



**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:	March 24, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	<u>Monroe University - Mintz Auditorium</u> 2501 Jerome Avenue, Bronx, NY 10468
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of Conduct were read

II. Public Hearing/Public Session

A. Robin Rollan: Our Bronx (formerly Northwest Bronx Community and Clergy Coalition) is hosting a job fair on March 28th, 2026, at 12:30 pm in the Andrew Freedman Home.

B. Sandy Liriano, NYC Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB): Promoted event on April 14, 2026, from 9:00 am - 5:00 pm at the University College of Technology in Brooklyn.

C. Yvonne Snell, HELP USA: Expressed concerns for current conditions at shelters on Webster Avenue and Gun Hill Road, and would like the 52nd Precinct to assist with public safety concerns.

D. Chad Royer: Spread awareness on multiple myeloma cancer and testing for early detection in support of National Multiple Myeloma Month in March.

III. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera’s Updates

A. Today (March 24th at midnight) is the deadline to submit comments and feedback on the Congestion Relief Zone Draft Mitigation Plan, which includes the mitigation measures, proposed project sites, and funding allocations for communities in The Bronx, Brooklyn, Manhattan, and New Jersey: bit.ly/4sX2yQc. Access the presentation here: bit.ly/4rVhwWj

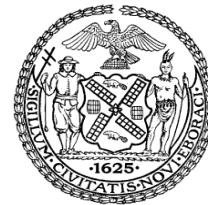
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B. We have extended the NY Yankees Youth Leadership Award application deadline to March 29, 2026. Please encourage youth to apply: bit.ly/4sBACIG.

C. In November, NYC voters approved historic changes to the land use review process. New tools include “fast track” actions for affordable housing. The Affordable Housing Fast Track enables an expedited public review procedure for applications that deliver affordable housing in the community districts that permit the least affordable housing. Join a virtual info session to review the City Planning Commission's proposed Affordable Housing Fast Track Methodology rule. Date: March 25, 2026, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/4sXUHSB>

D. NYC Economic Development Corporation, NYC Department of Transportation, and the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation are working to expand New York’s greenway network. You may provide feedback by visiting: bit.ly/42dg8nF. Take the survey by April 10, 2026. For more information: <https://edc.nyc/citywide-greenways>

IV. Chairperson Leurys Acosta Remarks

A. Shotouts to Board Members:

1. Esme Sautter Low, who is leaving the board.
2. Steven Bogart Lebow for chairing his first Municipal Services committee meeting.
3. Muhamed Bayo for chairing his first Education, Youth & Libraries committee meeting.

B. Reminded the board that the draft of the budget request was sent to all members for review and comments, due to the city by 5:00 PM on March 25, 2026. The Chair urged members to list out community needs and use our voices to help set the agenda for our district.

V. Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Betty Arce

A. Quorum met. Present: 29 ; Absent: 4.

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VI. Review of Previous Month's Minutes

A. Motion to approve by Chad Royer; seconded by Barbara Stronczer. Motion passed. Yes: 29 ; No: 0 ; Absent: 4.

VII. Motion(s)

A. **Municipal Services (bit.ly/3N47rrI)**: Send a letter to Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr. in support of Assembly Bill A09193A.

1. Motion to approve by Chad Royer, seconded by Jean Hill. Motion passed. Yes: 29 ; No: 0 ; Absent: 4.

B. **Executive (bit.ly/4s2Imff)**: Send a letter of support to the NYC Department of Design and Construction (DDC) and the Department of Transportation (DOT) for the proposed reconstruction of Library Lane (Coles Lane) with the following recommendations:

1. Instead of benches, install tree guards around trees within the proposed plan.

2. Install additional lighting (light posts)

3. Add beautification through a mural on the steps or the sides of the proposed ramp.

a) Motion to approve by Barbara Stronczer, seconded by Chad Royer. Motion passed. Yes: 29 ; No: 0 ; Absent: 4.

VIII. New Business

A. Bronx CB7's Statement regarding Fiscal Year 2027 Statement of Community District Needs and Community Board Budget Requests: Deadline to submit is 5:00 PM on March 25, 2026.

IX. Committee Reports

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

B. **Education, Youth & Libraries – Muhamed Bayo**

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

D. **Municipal Services – Edgar Ramos**

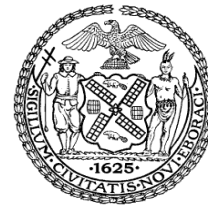
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E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

F. Veterans Affairs & Human Services – Chad Royer

X. Elected Officials/Elected Official Representatives

A. 52nd Precinct, Detective Stephen Echevarria:

1. Crime is down 15% across most categories, but felony assaults, especially involving older adults, remain a concern, with 186 cases compared to 219 in 2025.
2. Coffee with a Cop, March 25, 2026, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Target on Fordham Road.
3. 52nd Precinct Community Council Meeting, March 25, 2026, at 7:00 pm at St. Brendan's Church.
4. Coffee with a Cop on April 14, 2026, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at the Target on Fordham Road.
5. Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, 2026, from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm across the street from the 52nd Precinct.
6. **Contact Information:** 3016 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY 10467, Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org, 718-220-5824.

