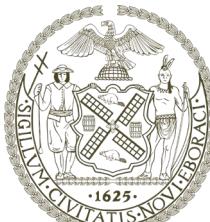


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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan  
Budget Committee**  
*Monday, February 10, 2026 – 6:30 PM  
Conducted remotely on Zoom*

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Gayle Baron, Michele Birnbaum, Felice Farber, and Craig Lader.

**Excused Members:** Judy Schneider

**Approximate Number of Public Attendees:** 4

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

**1. Presentation from the Independent Budget Office on the City's November Financial Plan by Hannah Leverenz, Community Engagement Specialist and Cameron Chapman, Budget and Policy Analyst**

Hannah Leverenz explained the history and role of the IBO, noting that the IBO is a nonpartisan city agency that provides an independent check on the City's budget. Cameron Chapman then provided an overview of the city's budget explaining the City's revenue sources and the expense budget.

Cameron then provided examples of three specific areas and the information IBO looks at: adult protective services, early childcare, affordable housing.

**IBO Presentation Slides**

**2. Discussion Related to the Citywide Statement of Needs**

Gayle provided an overview of the Citywide Statement of Needs (CSON), explained the information covered and encouraged everyone to review the document. The primary purpose of this document is to inform communities of the City's facilities needs and the specific criteria for selecting the locations of those facilities.

The publication is divided into two documents:

- A narrative [StoryMap](#) connecting the needs highlighted by New York City communities to the capital planning efforts of the City government, and
- An [Executive Summary with accompanying appendices](#), including all proposed facility projects for FY2027-2028.

**3. Planning for a Response to the Upcoming Preliminary Budget**

Felice Farber explained that the City's preliminary budget is normally released at the end of January. This year, due to the election of a new Mayor, the preliminary budget will be released on February 17th. Given that comments on the preliminary budget are due on March 15, there is insufficient time to bring the proposed response to the preliminary budget to the full board for review and approval. Therefore it was suggested that committee co-chairs be given the authority to prepare the response to the preliminary budget and to review the response with the budget committee prior to submission to the city.

The following resolution was proposed and approved unanimously:

**WHEREAS**, the City's preliminary budget is typically released at the end of January each year; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the election of a new Mayor, this year the preliminary budget will instead be released on February 17; and

**WHEREAS**, comments on the preliminary budget must be submitted to the City by March 15; and

**WHEREAS**, the compressed timeframe between the release of the preliminary budget and the submission deadline does not provide sufficient opportunity to present a proposed response to the full Board for review and approval; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important that the Community Board submit timely and thoughtful comments on the preliminary budget;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Committee Co-Chairs are authorized to prepare the Community Board's response to the City's preliminary budget; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Committee Co-Chairs shall review the proposed response with the Budget Committee prior to submission to the City.

*Yes (4): Baron, Birnbaum, Farber, Lader*

*No (0): None*

*Abstain (0): None*

#### **4. Old Business**

There were no items of old business.

#### **5. New Business**

There were no items of new business.

There being no old business or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 pm.

*Felice Farber and Gayle Baron, Co-Chairs*