
 - 1. The meeting was attended by 60-80 people with quality-of-life issues: an increase in open drug use and sales, prostitution, shootings, etc. The residents recommended additional lighting and cameras due to a change in laws (ie, decriminalization of prostitution). There are some preemptive actions the police can no longer take.
 - B. Bronx Borough Budget Meetings with agencies are ongoing.



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C. Update on the Community Coordinator Position - The position was posted on August 20, 2025, and will be pulled from the website on September 20, 2025. Ideally, the new hire will be on board by November 2025.

V. Chair Leurys Acosta's Remarks

A. The new Chair, Leurys Acosta, introduced himself and indicated that he looks forward to meeting with all the committees. He is currently on a learning tour.

VI. VII. Motion (s)

- **A. Municipal Services (bit.ly/4nt5yRB):** Send a letter to CM Pierina Sanchez in support of Co-Naming West 190th Street and Aqueduct Avenue in honor of Gloria Thomas.
 - 1. The motion was approved.
- **B. Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development**(bit.ly/4mTyQZU): To provide a letter of support for Bronx
 Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson and the Bronx Economic
 Development Corporation's joint grant application, Downtown
 Revitalization Initiative (DRI) for the Fordham Road commercial
 corridor in The Bronx.
 - 1. The motion was approved.
- **C. Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs (bit.ly/3VJ7kSW):** Send a letter to both commissioners requesting that additional PEP officers be hired for the Bronx. In the meantime, we are requesting longer hours for the current PEP officers.
 - 1. The motion was approved.
 - 2. There was a discussion about why it is so difficult to fill the PEP positions; perhaps more advertising is needed. The starting salary is \$56K. The requirements are minimal: Must be at least



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21 years old, pass the Urban Park Rangers civil service exam, and have obtained a high school diploma.

- D. Parks, Recreation, & Cultural Affairs (bit.ly/460rY74): A letter of support requesting that the two playgrounds be considered for rehabilitation as part of the Greater Morris Park Downtown Revitalization Initiative. (DRI).
 - 1. The motion was approved.

VII. Committee Reports

- A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics Jean Hill
 - 1. Did not have a meeting.
- B. Education, Youth & Damp; Libraries Leurys Acosta
 - 1. No quorum was met.
- C. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development Dr. Momodou Sawaneh
 - 1. The committee discussed ideas for the rest of the year.
- D. Municipal Services Edgar Ramos
 - 1. The committee received a street-naming application with a petition with 136 signatures.
- E. Parks, Recreation & E. Parks, Recreation &
 - 1. Waiting for 22 cameras to be installed in the parks.
- F. Veterans Affairs & Samp; Human Services Chad Y Royer
 - 1. Veterans Affairs & Samp; Human Services (bit.ly/3VrcD9E): Jean Hill spoke on behalf of the Veterans. She motioned to send a letter to Council Members Oswald Feliz and Pierina Sanchez to fund and implement a Veterans Banner Program on Kingsbridge Road, from East Fordham Road to Bailey Avenue. Elected officials can sponsor 2 banners per year.
 - a) The motion was approved.



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- 2. There was also a discussion about hosting a community breakfast to honor veterans on either November 8th or 15th, sponsored by elected officials.
- VIII. Next meeting date: October 16, 2025
 - Discussion on the next agenda IX.
 - Barbara Stronczer Discussed reaching out to new members who X. have not yet attended the General Meeting. The District Manager agreed to reach out.
 - XI. Adjournment