



The City of New York  
**Bronx Community Board Three**

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**RUBEN DIAZ, JR.**  
**BRONX BOROUGH PRESIDENT**

**GLORIA ALSTON**  
**CHAIRWOMAN**

**JOHN W. DUDLEY**  
**DISTRICT MANAGER**

**GENERAL BOARD MINUTES**

Date: 06/11/2019  
Time: 6:00PM  
Location: 1332 Fulton Avenue

**Members Present**

Kolaco Acqui  
Gloria Alston  
Xiomara Arriola  
Joetta Brown  
Dawn Carter  
Gilberto Constantinez  
Nelson Delerme  
Randy Dillard  
Wanda Ellis  
Abdul Johnson  
Marilyn Johnson  
Kathy Johnson-Morris  
Abraham Jones  
Linda Kemp  
Wilbert Tee Lawton  
Elizabeth Luciany  
Rev. Idus A. Nunn, Jr.  
Judith Ojo  
Laila Patino  
Anddy Perdomo  
Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera  
Lanet Rivera  
Carmen Rodriguez  
Olympia Jay Stripln  
Keziah Sullivan  
D'Andra Van Heusen-Thomas  
Patrick Willis

**Bronx Borough President's Office**

Tom Lucania

**Councilmember Rafael Salamanca's Office**

Shanna Knotts

**Staff Present**

Etta F. Ritter  
John W. Dudley

**Members Excused**

Winifred Bama  
Rev. Frederick Crawford  
Rita Jones  
Terrence Podolsky  
Edna Quinones  
Keziah Sullivan  
Saadia Walters

**Members Absent**

Abdourahamane Diallo  
Marilyn Johnson  
Una Lawrence  
Marlon Molina  
Alexis Salgado

**Michael Blake's Office**

Emanuel Martinez  
Joel Delacruz

**State Senator Gustavo Rivera's Office**

Latoya Matthew

**NYC Census Office**

Ingrid Sotelo

**EXECUTIVE OFFICERS**

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## Guests Names

### All Other Guests Names on File

## Call to Order

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson, called the meeting to order at 6:12pm

## Invocation

Rev. Abraham Jones led us in prayer.

## Exchange of Information/Community Concerns

At this time, community concerns were exchanged as follows:

### Community Concern

- Ms. Ingrid Sotelo, a representative from the Office of the Census for New York City, informed those in attendance of the rapidly approaching 2020 census and how they are looking to collaborate with community based organizations to ensure receipt of federal funding to allocate for neighborhood improvements, public health, education, transportation and so much more. Ms. Sotelo requested that the community spread the word about the importance of responding to the 2020 Census survey to ensure that New York City gets its fair share of federal funds.
- Mr. Dion Powell, representative from New Covenant Credit Union, located at 1185 Boston Road stated that two meetings will be held on Thursday, July 11<sup>th</sup>; one at 11:30am and another at 6:30pm. Mr. Powell will be discussing "Religious Real Estate for Community Banking".
- A representative from the NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene informed the community at large of the last Deep Dive meeting which will take place on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Fannine Lou Hammer HS, located at 1021 Jennings Street. They will be discussing " **Violence as a Public Health Issue**".
- Ms. Joetta Brown, board member, announced the following information to those in attendance:
  - The Education Committee is anticipating hosting a "**CERT Boot Camp**" in October 2019. The Cert Boot Camp will be two half day sessions.
  - The Crotona Park Running Club will be meeting every Saturday, 8:00am, at Claremont Parkway and Crotona Avenue. They will also have FREE Yoga lessons at 9:00am at Crotona Avenue and Claremont Parkway (Crotona Park Event Lawn).

## Members Requesting to be Excused

Winifred Bama  
Rev. Frederick Crawford  
Rita Jones  
Terrence Podoskly  
Edna Quniones  
Keziah Sullivan  
Saadia Walters

## **Motion**

**It was motioned by Abraham Jones and seconded by Joetta Brown, to excuse the following member(s):**

Winifred Bama  
Rev. Frederick Crawford  
Rita Jones  
Terrence Podoskly  
Edna Quniones  
Keziah Sullivan  
Saadia Walters

**All In Favor**

**Motion Carried**

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**Approval of Minutes of the Prior Meeting**

**Motion**

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Kathy Johnson-Morris, to approve the minutes of the prior meeting held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 with the necessary corrections, if there be any.

