



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



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GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Leurys Acosta
Meeting Date:	February 24, 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/B1KplJ3kcNo
Minutes done by:	Betty Arce

Minutes:

- I. Meeting Guidelines & Code of Conduct were read**
- II. Public Hearing/Public Session**
 - A. Arisbel Villa, Literacy in Community (LINC):** Introduced LINC to attendees and mentioned upcoming programming: <https://lincnyc.org/>
 - B. Chad Royer:** Inquired about the status of Senate Bill S1028 and Assembly Bill A8440.
 - C. Sruthi Vijay, Mosholu Preservation Corporation (MPC):** Requested a letter of support from the board to be included in the MPC’s Annual Publication.
- III. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera’s Updates**
 - A. Announcement:** The NYC Department of Transportation (DOT) will restart the halted Fordham Road Bus Lane Project -offset bus lanes may provide the greatest improvements to bus speed and reliability. DOT did present to CB7 in May 2023. You may access the minutes and recording of that meeting here: bit.ly/4arDI4J.
 - B. On February 10, 2026,** Police Commissioner Jessica Tisch announced that starting in the spring, The Bronx will be divided into two Patrol Borough Commands: Bronx North (46th, 47th, 48th, 49th, 50th, and 52nd Precincts)

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and Bronx South (40th, 41st, 42nd, 43rd, 44th, and 45th Precincts). This change will add 200 police officers to The Bronx. You can read the rest of the announcements here: bit.ly/4qPfVRI.

- C. In collaboration with the NYC Civic Engagement Commission, we hosted 3 sessions for The People’s Money Bronx Borough Assembly. The group put together the Bronx Ballot, moving the initiative to phase 2: Voting (May - July).
- D. In November, NYC voters approved historic changes to the land use review process. New tools include “fast track” actions for affordable housing, expedited CPC approvals for select housing and resiliency projects, and an “appeals board” for affordable housing rezonings, among other actions. Join us for a virtual info session, as we unpack these reforms and discuss how they simplify the approval process for new housing projects across the city. Date: Monday, March 16, 2026. Time: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm. Virtual Meeting: Click here: bit.ly/4rvRA3T for Zoom Link. If you need language interpretation, please contact accessibilityinfo@planning.nyc.gov or call 212-720-3508.
- E. Applications for the 2026 Summer Youth Employment Program are open! Please help spread the word in your networks by referring young people and families to nyc.gov/syep. The deadline to apply is February 27, 2026.
- F. On March 11, 2026, from 1 pm to 2:30 pm, the Office of Cannabis Management is hosting a Community Impact Plan Info Session for Municipalities via WebEx. Register here: bit.ly/4aFzSE1
- G. 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 <https://bit.ly/42dg8nF>. Take the survey by April 10, 2026. For more information: <https://edc.nyc.gov/citywide-greenways>.
- H. January 2026 Constituent Services Stats:
 - 1. 188 cases (132 via email, 36 in person, and 20 by phone): Agency liaisons (57), Community Residents (53), Board Members (27),

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Community-Based Organizations (21), Academic Institutions (9), Businesses (10), elected officials (6), Developers (4), & Reporter (1) reached out to CB7 this month.

2. 159 cases are closed, meaning the office staff resolved the request/complaint. The office staff referred 26 requests/complaints to a city agency, community-based organization, or other organization, and 3 remain open.

I. For constituent concerns or complaints, please submit a 311 complaint. If 311 is not resolving your issue, please forward a picture and your address to the office. The more details you shared, the better.

1. Sanitation issues can be sent directly to the office (no 311 # is needed). We do need a picture and an address.

J. Our office is located at 229-A East 204th Street, Bronx, NY 10458. You can call the office at 929-496-0748 or email at kcabreracarrera@cb.nyc.com.

IV. Chairperson Leurys Acosta Remarks

A. Referenced email sent to board members regarding City Charter section 2800, which outlines the powers of the board. We must understand the foundation of our role, ultimately representing the district, elevating concerns, and helping to influence decisions.

B. Problems of greatest concern, as articulated by exec committee members, are mental health and the opioid and fentanyl epidemic. As a board, we will work to identify ways to address it and determine how our elected officials can work together to address this problem, as well as practical steps we can take together to move us in the right direction.

C. Encouraging board members to share their points of view and engage in respectful dialogue.

V. Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Betty Arce

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

VI. Review of Previous Month's Minutes

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A. Motion to approve minutes presented by Jean Hill; seconded by Chad Royer.
Minutes approved. Yes: 29 ; No: 0 ; Abstention: 0 ; No: 0.

