

# Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

May 24, 2022, starting at 7PM

## I. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called meeting to order at (time).  
The meeting was held via Zoom at the link below:

<https://nyccb.webex.com/nyccb/j.php?MTID=m7d32d868c07ea20230cd876c2c7c1969>

## II. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority, filed by the following businesses within Community District 9:

- a) **Katie O’S Soul Food** – 452 East New York Avenue, Brooklyn, NY, 11225  
Application for a New of Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License
- b) **Gaia Nomaya, LLC** – 510 Flatbush Avenue for a Method of Operation  
Change to include “Patron Dancing” and “Employee Dancing

## III. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

## IV. BUSINESS SESSION:

## V. Roll Call of Board Members

<b>In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED</b>			
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Menachem Margolin	A
Nicolas Almonor	X	Carmen Martinez	X
Stuart Balberg	X	Vivia Morgan	X
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Patricia Moses	X
Naomy Baptiste	X	Beverly Newsome	E
John Beckles Jr.	A	Yaakov (Yankee) Pearson	X
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Riel Peerbooms	X
Warren Berke	X	<b>Amy Pinkerton – Resigned</b>	
Augustine Blackwell	A	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
Suwen Suki Cheong	X	Dexter Roberts	X
Verleen Dozier	X	Felice Robertson	X
Rosemarie Evering	A	Mary Rollerson-Blackett	A
Tessa Hackett-Viera	X	Melissa Severe	X
Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Rashidah Siddiqui	X
Shloma Zalman Hecht	X	Rashida Sykes	A
Primo Lasana	E	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	E
Mayna Legoute	X	Debbie Timothy	X
Francisca Leopold	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Melanie Lewis	X	Eve-lyn Williams	X
Mattijs Limberger	X	Lorianne Wolseley	E
Christian Loubeau	X	Cheryl Wright	X

## VI. Approval of April 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes

## VII. Committee Chair Report

- Nomination

## VIII. District Office/ Administrative Report

- a) New York City has moved from a "medium" COVID-19 alert level to a "high" alert level amid a rise in cases
- b) The 71 Precinct has seen an increase in fire escape burglaries in Sector C – PLG (Flatbush, Winthrop, and Parkside)
- c) NYC Beaches will reopen for swimming for Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022
- d) Applications for cooling assistance will be accepted at local departments of social services starting Monday, May 2 and extending through August 31, or until funding runs out. Assistance is provided on a first-come, first-served basis. New York City residents may download an application and obtain program information at [access.nyc.gov](http://access.nyc.gov)
- e) National Grid Service Line Inspection - Natural gas customers in New York State are currently undergoing natural gas service line inspections. These inspections are in accordance with the mandated New York State Public Service Commission Order in **Case 15-G- 0244, “Order Establishing Statewide Inspection Schedules and Procedural Requirements”** making sure that all natural gas services are working properly and that there are no safety issues. In New York City, these inspections are carried out by our hired contractor, **Precision Pipeline Solutions**. these contractors carry identification notifying the customer that they are working on behalf of National Grid to complete this important safety work. Being that these inspections are performed on inside meter services, the contractor is required to gain access to the customer’s home/business. If you or you know of someone who may have had a random visit by Precision Pipeline Solutions, contact National Grid ASAP or contact the Board Office.
- f) Sewer replacement operations are ongoing at Franklin Ave between Empire Blvd & Sullivan Pl. Water main replacement will follow sewer replacement at this location. A temporary roadway closure is in effect during work hours of 9am-2pm on weekdays, Monday - Friday, to facilitate this work. Following the completion of these utility infrastructure operations, roadway and sidewalk restoration will begin. A 2nd work crew has resumed sidewalk, curb, and roadway restoration/reconstruction at Lefferts Ave & Schenectady Avenue.
- g) NHS Brooklyn has opened the AHC Grant. Residents if eligible can receive up to \$20,000 for home repairs. The grant is awarded on a first-come-first-served basis.
- h) Board will be returning to the ZOOM platform. If the Board decides it would like hybrid meetings, we will be using the ZOOM platform to conduct such meetings and programming.
- i) If you know of anyone who is looking for COVID test, please call Senator Zellnor Myrie’s Office at 718-284-4700.
- j) The New York State Office of Cannabis Management has announced it will hold a public meeting of the Cannabis Control Board **Thursday, May 19, 2022, at 1:00PM**
- k) Block Associations: If you are in a block association, please contact with Board Office so we can add your organization to our roster.
- l) Rain Barrell Giveaway – google form for individuals to sign up
- m) Community Fair – Share flyer with neighbors, networks, etc.

**IX. Chair's Report**

- a) Community Fair – June 4, 2022
  - (1) Continuing vendor/agency confirmations
  - (2) Board member support needed => please RSVP
  - (3) Task lists being developed
- b) Nominations/Elections / Open Meeting Law's Changes
  - (1) Nominations Committee will meet on 5/18
  - (2) Prompt responses requested for canvass
  - (3) Begin preparing bios for distribution to the Board membership
  - (4) OML changing as of June: in-person with some remote participation
  - (5) Contacting law department to confirm impacts on the Board and upcoming elections
  - (6) Resolution will be drafted and circulated to the Board
- c) Committee activities
  - (1) Must be voted on in committee
  - (2) Budget request form must be filled out and submitted to the Executive Committee and District Manager
  - (3) Must be approved by Executive Committee and/or General Board
  - (4) Request for committees to do a "year in review" with highlights of topics discussed, significant events, and projects currently in progress
- d) Reappointments / Orientation
  - (1) Reappointments still pending from Borough Hall
  - (2) Planning for orientation in early June
- e) Environmental impacts/issues
  - (1) Critical to let the District Office know if any observed issues so that CB9 can track and ensure compliance as necessary

**X. Voting Items**

<b>Proposed Item</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Other</b>
SLA Applicant Katie-O's						Unanimous voice vote
SLA Applicant Gaia Nomaya	<b>13</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>6</b>			

**XI. Unfinished Business**

- a) None

**XII. New Business**

- a) None

**XIII. Adjournment**

**Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at 10:14p.m.**