**All In Favor**

**Motion Carried**

**Bronx Borough President’s Office**

Tom Lucania, representative from the Bronx Borough President’s Office, provided a written report via e-mail which was electronically sent to board members and those on Bronx Community Board Three’s list serve.

Mr. Lucania congratulated all board members who were re-appointed. New board members will be informed of their status within the next two weeks. Time sensitive information was exchanged.

**Report of Elected Officials**

**Senator Gustavo Rivera Report**

Latoya Matthew, counsel from State Senator Gustavo Rivera’s office, distributed and provided the following information:

- State Senator Gustavo Rivera’s April 2019 Employment Bulletin
- State Senator Gustavo Rivera 33<sup>rd</sup> District “What I Have Been Up To...” This bulletin pin pointed the Senator’s new role as Chair of the Senate Health Committee, wherein he held ten productive Health Committee meetings where more than 100 bills were moved to the next step of the legislative process.
  - Senator Rivera’s Bill S.4498, which will set protocols in hospitals to identify and treat obstetric hemorrhages, passed the New York State Senate.
  - Senator Rivera’s Bill S.1819, which will establish the New York State and New York City Maternal Mortality Review Boards and a Maternal Mortality and Morbidity Advisory Council, passed the New York State Senate.

**CM Rafael Salmanaca’s Report**

Shanna Knotts, Deputy Chief of Staff at CM Rafael Salmanaca office, distributed the following information:

- Movies Under the Stars
- 2019 South Bronx Summer Classics
- Listing of services provided by CM Rafael Salmanca office

Time sensitive information was exchanged.

**Chairperson’s Report**

Ms. Gloria Alston, chairperson requested that a motion be entertained to empower the Executive Committee to act of behalf of the full board during summer recess (July-August 2019).

**Motion**

It was motioned by Joetta Brown and seconded by Cassandra Saunders, to allow the Executive Committee to act on behalf of the full board during summer recess (July 2019-August 2019).

**YES**

**NO**

**26**

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**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

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## District Managers Report

Mr. John Dudley, district manager at Bronx Community Board Three, did not have a written report; however, he did discuss the following:

- Correspondence was sent to the Commissioner of the NYC Department of Parks and Recreation regarding the algae and phragmite condition in Indian Lake. A response was sent to Bronx Community Board Three regarding this condition, which noted the cause being related to nutrients and phosphorus in the lake. Parks noted that efforts are ongoing to mitigate this condition which is a natural occurrence.
- Tropicana Night Club located at 1061 Home Street, has been the subject of various incidents which have adversely affected the community at large. Bronx Community Board Three has sent correspondence to the NYS Liquor Authority, to deny their liquor license renewal due to occurrences which have negatively impacted the community over the years.
- EMS station 26 will be relocated for six months
- Southern Boulevard DDC project is anticipated to be concluded by September 2019.

## Committee Reports

### Historical Outreach, Parks and Recreation/Youth Services Committee

Mr. John Dudley stated that the preliminary design for Melrose Commons Site 62 was entertained at the Parks Committee meeting and they recommended that the preliminary design receive full board approval. At this time, concerns were raised that the community garden was not being maintained and run properly at this location, and is not inviting to the general public. A recommendation was made to omit the community garden from the preliminary design.

### **Motion**

**It was motioned by Cassandra Saunders and seconded by Abraham Jones, to approve the Melrose Commons Site 62 Preliminary Design excluding the community garden at this location**

Yes	No
26	0

**ALL IN FAVOR**

**MOTION CARRIED**

### By-Laws and Membership Committee

Ms. Wanda Ellis, chairperson of the By-Laws and Membership Committee, stated that Alexis Salgado was sent a certified letter due to five (5) missed meetings for the period of September 2018 to May 2019. This action is in accordance with Bronx Community Board Three's By-Laws, Article III, Sec. 4-4C, which governs the necessary actions in removing appointed members. At this time, Ms. Ellis requested that a motion be made:

### **Motion**

**It was motioned by Rev. Rivera and seconded by Cassandra Saunders, to remove Alexis Salgado due to five (5) missed meetings for the period of September 2018 to May 2019.**

Yes	No	Abstain
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**Motion Carried**

**At this time, Rev Frederick Crawford requested to be excused due to illness; therefore, his removal has been tabled until September 2019.**

## Announcements

At this time, everyone born in the month of June was requested to stand and be acknowledged. Everyone in attendance sang Happy Birthday to those persons born in June.

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**Benediction**

Rev. Dr. Bruce Rivera led us in prayer.

**Adjournment**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:09pm

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