B. Bronx Borough President's office, Bianca Stephenson:

1. Irish Heritage Month Celebration, March 25, 2026, from 6:00 pm at 4292 Katonah Avenue, Bronx, NY 10470
2. EmpowerHER Career Fair, March 26, 2026, from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm at 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10451.
3. Greek Heritage Month Celebration, April 16, 2026, from 6:00 pm at 3245 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463
4. Upcoming Fire Safety Workshops in April.
5. Bronx Week was initially paused, but is officially happening from May 7th to May 17th.
6. Prom Event will be happening in May.

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

C. NY State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office, Sari Mendoza:

1. Small Business Outreach Program is available to support the community.
2. Immigration Clinic offers services to those within the district.
3. Senator Rivera's Baby Shower, April 23, 2026, from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm at King Hall in Monroe University.
4. **Contact Information:** 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458, smendoza@nysenate.gov, (718) 933-2034.

D. NY State Senator Robert Jackson's Office, Edgar Tavaréz:

1. New York State Second Government Democratic
2. Support for Bill S6807 for Mental Health Professions in School Act.
3. Women's History Month Gathering, March 27, 2026, from 10:00 am at 530 W 166th St, New York, NY 10032.
4. Free Mammograms Screening Event, April 23rd at Brooklyn Park Towers.
 - a) Eligibility: Women must be between the ages of 40 and 75, currently living in New York City, and haven't had a test in the last year.

E. Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr.'s Office, Evan Weinberg:

1. AM Zaccaro is currently in Albany. A recent bill was passed regarding granting property owners immediate housing violations on the property until those violations are corrected.
2. Easter Egg Hunt on April 11, 2026, from 12:30 pm - 2:30 pm across the street from the 52nd Precinct.
3. Easter Celebration, March 28, 2026, from 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, Pelham Parkway.
4. Shredding Event, May 6, 2026.

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5. AM Zaccaro is actively discussing recent crimes in the district with the 52nd Precinct and is in the process of securing funding for installing security cameras in the community.

6. **Contact Information:** 2018 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461, district80@nyassembly.gov, (718) 409-0109.

F. Assembly Member Jeffrey Dinowitz's Office, Grace Torres:

1. AM Dinowitz is currently in Albany, and the office is still open for assistance.

2. 3 Shredding Events

a) Kingsbridge, May 3, 2026, from 10:00 am -1:00 pm at 3107 Kingsbridge Ave.

b) Woodlawn, May 9, 2026, from 10:00 am - 12:00 pm at 4275 Katonah Avenue.

c) Riverdale, May 17, 2026, from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm at the corner of West 235th St and Johnson Ave.

3. **Contact Information:** 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov, (718) 796-5345.

G. Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia's Office, Neil Jimenez:

1. Women's History Month Celebration, March 26, 2026, from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm, Mintz Auditorium in Monroe University, 2501 Jerome Avenue.

2. Food Distribution, March 31, 2026, from 12:30 pm at Morton Playground.

3. Bills A79SB, A8004, A3304 & A7589 have recently passed.

4. Free Tax Prep, March 31, 2026, in AM Tapia's Office.

5. **Contact Information:** 2175 Jerome Avenue, Suite C, Bronx, NY 10453, shaevitzj@nyassembly.gov, (718) 933-6909.

H. Council Member Pierina Sanchez's Office, Brenda Munoz:

1. Easter Celebration, April 4th, from 3:00 pm at St. James Park.

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2. Bill 4201A was passed.

3. **Contact Information:** 2065 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453,
mvillalobos@council.nyc.gov, (646) 574-0109.

I. Council Member Oswald Feliz's Office, George Cooke:

1. Community Day at the Bronx Zoo, April 24, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

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

J. Congressman Adriano Espaillat: Not Present

K. Congressman Ritchie Torres: Not Present

L. Mayor Zohran Mamdani's Office: Not Present

M. NYC Public Advocate's Office: Not Present

N. Bronx District Attorney's office: Not Present

O. Assembly Member Manny De Los Santos' Office: Not Present

P. Assembly Member George Alvarez's Office: Not Present

Q. Council Member Carmen De La Rosa's Office: Not Present

R. Council Member Eric Dinowitz's Office: Not Present

S. Council Member Althea Stevens' Office: Not Present

XI. Close of board business

XII. Next Meeting Date: April 28, 2026

XIII. Adjournment: Motion to adjourn: Chad Royer, seconded by Barbara Stronczer.

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