

**Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD ON **January 26, 2021**  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM**

**Board Members Present**

Nicolas Almonor  
Stuart Balberg  
Fred Baptiste  
Virginia Bechtold  
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman  
Warren Berke  
Alejandra Caraballo  
Suwen "Suki" Cheong  
Michelle Derosier-Caldwell  
Verleen Dozier  
Tessa Hackett-Vieira  
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales  
Shloma Zalman Hecht  
Wayne King  
Primo Lasana  
Francisca Leopold  
Nolan Levenson  
Melanie Lewis

**Board Members Present**

Michael Liburd  
Mattijs Limberger  
Menachem Margolin  
Carmen Martinez  
Vivia Morgan  
Patricia Moses  
Yankee Pearson  
Amy Pinkerton  
Dexter Roberts  
Desma Ross  
Melissa Severe  
Rashidah Siddiqui  
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin  
Debbie Timothy  
Linda Watson-Lorde  
Eve-lyn Williams  
Lorianne Wolseley

**Board Members Absent**

Augustine Blackwell  
Erin Brown  
Rosemarie Evering  
Mayna Legoute  
Robert Mitchell  
Beverly Newsome  
Unella Rhone-Perry  
Mary Rollerson-Blackett

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**Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present**

Brooklyn Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ricardo Newball  
U.S. Congresswoman– Yvette D. Clarke – Eli Slavin  
NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel – Maurice Cummings  
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Chambers  
NYC HHC Test and Trace Corps. – Barbara Williams

**Public Session**

Chair Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

**Dr. John Quale, NYC HHC Kings County Hospital** - Addressed concerns as to why the vaccine was produced so quickly. copious amounts of funding, and research & development sourced to vaccination. Food & Drug Administration (FDA) made vaccination creation and production a priority. Addressed concerns per side-effects of vaccines: side-affects are minor such as sore arm for a couple days. Chances of developing an allergic reaction are very low.

**Barbara Williams, NYCHHC Test & Trace Corps** – Assist in COVID Spread prevention through resource and information provisions. Get Tested Tuesdays - distribute PPE and testing site locations  
Specialized events - Black History Month events with teens and seniors forthcoming

Requesting assistance from board/office in sharing fliers and distributing information. Requesting future invitations to CB9 committee events re: COVID Awareness, Prevention, etc. Aiming to collaborate with Health, Social Services Committee Planning to compile care packages for individuals visiting testing sites (PPE supplies)

Chair Baptiste opened the floor for public session.

### **Business Session**

Secretary Caraballo conducted roll call attendance and confirmed 36 members present and 8 absent.

December 2020 General Board Meeting minutes are approved without objection.

Motion : To move to Executive Session for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the vacant District Manager position for discussion and selection of a final candidate and potential salary tender offer.

Moved by Nolan Levenson, seconded by Michael Liburd.  
Opposed Melanie Lewis

### **Public Session**

Motion to make the offer to candidate 97 pending all administrative requirements subject to a final vote of the board. Moved by Shloma Hecht, second by Melanie Lewis

32 in favor, 3 abstentions

Motion to Adjourn by Alejandra Caraballo, second by Melanie Lewis

All in favor

Adjourned 9:54pm.