



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



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YAJAIRA ARIAS, CHAIRPERSON

ISCHIA BRAVO, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Yajaira Arias, Chairperson
Meeting Date:	December 13, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Meeting Recording:	https://youtu.be/LGd7YH0wBII
Minutes done by:	Yajaira Arias

Minutes:

Reading of Guidelines & Code of Conduct

Public Hearing

Elected Officials:

Assemblymember Jeffrey Dinowitz

Thank you to the community – elected for another 2 years

Events: Food Drives/Kingsbridge Heights

Giveaways: Covid Testing Kits and Masks

Legislation: Climate Change, Health and Housing

Happy Holiday and New Year to All

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Councilmember Eric Dinowitz

Welcoming Remarks

It was nice to everyone at the Tree Lighting

Working on Bill helping High School Student Transition to Higher Education

311 Bill submit pictures and videos with 311 complaints

And the ability to follow up with 311 complaints

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Mosholu Parkway – Elevator – MTA is moving forward with this project
Hospital to be transparent as to costs of procedures

Happy Holiday and New Year to All

For events and community meetings – please sign up for a newsletter or
follow on all social media platforms.

<https://council.nyc.gov/eric-dinowitz/legislative-updates/>

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Senator Gustavo Rivera Office Rachel Ferrari

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Bill signed that would prohibit hospitals in garnishment of people's homes
Tri-demic RSV, Covid and Flu – get vaccinated and stay safe

<https://www.nysenate.gov/senators/gustavo-rivera/legislation>

If anyone has issues or concerns, please feel free to reach out at
718-933-2034 or grivera@nysenate.gov.

Councilmember Oswald Feliz – George

Welcoming Remarks

Working with Botanical Gardens on the new senior housing (60 years or
older) Applications are available at the office

Tree Lighting at Fordham in conjunction with Fordham Bid and City Jeans
Office is located at 573 East Fordham Road, Bronx NY 10458

Councilmember Pierina Sanchez – Adrian

Congratulations to Yajaira on being elected chair

Second round of participatory budget periods

Applications available Citizens Committee

Kingsbridge Armory workshop 1/21/23

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Elinora Amoya – Resident

Expressing thoughts on Council Bill 0517-2022 which is related to creating a good food purchasing program. This bill and the help of a dedicated Advisory Board would develop and create guidelines to track and test progress although mayor Eric Adams signed two executive orders this year to formalize the city's commitment to good food purchasing but on the New York City Council legislation file page the bill status is reported as laid over since June of 2022 so would you please consider speaking to the New York City Council Members to codify the city's commitment to program implementation process ensure that adequate resources are available and ultimately help passing the bill to support the advocacy.

Armando AJ Ramos - From high school to college is extremely tough any and all help that can be provided to our students should be welcome and embraced please vote Yes on Motion.

Concerns of Boards Compliance as to Public Hearings and Questions to be asked to DM applicants.

District Manager Report: <https://bit.ly/3QYC1jR>

Chair Remarks:

Thank everyone for their work throughout the year.

Training sessions held with the BP's Office

Special thank you to Ischia Bravo – well wishes on her new position

Barbara Stronczer thank you for being the interim chair

Helene Redd and Helene Wilson thank you for the work being done at Bailey Houses

Veterans Committee thank you for the flagging event

The Tree Lighting thank you to all who attended – it was a great event

Screening Committee selected for Hiring of DM

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Attendance taken - Quorum Met

Review of Last Month's General Board Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve last month's minutes – Chad Royer

Motion Second by Barbara Stronczer

Vote Taken: Motion Passes

Motions:

Motions presented by Education Committee Chair Leurys Acosta

Motion is to provide a letter of support Council Member Erick Dinowitz IEP Bill N0660-2022

<https://legistar.council.nyc.gov/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=5839358&GUID=F5A6D836-0370-4C19-B0B8-8D3C1B2B1558>

This bill would require the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD) or any other office designated by the mayor, to establish a program to help high school students with disabilities who are going on to institutions of higher education to obtain accommodations. As part of such a program, the designated office would (i) develop and implement a system to facilitate the sharing of information about students' special education services and (ii) provide students with student advocates to access related support. This bill would also require the designated office to conduct outreach on the program and to annually submit a report on the program and the outreach conducted to the Mayor and the Speaker of the Council and post it on its website.

