



# THE CITY OF NEW YORK BOROUGH OF THE BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 7



VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT

LEURYS ACOSTA, CHAIRPERSON

KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Leurys Acosta
Meeting Date:	September 30, 2025
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	<a href="#">Sister Annunciata Bethell Senior Center</a> 243 E 204th St, Bronx, NY 10458
Meeting Recording:	<a href="https://youtu.be/Er3oXHPKrdw">https://youtu.be/Er3oXHPKrdw</a>
Minutes done by:	Leurys Acosta

**Minutes:** (Simultaneous translation of meeting in Spanish provided).

- I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of Conduct were read.
- II. The District Manager thanked Bronx Community Board 6's District Manager, Rafael Moure Punnett, for lending a hand tonight, and Sister Annunciata Bethel Senior Center's Executive Director, Patricia Burlace, for hosting the meeting.
- III. Public Hearing/Public Session
  - A. **Chad Royer:** First meeting he attends since being diagnosed last November with multiple myeloma cancer. He thanks everyone who wished him well and is open to questions or inquiries if anyone is interested.
  - B. **Sandy Liriano, Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB):** The CCRB can help anyone with allegations or complaints of police misconduct.
  - C. **Viviana Quinonez, Mosholu Library:** The library is located at 285 East 205th Street, Bronx, NY 10467. Open hours are Monday to Thursday from 11 am to 7 pm, and Friday to Saturday from 10 am to 5 pm. They have programming for language learners, youth, children, and adults. You can call 718-882-8239 or email [mosholu@nypl.org](mailto:mosholu@nypl.org) to inquire about programming.
- IV. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera's Updates: [bit.ly/47uEVWa](https://bit.ly/47uEVWa)
- V. Chairperson Leurys Acosta Remarks

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A. He welcomes everyone to the 2025-2026 meeting session. Expresses to all in attendance that he welcomes collaboration to improve the district.

**VI. Attendance (Roll Call):** Quorum met with 26 board members present.

**VII. Review of Previous Month's Minutes:** Minutes were approved.

**VIII. Motion(s)**

A. Edgar Ramos motioned to send a letter to CM Pierina Sanchez in support of Co-Naming West 190th Street and Aqueduct Avenue in honor of Gloria Thomas, seconded by Chad Y Royer ([bit.ly/4nt5yRB](https://bit.ly/4nt5yRB)). Motion passed with 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 7 absent.

B. Dr. Momodou S. Sawaneh motioned 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, seconded by Edgar Ramos ([bit.ly/4mTyQZU](https://bit.ly/4mTyQZU)). Motion passed with 20 yes, 2 no, 4 abstain, 7 absent.

C. Barbara Stronczer motioned to 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, seconded by Jake Wilson ([bit.ly/3VJ7kSW](https://bit.ly/3VJ7kSW)). Motion passed with 24 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain, 7 absent.

D. Barbara Stronczer motioned to send a letter of support requesting that the two playgrounds be considered for rehabilitation as part of the Greater Morris Park Downtown Revitalization Initiative (DRI), seconded by Chad Y Royer ([bit.ly/460rY74](https://bit.ly/460rY74)). Motion passed with 16 yes, 4 no, 6 abstain, 7 absent.

E. Chad Royer motioned to send a letter to Council Member Oswald Feliz and Council Member Pierina Sanchez to fund and implement a Veterans Banner Program on Kingsbridge Road from East Fordham Road to Bailey Avenue,

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seconded by Jake Wilson ([bit.ly/3VrcD9E](https://bit.ly/3VrcD9E)). Motion passed with 26 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain, 7 absent.

## IX. Committee Reports

**A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill:** No meeting held. The next meeting is on 10/6/2025.

**B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta:** No quorum met. The committee may lean a little more on keeping the public informed. Stay tuned.

**C. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Dr. Momodou S. Sawaneh:** Had a presentation from Bronx Borough President's Office (motion B).

**D. Municipal Services – Edgar Ramos:** The committee received a request for support for a street co-naming application (motion A). The next meeting is on 10/9/2025.

**E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer:** The committee had Captain Lorenzo from Park Patrol Enforcement as a guest speaker, followed by Q&A. The committee continues to advocate for installing cameras at Williamsbridge Oval Park.

**F. Veterans Affairs & Human Services – Chad Y. Royer:** The committee discussed the veteran flagging program (motion E) and hosting a Veterans Breakfast at Lehman College on 11/15/2025.

## X. Elected Officials/Elected Official Representatives

### A. Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz:

1. Mosholu Parkway 4 Train Station is now ADA accessible.
2. Reported that ICE detained a teenager during a periodic check-in, raising concerns that they may also be detaining individuals with zero criminal history.

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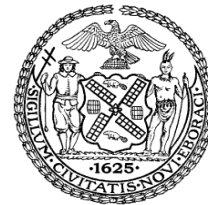
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3. Hosting a shredding event in front of the office on October 19, 2025, from 10 am to 1 pm.
4. Hosting free flu and COVID-19 shots on October 7, 2024, from 10 am to 1 pm at 3250 Arlington Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463.
5. Contact Information: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, [DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov](mailto:DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov), (718) 796-5345.

## **B. 52nd Precinct - Detective Stephen Echevarria:**

1. Reported stats from the 7 major crimes.
2. Hosting Coffee with A Cop on October 1, 2025, at 40 W 225th Street.
3. The Police Citizens Academy accepts names for a waiting list. The precinct can only send three residents per 6-month cohort.
4. Contact Information: 3016 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY 10467, [Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org](mailto:Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org), 718-220-5824, 917-969-5030 (include name and address).

