



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



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## GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

<b>Chair:</b>	<b>Leurys Acosta</b>
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>November 18, 2025</b>
<b>Meeting Time:</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>Meeting Location:</b>	<b><a href="#">KIPP Public Schools</a> 2720 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468</b>
<b>Minutes done by:</b>	<b>Betty Arce</b>

**Minutes:**

- I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of Conduct:** Read
- II. Public Hearing/Public Session**
  - A. Lowell Green, CB7 board member-** Requesting any information about the veteran mural at the #4 Woodlawn station.
  - B. Kimberly Troncoso, CB7 board member, Dominican Tennis Assoc. –** Winter Rally @ Cary Leeds Center, [support@dta0fny.org](mailto:support@dta0fny.org).
- III. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera’s Updates:** <https://bit.ly/4pQIttR>
- IV. Chairperson Leurys Acosta Remarks**
  - A. Welcomes feedback and more engagement from board members.
  - B. Announced Annual Tree Lighting- December 11, 2025.
- V. Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Betty Arce:** Quorum met.
- VI. Review of Previous Month’s Minutes:** Minutes Approved Yes 23, No 0, 9 absent.
- VII. Motion(s)**
  - A. Executive ([bit.ly/4qTWJmu](https://bit.ly/4qTWJmu)):** Send a letter of support to the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation for the proposed renovation of the Recreation Center building at St. James Park.
    - 1. Motion seconded by Chad Royer. Motion passed with changes to indicate that proposed renovations apply to the exterior of the

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recreation center and to include the project number. Yes 25, No 0, 7 absent.

**B. Executive([bit.ly/3M53JNl](http://bit.ly/3M53JNl)):** Send a letter to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to request the removal of vans that provide clean needles from proximity to parks, schools, and libraries in Bronx Community Board 7.

1. Motion seconded by Chad Royer.

a) After extensive discussion, motion to amend the motion to read as follows: “Send a letter to the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and the NYS Department of Health requesting the location of vans that provide clean needles to be no less than 450 feet from parks, schools, and libraries in Community Board 7.

b) Motion passed: Yes 21, No 2; Abstentions 2 - Albert Grant, Lowell Green. Absent 7

2. Motion as amended, seconded by Leurys Acosta. Motion passed. Yes 20, No 2; Abstentions 2 - Albert Grant, Lowell Green; Absent

## **VIII. Committee Reports**

### **A. Budget, Personnel & Ethics – Jean Hill**

1. No meeting held.

### **B. Education, Youth & Libraries – Leurys Acosta**

1. Bronx Educational Opportunity Center Presentation

a) State-funded program, located at 2467 Jerome Avenue, offering free classes to income-eligible individuals. Academic and vocational programs include ESL, GED courses, security licenses, barbershop training, home health aides, certified nursing assistants, and many more. All programs are pathway programs. A rich resource for our community.

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- b) NYC bus contract situation – currently operating under a 30-day emergency extension, and we are monitoring the long-term vote by the Panel for Education Policy on November 19th.

**C. Municipal Services – Edgar Ramos**

- 1. Department of Design and Construction Presentation – Safe Routes to Schools – Phase 4D
- 2. Department of Transportation – Vision Zero
  - a) Jerome Ave. Fordham Rd. to Bedford Park Blvd.
  - b) Multi-agency effort to reduce traffic fatalities
- 3. Announcements – see committee report

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

- 1. Citadel Care Center presentation – Proposed development located on a portion of the historic Jewish Home and Hospital for the Aged campus at 100 W. Kingsbridge Road.
- 2. Announcements – see committee report

**E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer**

- 1. Follow-up from the previous month – Cameras installed at Williamsbridge Oval Park, at the recreation center, and on the basketball court
- 2. Presentation of the rehabilitation of the exterior and lobby of the St. James Recreation Center
- 3. Winter maintenance – staff for fall and winter months in District 7
- 4. Tree Lighting Ceremony – December 11th
- 5. Recreation Centers – St. James Park is offering a hot meal and community event on November 26th.

**F. Veterans Affairs & Human Services – Chad Royer**

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1. Veterans Breakfast held on November 15th, honoring the NY Grey Cadets.
2. Meeting scheduled for November 19th.

**IX. Elected Officials/Elected Official Representatives**

**A. 52nd Precinct: Detective Stephen Echevarria**

1. The precinct is hosting a toy drive in collaboration with CB7.
2. Contact Information: 3016 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY 10467, [Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org](mailto:Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org), 718-220-5824.

**B. Council Member Pierina Sanchez:**

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

**C. Mayor Eric Adams' Office: Alina Dowe**

1. Please continue to call 311 and email the number for proper follow-up.
2. Contact Information: [adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov](mailto:adowe@cityhall.nyc.gov), (914) 446-8393

**D. Bronx District Attorney's office: Nina Norwood**

1. Gun Buyback at 777 East 22nd Street on Saturday, December 13, 2025, from 10 am to 4 pm.
2. Contact Information: 198 East 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451, [KogenM@Bronxda.nyc.gov](mailto:KogenM@Bronxda.nyc.gov), (718) 590-6548.

**E. Congressman Ritchie Torres: Ronn Jordam**

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

**F. Bronx Borough President's office: Bianca Stephenson**

1. Contact Information: 851 Grand Concourse #301, Bronx, NY 10451, [cgannon@bronxbp.nyc.gov](mailto:cgannon@bronxbp.nyc.gov), (718) 590-3500.

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

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

1. Contact Information: 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458, [smendoza@nysenate.gov](mailto:smendoza@nysenate.gov), (718) 933-2034.

**I. Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office: Grace Torres**

1. Contact Information: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, [DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov](mailto:DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov), (718) 796-5345.

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

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

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

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**M. Council Member Eric Dinowitz's Office: Brian Dickstein**

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- X. Open for Board Members' questions and comments:**  
**XI. Next Meeting Date: December 16, 2025**  
**XII. Adjournment**

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