

Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, NY 11225

MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD ON **May 25, 2021**  
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM

**Board Members Present**

Nicolas Almonor  
Fred Baptiste  
Virginia Bechtold  
Warren Berke  
Augustine Blackwell  
Alejandra Caraballo  
Rosemary Evering  
Tessa Hackett-Vieira  
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales  
Shloma Zalman Hecht  
Wayne King  
Primo Lasana  
Mayna Legoute  
Francisca Leopold  
Nolan Levenson  
Francisca Leopold  
Melanie Lewis  
Michael Liburd

**Board Members Present**

Mattijs Limberger  
Menachem Margolin  
Carmen Martinez  
Patricia Moses  
Beverly Newsome  
Yankee Pearson  
Riel Peerbooms  
Amy Pinkerton  
Unella Rhone-Perry  
Dexter Roberts  
Desma Ross  
Melissa Severe  
Rashidah Siddiqui  
Debbie Timothy  
Linda Watson-Lorde  
Lorianne Wolseley  
Eve-lyn Williams

**Board Members Absent**

Stuart Balberg  
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman  
Erin Brown  
Suwen "Suki" Cheong  
Verleen Dozier  
Vivia Morgan  
Mary Rollerson-Blackett  
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin

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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  
NYS Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson – Rich Honeywell  
NYS Senator Zellnor Myrie – Paurcha Edwards  
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford

**Presentations**

- a) Camara Joseph, Elite Learners, Inc.
- b) LeRay Brown, One Brooklyn Health

**NYS State Liquor Authority Applications**

- a. **La Nueva Estrella de Castillo** – 948 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225, for a renewal of Wine, Beer & Cider license
- b. **Edie Jo's, LLC**, – 626-630 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225, for a renewal of for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider license

## **Public Session**

- **Amy Pinkerton –**
  - Agendas are boiler plate, lacking detailed information
  - Iterated Alicia Boyd circulated an affidavit claiming ongoing conversations between 960 Franklin Avenue Development rep, William Wallace IV, and Chairperson Baptiste and ULURP Chair Moses
- **Christian Loubeau -**
  - Introductions
  - Inquiry into when in-person meetings will resume
- **Andrea –**
  - Inquiry into consideration for a neutral designated space to conduct 960 Franklin Ave Rezoning Public Hearing
- **Elizabeth –**
  - Concerns regarding 960 Franklin Avenue Rezoning and open participation
- **Esteban Giron**
  - Concerns regarding 960 Franklin Avenue Rezoning public hearing and intended location
  - Concerns regarding 960 Franklin Avenue Rezoning process (developer insincerity, document requests, etc.) Recommendation to not move forward with process until concerns are rectified
- **Camara Joseph**
  - Extend invitation to small business owners for Elite Learners, Inc. Grand Opening taking place on 6/04/2021

## **Business Session**

Roll call attendance was conducted and confirmed quorum with 34 members present, 8 absent.

April 2021 minutes list May 2021 SLA Applicants - to be corrected.

## **Committee Reports**

### **Primo Lasana, Youth Services:**

- Looking to host Field Day/Back to School event late August/early September
- Need committee and board assistance to identify spaces for event

### **Dante Arnwine, District Manager Administrative Report:**

- Including meeting notices on LinkNYC kiosks to expand engagement.
- District Service Cabinet meetings to commence starting in June
- Successful mask distribution events
- Zoom meeting capacity fully expanded to 500 participants
- Digital upload process is ongoing (minutes, recordings, etc.)
- \$20,000 earmarked for DSNY trash receptacles throughout district – taking location recommendations

- ACE supplemental cleaning services tapped to provide assistance
- Answers per previous inquiries:
  - Funding must be spent, and services received by June 30
  - Open to receive recommendations via proposals
  - End of Year Reconciliation to be presented at June 2021 Executive Committee Meeting
  - District Needs Assessment and Statement is more appropriate avenue for representing district needs as opposed to District Service Cabinet meeting

**Primo Lasana, Nominations Committee:**

- Timeline and process reviewed
- Chairperson Candidate(s): Fred Baptiste
- 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Candidate(s): Warren Berke
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair Candidate(s): Francisca Leopold
- Secretary Candidate(s): Alejandra Caraballo
- Treasurer Candidate(s): Dexter Roberts; Melanie Lewis
- (2) Member at Large Candidate(s): Nicolas Almonor; Amy Pinkerton; Mary Rollerson-Blackett; Linda Watson-Lorde; Eve-lyn Williams

**Debbie Timothy, Treasurer’s Report:** Documents provided to board members previously (reiterated). Overview of committed, encumbered balances; May 2021 expense overview – Reconciliations to be provided for June 2021 meeting

**Fred P. Baptiste, Chairman’s Report:**

- Elections to take place during June meeting. Electronic ballots to be conducted via SurveyMonkey digital platform
- By-laws amendment
- Responds to comments about 960 Franklin

**Motion put forward by Chair Baptiste to enter Executive Session to discuss pending litigation for 960 Franklin Avenue application. Executive session entered by unanimous vote. 33 Board Members present**

**Voting Items**

- During Executive Session motion put forward for CB9 to opt out of hybrid hearing and in-person hearing on 960 Franklin Avenue application (26 Board Members present for vote, quorum intact)
  - **Vote: 15 yes, 8 no, 3 abstentions. Motion passed**

Board will communicate with Corp Counsel relative to hybrid hearing and how to proceed
- Amendment for Article 12.2.1 to allow for vote hearing for June 2021; electronic balloting will be authorized for election of officers.
  - **Vote: Unanimous consent of all Board Members present. Motion passed**

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#### **Old Business**

- Amy Pinkerton inquires per chat feature on Zoom virtual meetings. Options to be further reviewed per effectiveness

#### **New Business**

- None

**Adjourned 10:42pm.**