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**The City of New York**
**Community Board 8 Manhattan**
**Budget Committee**
*Monday, October 5, 2026 – 6:30 PM*
*Conducted remotely on Zoom*

# MINUTES

***Board Members Present***: Michelle Birnbaum, Felice Farber, Craig Lader, Elizabeth Rose, and Judy Schneider.

***Approximate Number of Public Attendees***: 5

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM.

1. **PUBLIC HEARING: Discussion of the Fiscal Year 2028 Statement of District Needs and Budget Priorities**

The committee reviewed the budget priority requests and the district needs survey in preparation for FY2028. District Manager Ian McKnight provided an update on the results from the community survey. Felice Farber provided an update on the changes made to the text of the district needs statement based on the feedback from the September meeting as well as the results of the community survey.

The committee then reviewed each budget priority line-by-line and updated the information in the district needs statement based on current needs, new information, and project status.

The committee agreed that the top three most pressing issues for the district are Crime and Public Safety, Affordable Housing, and Parks and Open Space.

2. **Old Business**

There were no items of old business.

3. **New Business**

There were no items of new business.

There being no old business or new business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 pm.

***Felice Farber and Gayle Baron, Co-Chairs***