



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



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KARLA CABRERA CARRERA, DISTRICT MANAGER

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Chair:	Leurys Acosta
Meeting Date:	May 26, 2026
Meeting Time:	6:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Monroe University - Mintz Auditorium 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. Aaron Lenton, Better Public Media

1. A collaboration that includes Better Public Media, the Civic Engagement Commission, and the National Civic League.

- a) Creative strategies to engage the public/community.
- b) Fill out a civic engagement scorecard to survey community experience at public meetings.
- c) In-depth one-on-one interviews are also available.

B. Diane Arroya, Assistant Director and Communications, NYC Health & Hospitals Public Affairs

1. North Central BX Hospital Update

- a) Diagnostics
- b) Inpatient/Outpatient Mental Health Care
- c) School tour to expose young people to health professions
- d) Encourage residents to visit farmers' markets located on Jerome Avenue.

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C. Tobie Buford:

1. Encourage residents to report open hydrants to 311. In light of the recent fires that have plagued the Bronx. Suggested that a committee be formed to begin to address this behavior.

D. Jane Addison-Amoyah, Library Manager for the Mosholu Library:

1. June events at the library include a backyard adult reading hour on June 10th, as well as reading hours, events, and activities for adults and children throughout the month of June.

E. Yini Rodriguez:

1. Double parking and traffic problems at a new restaurant located on Villa Ave. between E. 204 & E. 205 Sts.

F. Det. Steven Echevarria – NYPD 52nd Precinct:

1. Shared statistics for May 2026.
2. Next Precinct council meeting on May 28, 2026 at 3100 Webster Ave. 10467.

III. District Manager Karla Cabrera Carrera's Updates

A. We hosted a successful Flagging Event on Sunday, May 17th. Thank you to our Community Partners: the NY Grey Cadets, Bronx Borough President Vanessa L. Gibson, Senator Gustavo Rivera, Council Member Erick Dinowitz, the NYC Parks Department and Recreation, Guerinos Against Graffiti, Crusaders for Children's Rights, the Financial Advisors Group, and our board members. We brought our community together to honor our present, past, and future heroes.

B. Community Board Services Statistics:

Month	Total	Method of Contact			Type of Contact								
		Via Email	In Person	By Phone	Agency Liaison	Residents	Members	CBO's	Academic	Business	Electeds	Developers	Reporter
January	188	132	36	20	57	53	27	21	9	10	6	4	1
February	161	101	14	46	42	38	30	17	3	11	18	1	1
March	241	145	29	67	47	67	42	41	7	9	21	7	0
April	248	166	28	54	61	68	36	35	7	7	29	3	2

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2. 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 share, the better.

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

D. We are accepting feedback on our CB7's Fiscal Year 2028 Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests: bit.ly/40DAGES. The deadline to provide feedback is September 30, 2026.

E. We are collecting votes for the People's Money: bit.ly/4GpLH.

1. Anyone age 11 and up can vote regardless of immigration status.

F. 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 Leury's Acosta's Remarks

A. Last month's Motion A vote was a bit confusing. As the DM shared in the clarifying email: "There must be more 'yes' votes than the total of 'no' votes and abstentions combined in order for a motion to carry."

B. Reasons why people usually abstain:

1. They want to avoid a conflict of interest.
2. They don't fully understand the motion.
3. They want to remain neutral.

C. The Chair's suggestions:

1. To those who don't fully understand, reach out; ask for help. Ask the DM, chair, or a member of the original voting committee for clarity to help you make sure of your decision.
2. Abstentions are not as neutral as you may believe. In essence, they can have the same effect as a no.
3. It's ok to abstain. Nothing wrong with that. It's your right. Just know that when there is a vote, this is your chance to influence change in our communities for the better.

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D. Promoting our joint town hall event with CB5 regarding the opioid crisis affecting our community. Taking place June 11th from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM at the Bronx Library Center

V. Attendance (Roll Call) by Secretary Betty Arce.

A. Quorum met. Present: 24 ; Absent: 9.

VI. Review of Previous Month's Minutes

A. Motion to approve by Chad Royer; seconded by Betty Arce. Motion passes with corrections.

VII. Motion(s)

A. Education, Youth & Libraries: Letter of support to LIVIDOUA (<https://www.lividoua>)

Motion made by Mohamed Bayo. Seconded by Chad Royer.