VII. Motion(s)

A. **Budget, Personnel, & Ethics (bit.ly/3ZF6A3g):** Increase Bronx Community Board 7 Community Associate Cristiana Robles’ Salary by 5% (\$2,659) to go from earning \$53,174/year to \$55,833/year—motion to approve made by Chad Royer, seconded by Barbara Stronczer.

Motion passed. Yes: 27 ; No: 0 ; Abstention: 0 ; Absences: 6.

B. **Veterans Affairs & Human Services (bit.ly/4rOIIIGk):** Send a letter of support to the City Council to consider funding the Veterans Initiative budget of \$6.2 million from \$2.8 million—motion to approve made by Robin Rollan and seconded by Tobie Buford.

Motion passed. Yes: 29 ; No: 0 ; Abstentions: 0 ; Absences: 4.

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, Detective Stephen Echevarria:

1. Coffee with a Cop is on March 25, 2026, from 10 am to 12 pm at Target 215 East Fordham Road.
2. The Annual Egg Hunt is on April 11, 2026, from 12:30 pm at the grassy area across from the precinct. The precinct is accepting candy donations for the event.
3. Contact Information: 3016 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY 10467,
Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org, 718-220-5824.

B. NYC Comptroller’s office, Yves Filius:

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1. Yves Filius introduced himself as the new liaison. Email:

yfilius@comptroller.nyc.gov.

2. Contact Information: One Centre Street, 5th Floor, New York, NY 10007,
action@comptroller.nyc.gov, (212) 669-3916.

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

1. Bianca mentioned all upcoming events hosted by the office.
2. Contact Information: 851 Grand Concourse #301, Bronx, NY 10451,
cgannon@bronxbp.nyc.gov, (718) 590-3500.

D. Bronx District Attorney's office, Matan Kogen:

1. The office is hosting the Bronx Youth Summit on March 25th at the Coop City Community Center, 177 Driser Loop, Bronx, NY 10475.
2. Contact Information: 198 East 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451,
KogenM@Bronxda.nyc.gov, (718) 590-6548.

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

1. Shared information on upcoming programming and community resources.
2. Contact Information: 2432 Grand Concourse, Suite 506, Bronx, NY 10458,
smendoza@nysenate.gov, (718) 933-2034.

F. Assembly Member John Zaccaro Jr.'s Office, Ayanna Armstrong:

1. Hosted Black History Month event at Bronx Zoo.
2. Will be hosting Tax Prep Days at the office.
3. Is hosting an Easter event in collaboration with the 52nd Precinct.
4. Contact Information: 2018 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461,
district80@nyassembly.gov, (718) 409-0109.

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

1. The office is available to connect constituents to state agencies and other resources. Contact Grace at torresg@assembly.gov
2. Contact Information: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463,
DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov, (718) 796-5345.

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H. Assembly Member Yudelka Tapia's Office, Jack Shaevitz:

1. The office is hosting a NYC Free Tax Prep event on Tuesday, March 31st, from 10 am to 4 pm, by appointment only. Call 718-933-6909.
2. The Assembly Member secured \$250 million to preserve affordable housing.
3. NMIC will be at the office on March 31st. For additional information, you may text 917-414-5323
4. Contact Information: 2175 Jerome Avenue, Suite C, Bronx, NY 10453, shaevitzj@nyassembly.gov, (718) 933-6909.

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

1. The Council Member has introduced bill Int 0196-2026, this bill would require food service establishments to display a red triangular symbol with the words HIGH SODIUM in capital letters, bold type, and red color, displayed next to or below the triangle, on menus and menu boards or on a tag next to any food item that contains or exceeds 1,800 milligrams of sodium. This bill would also require a warning statement about high sodium intake to be displayed at the point of purchase.
2. The Council Member has introduced bill Int 0553-2026, which would require that the Department of Small Business Services, or another agency designated by the mayor, establish a small retail business security system program to provide financial assistance to owners of small retail businesses that would reduce the cost of purchasing and installing security system technology.
3. The Council Member has introduced bill Int 0547-2026, which would require the New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene to change the design of the required high-sugar warning symbol to be a red triangular symbol with the words HIGH SUGAR in capital letters, bold type, and red color, displayed next to or below the triangle. The bill would

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also require DOHMH to increase the civil penalty for violating the law from \$200 to \$1,000.

4. The office is hosting Free Tax Day.

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

X. Next Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

XI. Meeting adjourned.

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