Motion second by Barbara Stronczer and Helene Wilson

Brief discussion with Amanda Wilson – CM from Councilmember Eric Dinowitz's office

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Questions:

Tobie - In this bill does this bill outline the type of diplomas that will be given because a lot of individuals don't leave high school with a diploma they live with they leave with certificates – will the bill accommodate those who have certificates?

Amanda – will get back to us with a response.

Myrna – Concerns certain colleges and universities do not follow IEP's? Make sure these schools follow through.

Chad – Students are mandated to receive services until they graduate. Contingent on the age when they graduate.

Amanda – provided summary in chat

Edgar – Letter being addressed directed to the Council Member's office – shouldn't be going to the city council.

Leurys – explained why the letters need to be sent to the councilmember.

Councilmember Eric Dinowitz joined the discussion and provided an explanation as to the bill:

federal law is you know people everyone is entitled to reasonable accommodations and for K through 12 that's an that's an individual individualized education plan so at whatever you know you're in kindergarten first second grade regular interventions uh response intervention doesn't work uh and you're showing a deficit in whatever area learning them or whatever it is you may get an IEP which delineates an education plan

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but also um accommodations you can receive and I think some people know extended time on exams um maybe certain technology if you have you know maybe you need a power professional things like that um and then 12th grade hits and in the IEP there is a section called transition Services post-secondary goals which are the goals you have for college but then once your high school career ends your services end and then you go to college and you have to start that whole process over again now from ages 5 to 18 you may have been getting all this support all a good structural support that actually got you to get your high school diploma and suddenly those supports are yanked out from under from under you - you have nothing you have no supports now once you get to college so with people testifying they were able to figure out and know how to get to testify in person at a city council hearing but the process of getting reasonable accommodations in college was more difficult for them so I had to in one case had to direct them to the vice chancellor who helped take care of it CUNY recognizes uh that I think they said 10 percent of their students identify as having a disability which is well under what we all know it to be it's probably closer to 20 of students who have a dis one a disability and to remind everyone a disability could be a wheelchair it could be you're on the Spectrum it could be you have a learning disability or an emotional need all of those things require accommodations so my goal in this bill is to just allow simply allow for sharing of information if the student and the family want to allow for the sharing of information directly with the college from a systemic level not causing more work for teachers to sit at the deal we can approval of the family and the student transfer information to the college now with CUNY they already have data sharing mechanisms, so I don't believe it's a big me I don't personally believe it's a big lift and then with that the college then is better able to one reach out to the students to make sure they know about where the office of people disabilities is what accommodations are available for them but importantly secondly the IEP is actually documentation that can be used in many circumstances for students to get reasonable accommodations at the college level you know otherwise students may need to get re-evaluated get doctor's notes a whole a whole host of issues um so that is the sort of uh goal of the bill.

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Questions by Eric, Samantha and Chad

ED – IEP not transferable to colleges. The bill is not extending the life of the IEP.

ED – Bill is not based on age.

Vote taken – Motion

Abstentions Tobie Buford, Helene Redd, Rosalie Leslie

Nominations for Secretary Position:

Myrna Calderon nominates Michelle Avila

Eric Ascension nominates Ruth Caraballo

Helene Wilson nominates Helene Redd

Chad Royer nominates Nora Feury

Michelle Avila – declined nomination due to professional obligations

Ruth Caraballo – accepts the nomination

Helene Redd – accepts the nomination

Nora Feury – declined the nomination

Ruth and Helene – to please email the CB7 Staff and Chair accepting the nomination by 12 pm on 12/14/22

Committee Reports:

Please see the [Executive Meeting Minutes](#) for December 2022.

Chair presented Motion to Close Meeting Helene Redd

Motion Second by Tayna Pena

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Meeting closed at 8:20 p.m.

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