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**The City of New York
Community Board 8 Manhattan
Budget Committee**

This meeting was conducted via Zoom
Tuesday, May 20, 2025 - 6:30pm

MINUTES

Board Members Present: Gayle Baron, Felice Farber, Craig Lader, Addeson Lehv, Judy Schneider

Approximate Number of Members of the Public: 2

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm.

Item 1: Discussion and preparation of Community Board 8 Manhattan's FY2026 Internal Budget
Budget Committee Co-Chair Gayle Baron reminded the committee of the role of the Community Board as it relates to the City's budget. District Manager Will Brightbill provided an overview of the Community Board's budget, with a focus on the *Other Than Personnel Services (OTPS)* funding.

Will expressed gratitude to Council Members Julie Menin and Keith Powers for their continued support of Community Board 8, specifically acknowledging the additional funding they have helped secure. This support has been instrumental in retaining a land use planner to assist with complex land use and zoning issues, as well as addressing other critical board needs.

The committee discussed the ongoing need for increased funding across all community boards, emphasizing the importance of dedicated funding for a land use planner to support the growing complexity of planning and zoning matters.

The committee also reviewed how OTPS funding has been used in recent years. Notable expenditures included the purchase of new computers for board staff, replacing outdated and nonfunctional equipment, new banners for public events, and other essential office and community engagement supplies.

There was consensus on the value of continuing support for the Arts Shows and the importance of securing ongoing funding for core board operations and materials.

Discussion of Personnel Costs: The board moved to an executive session to discuss salaries for staff.

Items 2/3: There being no old business or new business, the meeting adjourned at 7:17 pm

Respectfully submitted, Gayle Baron and Felice Farber, Co-Chairs