## **C. Council Member Eric Dinowitz:**

1. Wishes everyone a Happy Back-to-School!
2. Celebrates the installation of the elevator at the Mosholu Parkway 4 train station.
3. Annual Movie Nights at Williamsbridge Oval Park-showing Elio on October 11, 2025, at dusk.
4. Encourages everyone to vote “no” on ballot proposals 2,3, and 4.
5. **Contact Information:** 277 West 231st Street, Bronx, NY 10463, [jklaus@council.nyc.gov](mailto:jklaus@council.nyc.gov), (718) 549-7300.

## **D. Mayor Eric Adams’ Office: Alina Dowe**

1. Welcomes everyone to a new session and to the new faces.
2. Serves as the conduit between the community and city agencies.
3. Encourages everyone to include pictures with their 311 complaints.
4. **Contact Information:** [adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov), (914) 446-8393.

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## **E. Bronx Borough President's office: Kenny Agosto**

1. Congratulated the Chair, former Chair, and District Manager.
2. Provides funding allocation updates and programming updates.
3. **Contact Information:** 851 Grand Concourse #301, Bronx, NY 10451, [cgannon@bronxbp.nyc.gov](mailto:cgannon@bronxbp.nyc.gov), (718) 590-3500.

## **F. NY State Senator Robert Jackson's Office: Edgar Tavaréz**

1. The Senator will be hosting townhalls throughout the district.
2. The Senator is meeting with the HRA Commissioner to discuss 311 and response time to complaints.
3. The Senator continues to advocate for Universal Healthcare for all.
4. **Contact Information:** 5034 Broadway, Rm. 701, New York, NY 10034, [etavarez@nysenate.gov](mailto:etavarez@nysenate.gov), (212) 544-0173.

## **G. NY State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office: Sari Mendoza**

1. The installation of cameras at Williamsbridge Oval Park has begun and may be completed by Halloween.
2. The office is hosting immigration clinics.
3. The senator testified at the city council public hearing in support of the redevelopment of the Kingsbridge Armory.
4. **Contact Information:** 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458, [smendoza@nysenate.gov](mailto:smendoza@nysenate.gov), (718) 933-2034.

## **H. Congressman Ritchie Torres: Ronn Jordan**

1. **Contact Information:** 540 East Fordham Road, Suite 2A, Bronx, NY 10458, (718) 503-9610.

## **I. Bronx District Attorney's office: Matan Kogen**

1. About 150 individuals attended the Reentry Job Fair held on 9/30/25 at St. James Park.
2. The Annual 5K to raise awareness about Domestic Violence is on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm.

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3. Contact Information: 198 East 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451,  
[KogenM@Bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:KogenM@Bronxda.nyc.gov), (718) 590-6548.

**J. Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr.'s Office: Ayanna Armstrong**

1. AM is hosting a Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration on October 10, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Bronx Zoo.
2. AM is hosting an Italian American Heritage Month Celebration on October 24, 2025, at 5:30 pm at the Bronx Zoo.
3. Contact Information: 2018 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461,  
[district80@nyassembly.gov](mailto:district80@nyassembly.gov), (718) 409-0109.

**K. Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia's Office: Franklin Mateo**

1. Contact Information: 2175 Jerome Avenue, Suite C, Bronx, NY 10453, [shaevitzj@nyassembly.gov](mailto:shaevitzj@nyassembly.gov), (718) 933-6909.

**L. Council Member Pierina Sanchez's Office: Brenda Muniz**

1. Gave legislative and programming updates.
2. Contact Information: 2065 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453,  
[mvillalobos@council.nyc.gov](mailto:mvillalobos@council.nyc.gov), (646) 574-0109.

**M. Council Member Oswald Feliz's Office: George Cooke**

1. Congratulate the new board members.
2. The Fordham BID will be hosting its annual street festival on October 11, 2025.
3. The CM introduced [Bill 0179-2024](#). This law would require the Police Department to operate tow pound facilities with sufficient capacity to meet the rate of vehicle towing necessary to deter illegal conduct. The Police Department would also be responsible for issuing public reports on tow facility capacity and the Department's utilization of vehicle towing in response to violations of traffic laws, rules, and regulations.

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4. Contact Information: 573 East Fordham Road (Entrance on Hoffman Street) Bronx, NY 10458, [gcooke@council.nyc.gov](mailto:gcooke@council.nyc.gov), (718) 842-8100.

N. Congressman Adriano Espaillat:

1. Contact Information: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, (646) 740-3632.

O. NYC Public Advocate's Office:

1. Contact Information: 1 Centre Street, 15th Floor, New York, NY 10007, [gwilliams@advocate.nyc.gov](mailto:gwilliams@advocate.nyc.gov), (646) 952-1549.

P. NYC Comptroller's office:

1. Contact Information: One Centre Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10007, [action@comptroller.nyc.gov](mailto:action@comptroller.nyc.gov), (212) 669-3916.

Q. Assembly Member Manny De Los Santos' Office:

1. Contact Information: 210 Sherman Ave, Ste A&C, New York, NY 10034, [delossm@nyassembly.gov](mailto:delossm@nyassembly.gov), (212) 544-2278.

R. Assembly Member George Alvarez's Office:

1. Contact Information: 2633 Webster Avenue, 1st Floor, Bronx, NY 10458, [paulinot@nyassembly.gov](mailto:paulinot@nyassembly.gov), (718) 933-2204.

S. Council Member Carmen De La Rosa's Office:

1. Contact Information: 618 W 177th St, New York, NY 10033, [district10@council.nyc.gov](mailto:district10@council.nyc.gov), (917) 521-2616.

T. Council Member Althea Stevens' Office:

1. Contact Information: 1377 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10452, [District16@council.nyc.gov](mailto:District16@council.nyc.gov), (718) 588-7500.

**XI. Next Meeting Date: October 28, 2025**

**XII. The meeting was adjourned.**

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