

**BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8  
COMMITTEE ON LAW, RULES & ETHICS**

**Minutes of the Meeting of December 22, 2011**

<u>PRESENT</u>	<u>AFFILIATION</u>
Irving Ladimer, Chair	CB8
Sergio Marquez, Vice Chair	CB8
Ari Spett, Secretary	CB8
Robert Fanuzzi	CB8
Maria Khury	CB8
Rosemary Ginty	CB8
Daniel Padernacht	CB8
Lamont Parker	CB8
Andrew Cohen	CB8
Robert Press	CB8
Tom Durham	CB8
Joyce Pilsner	CB8
Bob Bender	CB8
Arlene Feldmeier	CB8

Place: The Office of Bronx Community Board 8.

Chairman Ladimer called the meeting to order at 7:30pm

Chairman Ladimer welcomed all of the members of the Committee and reminded the Committee of the provision in the Bylaws that the Chair may call an executive session so that particular considerations may be held in confidence.

The committee then discussed language, some of which had been previously considered during the October session. Chairman Ladimer noted the provision in the Bylaws that states that the Nominating Committee must consist of three or five people.

Regarding Procedures of the Nominating Committee:

The Committee considered the following language:

*1. A Nominating Committee consisting of three or five appointed members shall be elected by the Board (Art. 5, Sec. 2, Bylaws) The Committee designates its chairperson and presents candidates for offices (officers and committee chairs) to be filled at the next election meeting. Proceedings of the Committee are confidential and not subject to outside appeal.*

- (a) Officers: A member of the nominating committee may not be nominated by the committee for a position of officer.*
- (b) Committee Chairs: A member of the Nominating Committee under consideration for a committee chair shall recuse himself or herself from*

*discussion or vote if there is another candidate. The Committee may recommend one or both to the Board without prejudice.*

The proposal that the proceedings of the Nominating Committee are confidential and not subject to appeal were struck on the ground that the Committee could act without any further instruction or restriction.

Chairman Ladimer proposed to condense 1(a) and 1(b) by adding "**or committee chair.**" to the end of section 1(a).

The **YEAS** being **6**: Mr. Ladimer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Spett, Mr. Marquez, Ms. Feldmeier and Ms. Ginty.

The **NAYS** being **5**: Ms. Pilsner, Ms. Khury, Mr. Press, Mr. Parker and Mr. Fanuzzi.

The **ABSTENTIONS** being **1**: Mr. Padernacht.

**The proposal failed for lack of a majority.**

The original language, proposed at the October session was sustained by unanimous consent.

Ms. Ginty proposed to amend the language of 1(b) to read as follows:

***"(b) Committee Chairs: A member of the Nominating Committee under consideration for a committee chair shall recuse him/herself from discussion and vote for that position."***

The **YEAS** being **8**: A. Spett, S. Marquez, R. Ginty, I. Ladimer, D. Padernacht, R. Press, J. Pilsner and A. Feldmeier.

The **NAYS** being **4**: A. Cohen, M. Khury, L. Parker and R. Fanuzzi.

**Abstentions** being **0**:

**The language was adopted.**

Mr. Fanuzzi suggested that the Committee should conduct research and present a report on the nominating practices of other community boards. Ms. Pilsner disagreed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

Reviewed by:  
Irving I. Ladimer, Chair

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ari Adam Spett, Secretary