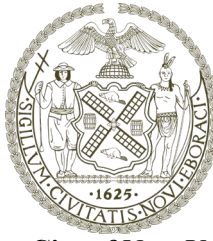


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**The City of New York  
Community Board 8 Manhattan**

*Health, Seniors, and Social Services Committee*

*Monday, February 9, 2026 – 6:00pm*

*This meeting was conducted hybrid in person and via Zoom  
Caspary Auditorium, The Rockefeller University*

**MINUTES**

**Board Members Present:** Michele Birnbaum, Taína Borrero, Felice Farber, Miles Fink, Wilma Johnson, Addeson Lehv, Valerie S. Mason, Jane Parshall, Elizabeth Rose, Barbara Rudder, Judy Schneider, Kimberly Selway, Dayne Slay, Todd "TJ" Stein, Sam Weinberger, Sharon Weiner.

**Board Members Present (Virtual):** P. Gayle Baron, Alida Camp, Anthony Cohn, DJ Falkson, Sebastian Hallum Clarke, David Helpern, Paul Krikler, Margaret Price, Sacha Sellam, and Russell Squire.

**Approximate Number of Public Attendees:** 600

**Item 1: Public Hearing: Presentation from the New York Department of Social Services, The Department of Homeless Services, and Housing Solutions of New York (Provider) – Restore Hope Women's Shelter**

The Department of Homeless Services and its contracted shelter operator, Housing Solutions of New York, gave a presentation on the Restore Hope Women's Shelter. The presentation also included remarks from representatives of Elite Investigations, the private security firm for the shelter. The presentation slides and a full recording are available online at cb8m.com.

A public hearing followed. Some members of the community expressed concerns related to security, quality of life issues, the accommodations in the shelter, the community notification process, and other issues. Other members of the community expressed support for the shelter plan and remarked on the importance of contributing to solutions for the city's housing crisis. Representatives from the Department of Homeless Services, Housing Solutions of New York, Elite Investigations, and the NYPD answered questions as they arose.

Members of Community Board 8 offered remarks and asked questions about the shelter, including questions related to:

- Statistics on shelter populations
- Statistics on quality of life and public safety in the vicinity of other shelters citywide
- General shelter operations and programming
- Shelter approval timelines

**Item 2: Old Business** – None discussed.

**Item 3: New Business** – None discussed.

The meeting ended at approximately 9:45 pm.

**Wilma Johnson and Barbara Rudder, Co-Chairs**