



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



HON. VANESSA L. GIBSON, BOROUGH PRESIDENT

LEURYS ACOSTA, CHAIRPERSON

KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Chair:	Barbara Stronczer
Meeting Date:	September 17, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	The Bedford's Community Room 211 East 203rd Street, Bronx, NY 10458
Members In Attendance:	✓ Barbara Stronczer ✓ Leury's Acosta ✓ Robin Rollan ✓ Jean Hill ✓ Betty Arce ✓ Stephen Bogart Lebow ✓ Muhamed Bayo ✓ Dr. Momodou Sawaneh ✓ Craig Rijkaard ✓ Deahna Penn
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Guidelines & Code of Conduct for the meeting were read
- II. Introductions/Attendance: Quorum was met. 9 Present; 1 Absent
- III. Review of Previous Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve June 18, 2026 minutes made by Betty Arce, seconded by Deahna Penn.
Minutes were approved. 10 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.
- IV. District Manager's Update(s):
 - A. The office received 590 complaints and requests from May up until August. It was a very busy summer, with complaints mainly about noise and people hanging out on sidewalks, streets, and in parks, as well as barbecuing outside.
 - B. Many complaints about open fire hydrants. DEP did close many, but people just reopened them. DEP did encourage everyone to use spray caps.
- V. Chairperson's Update (s):
 - A. Welcome to 4 new Committee chairpersons. Chair requested that former committee chairs and veteran board members support and guide the new leadership with their experience, ideas, motivation, and insights.
- VI. Motion(s)



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A. Craig Rijkaard motioned to send a Letter of Request to Montefiore Hospital to Continue Funding the Norwood News (bit.ly/46liXVt). The motion was seconded by Betty Arce.

Motion passed: 10 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

B. Dr. Momodou Sawaneh motioned to send a letter to Bronx Community Board 11 in support of Prestige Car Service's relocation from 3108 Webster Avenue, Bronx, NY 10467 to a new location at 2574 Radcliff Avenue, Bronx, NY 10469 (bit.ly/4rgUpXy). The motion was seconded by Craig Rijkaard.

Motion passed: 10 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

C. Deahna Penn motioned to send a letter of recommendation to the Office of Cannabis Management for an Adult-Use Cannabis Retail Dispensary License, Higher Reason L.L.C., proposed at 4 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468 (bit.ly/4ripiuk). The motion was seconded by Craig Rijkaard.

Motion passed: 10 Yes; 0 No; 0 Abstain; 0 Absent.

D. Deahna Penn motioned to send a letter to the Office of Cannabis Management ***not recommending*** approval of an Adult-Use Cannabis Retail Dispensary License of Unbothered Bud II at 2 West Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10468 (bit.ly/3TxllWm). The motion was seconded by Stephen Bogart-Lebow.

Motion passed: 9 Yes; 0 No; 1 Abstain; 0 Absent.

VII. New Business

VIII. Committee Reports & Motions

A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill

B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Muhamed Bayo

C. Municipal Services – Stephen Bogart Lebow

D. Housing, Land Use & Economic Development – Dr. Momodou Sawaneh

E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Craig Rijkaard

F. Veterans Affairs & Human Services – Deahna Penn

IX. Next Meeting Date: October 15, 2026

X. Adjournment