

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Education and Library Committee Meeting Minutes**

January 6, 2022  
Meeting ID: 813 5831 4505

**Attendance (Board Members):** Melanie Lewis; Dexter Roberts

**Attendance (Community Resident Members):** Soul Creary; Pamela Payne

**Absent (Board Members):** Beverly Newsome; Riel Peerbooms

**Absent (Community Resident Members):** Dora Anderson; Jenelle Bazil-Charles; Demetria Farrow; Heather Paul; Maureen Ferry

**Guests:** Ila Barnes, Community Resident

**Agency Representatives:** Erika Kendall, CEC 17

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- I.** Committee Chair Melanie Lewis called the meeting to order at 7:05pm
  - II.** Review of December 2021 committee minutes; Committee Chair moves to leave the minutes as reference until additional committee members are present
  - III.** Committee Chair updates:
    - a.** Contact made with President of CEC17, Erika Kendall
    - b.** Outreach made to Brooklyn Public Library to participate in February 2022 meeting
    - c.** Overview of education-related topics, including COVID-19 outbreaks within classrooms and cascading effects onto families
    - d.** Acknowledgement of guests
  - IV.** Election of Committee Officers
    - a.** Soul Creary expressed interest in serving as Vice Chair
    - b.** Jenelle Bazil-Charles expressed interest in serving as Treasurer
    - c.** Elections to be formalized during full quorum
  - V.** Sub-Committee Projects
    - a.** **Book Giveaway** – scheduled for Sat. Jan 22, with rain/snow day of Sat. Jan 29; anticipation of additional book donations
    - b.** **Spelling Bee** – suggestions to convert sub-committee tasks towards assisting district schools with their educational programs, or thematic literature recommendations; Dexter Roberts to offer logistical guidance on execution
    - c.** **Jackie Robinson Day** - April 15, 2022; thoughts on launching a Spelling Bee post-event, in collaboration with CEC17

- VI.** Erika Kendall, CEC17 President
  - a.** District comprises 31 schools (16 charter schools), approximately 25,000 students
  - b.** Dual-Language, Sports, Arts, Speech & Debate programs available
  - c.** Major DOE staffing issues
  - d.** Focus on community enrichment programs: afterschool and extracurricular activities; special needs programs; COVID-19 awareness and prevention
  - e.** Current CEC term limited to 2023
  - f.** Will forward jurisdictional data and metrics
- VII.** Executive Committee Education & Library Report
  - a.** Book Giveaway logistics
  - b.** Black History Month potential initiatives
  - c.** Jackie Robinson and Spelling Bee logistics
- VIII.** Adjournment
  - a.** Meeting adjourned at 8:40p.m.

**Submitted by Khalid Nixon**  
**January 21, 2022**