

**Brooklyn Community Board 9  
890 Nostrand Avenue  
Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
September 28, 2022, at 7pm**

- I. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste** called meeting to order at 7:02p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the following meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84858396883>

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Elected Officials/Agency Representatives**

David Burgoa, Brooklyn BP Antonio Reynoso  
Cassie Addison, NYC Council Member Crystal Hudson  
Paurcha Edwards, NYS Senator Zellnor Myrie  
Karen Chambers, Brooklyn District Attorney  
Alisha Goodridge, SUNY Downstate  
Sid Berraha, DSNY

**Guests**

Ansell Boyce, SLA applicant for Bleunuk, Inc  
Jenny Hong, SLA applicant representative for Bleunuk, Inc.  
Salvio Randazzo, SLA applicant for La Cucuzza, LLC

**BUSINESS SESSION:**

**II. Roll Call of Board Members**

<b>In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED</b>			
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Courtenay Loiselle	X
Nicolas Almonor	X	Christian Loubeau	X
Stuart Balberg	A	Mavima Letwine	X
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Erin Mazursky	X
Naomy Baptiste	X	Vivia Morgan	A
John Beckles Jr.	A	Patricia Moses	X
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Beverly Newsome	X
Warren Berke	X	Yankee Pearson	X
Augustine Blackwell	X	Riel Peerbooms	X

Celeste Chase	X	Ted Pilkati	A
Suwen Suki Cheong	A	Milford Prewitt	X
Soul N. Creary	A	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
Jamie Eckstein	A	Dexter Roberts	X
Robert Fulton	A	Felice Robertson	X
Tessa Hackett -Vieira	X	Rashidah Siddiqui	X
Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Rashida Sykes	A
Abena Hutchful	A	Debbie Timothy	X
Primo Lasana	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Mayna Legoute	X	Theresa Westerdahl	X
Francisca Leopold	X	Lorianne Wolseley	X
Michael Liburd	A	Cheryl Wright	X

### III. Committee Chair Report

#### a. Patricia Moses, ULURP/Land Use

### IV. District Manager's Report

- a. The District Office is open for constituents. C
- b. B9 Friday weekly e-blast III. 9/27, the Board Office staff tabled at Medgar Evers College at the Food Pantry. IV. Hosted SYEP interns over the summer.
- c. CB9 non-profit resource guide organization information submissions
- d. District Service Cabinet meeting moved to 4th Tuesday to line up with General Board
  - i. New York City Service Line Inspection Program Natural gas customers in New York State are currently undergoing natural gas service line inspections.
  - ii. National Grid EAP - Energy Affordability Program (EAP) The program assists income-eligible customers with managing home energy bills. More information, call the Board Office or National Grid.
  - iii. National Grid NHF – Neighborhood Heating Fund – still available - Additional assistance is available to help pay your bill through our Neighborhood Heating Fund, administered by HeartShare Human Services of New York. The grant is up to \$200; customers may contact HeartShare at 1-718-422-4207 for more information
  - iv. DOB: Small Business Help Form to get one-on-one guidance on planned or ongoing construction projects, including inspections, permits, and general advice. DOB's new Small Business Support Team (SBST) will handle the inquiries and project applications coming from our City's small business community. Whether opening a new place of business or renovating an existing one, owners and entrepreneurs can get the dedicated support they need.
  - v. BUILDINGS AFTER HOURS: Beginning Tuesday, June 7, 2022, Department of Buildings offices will be open every Tuesday from 4:00 pm

to 7:00 pm for homeowners, tenants, small business owners, and building managers.

- vi. Board Office will be working with committee chairs and secretaries to format committee minutes and upload minutes to Board's website.
- vii. Requests for members of the public who are associated with a block, tenant, merchant, or neighborhood association to contact the Board Office.
- IX. No updated version of Community Board Member handbook.
- viii. Contact the Board Office is your missing trash receptacle, if any, on your block.
- ix. SCA Notices
  - 1. The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) wishes to notify you about upcoming work to K161 at 330 Crown St, near your residence.
  - 2. The NYC School Construction Authority (SCA) wishes to notify you about upcoming work to the Wingate Campus at 600 Kingston Ave, near your residence
- e. Introduction of Khalid Jemmott, CB9 Community Associate

## V. **Chairman's Report**

- a. Committee Assignments / Expectations
  - i. Committee Assignments completed
  - ii. 2 Chair assignments pending (Transportation & Economic Development)
  - iii. Would like for committees to begin considering and planning for events with submission of Budget Request Forms by December so the Treasurer and DM can begin process of identifying resources
  - iv. Member attendance is critical – chairs should communicate issues to the District Office and Board Chair
  - v. All activities/recommendations must be voted on by the committee, brought to the Executive Committee
- b. Monthly Hearing Format
  - i. Monthly hearings required by the Charter
  - ii. Trying to achieve the balance with compliance without the additional time burden
  - iii. Hearings would be scheduled for 7-7:30
  - iv. Will solicit testimony on significant topics in the district and pending SLA Applications
  - v. Speakers will have 2 minutes
  - vi. Will look to streamline the process over the coming months
- c. CBC Report/Land Use
  - i. Report issued by CBC with recommendations that would impact Community Board role in the ULURP process
  - ii. "City of Yes" initiative began in June which includes review of all city processes to shorten administrative timelines
  - iii. 1st Hearing topic to get initial testimony and community sentiment
  - iv. Will coordinate with Land Use committee to discuss additional outreach, information gathering activities, and other next steps
- d. In-person Meetings

- i. NYS Executive Order for COVID State of Emergency expired on 9/12
  - ii. Additional emergency declarations still in effect for emergency declarations — due to monkeypox, polio and health care staffing
  - iii. City emergency order extended through 10/22
  - iv. The District Office is looking at options for the hosting of in-person meeting
- e. Bylaws Revision
  - i. Except for the pandemic amendments, the bylaws have not been updated since April 2008
  - ii. Draft created to refresh the Bylaws – proposed changes include:
    - 1. Text clean-up
    - 2. Inclusion of member term limits
    - 3. Procedural changes to promote efficiency and remove ambiguity while leaving flexibility
  - iii. Revision Plan
    - 1. Submit Draft to the Board at the September General Board meeting
    - 2. Provide appropriate notice of proposed amendments per Article 12 of the Bylaws
    - 3. Solicit commentary and recommendations for edits
    - 4. Consideration and vote by the Board at the October meeting (TENTATIVE)
  - iv. Participatory Budgeting
    - 1. 50K min/ project in capital improvements in the district
    - 2. Capital expenses including tech upgrades (lifespan >3 years)
    - 3. Infrastructure with > 5-year lifespan
    - 4. Looking for committees to discuss and submit ideas for next month

**VI. Treasurer’s Report**

**VII. Voting Items**

- a. **Bleunuk, Inc.** – 1150 Nostrand Avenue (Midwood Street/Rutland Road) Brooklyn, NY, 11225 Application for a New of Wine, Beer & Cider License
- b. **La Cucuzza, LLC d/b/a Joe and Sal’s Pizzeria** – 842 Franklin Avenue (President/Carroll Streets), Brooklyn, NY 11225 for a new Wine, Beer & Cider License
  - i. Motion to combine voting for SLA applicants moved by Milford Prewitt and seconded by Augustine Blackwell.
  - ii. Motion to approve license passed by common consent; Nay votes – Augustine Blackwell and Celeste Chase

**VIII. Adjournment**

- a. Motion to adjourn moved by Nicolas Almonor and seconded by Augustine Blackwell; Meeting adjourned at 9:59pm.