Motion passed. Yes: 21 ; No: 1 ; Absent: 9

B. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs: Letter of support to the NY Botanical Gardens (NYBG) for the South Forest Riverwalk Project. bit.ly/3QNO8r

Motion made by Barbara Stronczer. Seconded by Chad Royer.

Motion passed. Yes: 22 ; No: 0 ; Absent: 9 .

VIII. New Business

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

E. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs – Barbara Stronczer

F. Veterans Affairs & Human Services – Chad Royer

X. Elected Officials/Elected Official Representatives

A. 52nd Precinct

1. Contact Information: 3016 Webster Ave, Bronx, NY 10467,
Stephen.Echevarria@nypd.org, 718-220-5824.

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B. Bronx Borough President's Office, Kenny Agosto:

1. Opportunities for All Fair – June 4, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Bronx Borough Hall (Rotunda), 851 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY
 - a) Bronx Youth Lead – connecting Bronx youth ages 16-24 to career pathways, workforce development, education and resources that will support their future success.
2. Bronx Day, June 13, 2026 from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM at the NY Botanical Garden.
3. Bronx Pride March, June 20, 2026, kick off at 11:00 AM at the steps of Borough Hall.
4. **Contact Information:** 851 Grand Concourse #301, Bronx, NY 10451, cgannon@bronxbp.nyc.gov, (718) 590-3500.

C. Bronx District Attorney's Office, Matan Kogen:

1. National Gun Violence Awareness Day with Reclaim the Block at Bean Morris Garden (2096 Morris Ave) on June 5, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 3:00 PM.
 - a) To honor victims of gun violence and the beauty of their lives while fostering healing, unity, and hope in our neighborhood.
2. **Contact Information:** 198 East 161 Street, Bronx, NY 10451, KogenM@Bronxda.nyc.gov, (718) 590-6548.

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

1. Free immigration services offered at State Senator Rivera's Office.

E. Assembly Member George Alvarez's Office, Anne Marie Batista:

1. Contact Information: 2633 Webster Avenue, 1st Floor, Bronx, NY 10458, paulinot@nyassembly.gov, (718) 933-2204.

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

1. Community Movie Night, June 6, 2026 at Kossuth Playground.
2. Summer Kickoff Block Party on June 20, 2026 from 12:00 PM to 4:00 PM at 2018 Williamsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10461.

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

1. Currently hosting a Summer Reading Challenge and encourages everyone to read 15 minutes a day.
2. Contact Information: 3107 Kingsbridge Avenue, Bronx, NY 10463, DinowitzJ@nyassembly.gov, (718) 796-5345.

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

1. Budget will be voted on.
2. Bill has passed the Senate to ban evictions during extreme heat or cold.
3. **Contact Information:** 2175 Jerome Avenue, Suite C, Bronx, NY 10453, shaevitzj@nyassembly.gov, (718) 933-6909.

I. Council Member Eric Dinowitz's Office, Emma Burke:

1. HPD in the District at Tracey Towers.
2. Williamsbridge Oval Community Input Meeting on June 3, 2026.

J. Council Member Pierina Sanchez's Office, Oriana Roa:

1. Opioid Town Hall with Bronx CB5 & Bronx CB7, June 11, 2026 from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at Bronx Library Center, 310 E Kingsbridge Road, Bronx, NY 10458.
2. Career & Resource Fair, June 4, 2026
3. **Contact Information:** 2065 Morris Avenue, Bronx, NY 10453, mvillalobos@council.nyc.gov, (646) 574-0109.

K. Council Member Oswald Feliz's Office, Esperanza Diaz:

1. Vallone Veteran Initiative – 4th Monday of each month.
 - a) Services provided include health benefits, dependent benefits, education benefits, home loan program, state and local benefits.
2. **Contact Information:** 573 East Fordham Road (Entrance on Hoffman Street), Bronx, NY 10458, gcooke@council.nyc.gov, (718) 842-8100.

XI. Close of board business

XII. Next Meeting Date:

XIII. Adjournment:

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