

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

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL COMMUNITY BOARD
HELD ON **January 4, 2021**
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING PLATFORM**

Board Members Present

Nicolaas Almonor
Stuart Balberg
Fred Baptiste
Yaacov Behrman
Warren Berke
Augustine Blackwell
Alejandra Caraballo
Suwen”Suki” Cheong
Michelle Derosier-Caldwell
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales
Primo Lasana
Mayna Legoute
Francisca Leopold
Nolan Levenson
Melanie Lewis

Board Members Present

Michael Liburd
Mattijs Limberger
Carmen Martinez
Vivia Morgan
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Riel Peerbooms
Amy Pinkerton
Dexter Roberts
Desma Ross
Melissa Severe
Rashidah Siddiqui
Chanina Sperlin
Linda Watson-Lorde
Eve-lyn Williams
Lorianne Wolseley

Board Members Absent

Virginia Bechtold
*Erin Brown
Verleen Dozier
Rosemarie Evering
Shloma Zalman Hecht
Wayne King
Menachem Margolin
Yankee Pearson
Unella Rhone-Perry
Mary Rollerson-Blackett
Debbie Timothy

*Excused

Public Session

Chair Baptiste called the meeting to order at 7:11 p.m.

Fred P. Baptiste, CB9 Chairman – The purpose of this special meeting being convened was in order to conduct a second round of interviews for the candidates that were presented by the Search Committee. If a candidate is a that is found satisfactory, negotiate a salary and the process moving forward.

Alejandra Caraballo, Search Committee Chair – The committee is recommended Rank Choice voting. If a candidate does not receive a majority, the candidate is removed, and the process continues until a majority is achieved. This is the process that will be used for the election of elected officials moving forward.

Candidate Process Recap:

- 142 candidates
- 5 Search Committee meetings
- Rubric created Scoring based on cover letter, relevant experience, qualifications, connection to the community and overall impression.
- Top 12 candidates chosen for Zoom interviews.
- 10 Interviews conducted: 1 cancellation, 1 no-show.
- Committee voted to move 4 candidates forward based on scoring of rubric.

Fred P. Baptiste, CB9 Chairman – Proposed Candidate Selection Process: There will be a maximum of 4 rounds of voting – an initial round and up to 3 additional rounds (if necessary). Voting will be conducted by roll call and Board members may cast a vote for any (1) candidate per round. When a candidate receives a majority vote (51.0% of those present), that candidate will be selected to continue with the hiring process with employment contingent upon the successful completion of any required administrative processing, reference checks, salary acceptance, and a final vote of the Board in public session. The Board will then proceed with the consideration of salary and vote on a compensation offer to the candidate. The Board may consider whether it would like to extend a contingent offer to proceed with the hiring process to another candidate(s) should the selected candidate not complete the hiring process. If none of the candidates is able to secure a majority vote of the Board after 4 rounds of voting Candidate Selection Process (cont'd). If none of the candidates is able to secure a majority vote of the Board after 4 rounds of voting, this will constitute rejection of the candidates presented by the Search Committee in accordance with CB9 Bylaws Article XI Sec 11.1 (b). If the candidates presented by the Search Committee are rejected, the Board will then vote to either a) direct the Search Committee to submit additional candidates or b) direct the Chairperson to constitute a new search committee in accordance with Article XI Sec 11.1 (b).

Motion to move to Executive Session by Chairman: *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.*

So moved Nolan Levenson, seconded, Michael Liburd. Opposed Melanie Lewis

Abstained – Vivia Morgan, Linda Watson-Lorde and Eve-lyn Williams.

Executive Session : Candidate interviews

Public Session

Roll Call Attendance by M. Hilton, Asst. District Manager

Adjourned 11:06 p.m.