



**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:	January 27, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Videoconference Meeting ID: 859 4776 2187 By Phone: (646) 558-8656
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/-Vdzs6AzTU8
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Public Hearing/Public Session**
- III. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera’s Updates**
 - A.** Hosting an Overview of NYC Free Tax Prep and NYC Financial Empowerment Centers Info Session tomorrow, January 28, 2026, at 6 PM.
 - B.** Bronx Community Board 7 has been awarded \$14,965 by the NYC Civic Engagement Commission to assist in spearheading the 2026 Bronx Borough Assembly Committee.
 - C.** Starting January 26, 2026, New York City’s Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will implement Local Law 86 (LL 86) of 2025, written by Council Member Sandy Nurse, a rent transparency measure that ensures tenants have clear, accessible information about whether their homes are rent-stabilized.
 - D.** Access additional DM updates here: bit.ly/46Uimuy
- IV. Chairperson Leurys Acosta Remarks**
 - A.** Will begin sending a monthly address to board members, providing clarity on board functions and processes, the powers of a community board member, and our duties under the NYC Charter, bylaws, and Roberts Rules of Order.

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B. Shared his vision for a more sustainable community board focused on knowledge transfer, creating new leadership opportunities, and highlighting the tremendous amount of experience on the board. Encouraging members to ask questions of the committee chair,s as they are very knowledgeable.

C. Announced the appointment of Muhamed Bayo as the new chair of the Education, Youth & Libraries committee.

V. Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Betty Arce

A. Quorum met. Present: 26; Absent: 5

VI. Review of Previous Month's Minutes

A. Motion to approve minutes presented by Chad Royer; seconded by Momodou Sawaneh. Minutes approved. Yes: 25 ; No: 0.

VII. Motion(s)

A. Housing, Land Use, & Economic Development (bit.ly/4bCKdmb): Send a letter of support to the NYC Department of City Planning in support of canceling a Restrictive Declaration with special permit (CP22299) pursuant to ZR 74-902, that the applicant Citadel Care Centers (TCPRINC LLC) is surrendering at 2553 University Ave, Bronx, NY 10468 to build a four-floor development with the condition that the developer construct a rooftop green space to compensate for the portion of the restricted area to be used for this project. Motion presented by Momdou Sawaneh; seconded by Chad Royer. Motion passed. Yes: 25 ; No: 0; Abstention: 0; Absent: 5.

B. Education, Youth, and Libraries (bit.ly/4sHLkXZ): Send a letter of support urging the New York State Legislature to pass Senate Bill S1018, which strengthens worker protections in school transportation contracts in cities with populations over one million, including New York City. Motion presented by Chad Royer, seconded by Yajaira Arias. Motion passed. Yes: 24 ; No: 0 ; Abstention: 1; Absent: 5.

C. Education, Youth, and Libraries (bit.ly/4jG1CfM): Send a letter of support urging the New York State Legislature to pass Assembly Bill A8440, which strengthens worker protections in school transportation contracts in cities with

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populations over one million, including New York City. Motion presented by Chad Royer, seconded by Robin Rollan. Motion passed. Yes: 26 ; No: 0 ; Abstention: 0 ; Absent: 5.

- D. Veterans Affairs & Human Services (bit.ly/4pUaCPK):** Send a letter to the New York Office of Cannabis Management recommending approval of a Conditional Adult-Use Retail Cannabis Dispensary (CAURD) Proposed at 53 West Fordham Road, Store #1, Bronx, NY 10468. Motion presented by Chad Royer, seconded by Jean Hill. Motion **did not** pass. Yes: 7 ; No: 11 ; Abstention: 4 ; Absent: 7 ; Recusal: 1.

VIII. Committee Reports

- A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill**
- B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**
- C. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Dr. Momodou Sawaneh**
- D. Municipal Services – Edgar Ramos**
- E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer**
- F. Veterans Affairs & Human Services – Chad Royer**

IX. Elected Officials/Elected Official Representatives

A. 52nd Precinct

- 1. Contact Information:** 3016 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY 10467, Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org, 718-220-5824.

B. Congressman Adriano Espaillat:

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

C. Congressman Ritchie Torres:

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

D. Mayor Eric Adams' Office:

- 1. Contact Information:** adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov, (914) 446-8393.

E. NYC Public Advocate's Office:

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action@comptroller.nyc.gov, (212) 669-3916.

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cgannon@bronxbrp.nyc.gov, (718) 590-3500.

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I. NY State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office:

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J. NY State Senator Robert Jackson's Office:

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K. Assembly Member Manny De Los Santos' Office:

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L. Assembly Member George Alvarez's Office:

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X. Open for Board Members' questions and comments (if applicable)

XI. Close of board business

XII. Next Meeting Date: February 24, 2026

XIII. Adjournment

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