



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



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BUDGET, PERSONNEL & ETHICS COMMITTEE

Chair:	Andrew Laiosa
Meeting Date:	Thursday, September 17th, 2020
Meeting Time:	5:30 PM
Meeting Location:	Via Zoom Video/Teleconference
Members (Check Those In Attendance)	✓ Andrew Laiosa ✓ Emmanuel Martinez ✓ Yajaira Arias ✓ Kevin Davis ✓ Edgar Ramos ✓ Barbara Stronczer
Minutes done by:	Alex Karman

Minutes:

- I) Introductions**
- II) Review of previous minutes**
- III) Follow-up from previous month (If applicable)**
- IV) New Business**
 - a) The CB 7 Committee Chairpersons participated in a virtual training by the NYC Department of City Planning, arranged by the Board District Manager, where they learned about the Community District Needs and Budget Request Process. Committee Chairpersons were afforded the opportunity to have their questions answered by the knowledgeable staff from the Department of City Planning. The Budget Request categories conveniently line up with the Community Board Committee responsibilities.**
 - b) The Community Board Committees are all separately reviewing items in the Statement of Needs and Budget Priorities that pertain to their committee. Committees were reminded that the ranking of needs is important.**
 - c) The Board will review the results of the recent online community survey of the Most Pressing Issues Facing Community District 7.**
 - d) Due to the economic situation we expect that there will budget cuts to city agencies. The community board was informed that community board budgets would be subject to cuts as well, with a preference to**



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the Personnel Services portion of the Board budget.

- e) The Board is determined to provide adequate services to the community and that can only be accomplished by retaining the existing level of staffing. If absolutely required, we intend to make the cuts in the Other Than Personnel Service (OTPS) portion of the board budget. Two of our board staff are union members, and are subject to the Collective Bargaining Agreement. District Managers are not members of a union.**
- f) The board intends to hire an intern with similar duties and expense as last year, to assist the board staff.**
- g) Fixed costs from last year remain basically the same for this year.**
- h) Until directed by the City, the board staff will continue to work remotely, and board members will hold public meetings virtually.**

- V) Next meeting date – TBD**
- VI) Discussion on next agenda**
- VII) Adjournment**