

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
January 24, 2023, at 7pm**

I. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste called meeting to order at 7:09p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the following meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84858396883>

II. Presentations

- a. Street Co-Naming Request for Utica Avenue (Eastern Parkway South to Clarkson Avenue North to Guyana Avenue)

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives

Eli Slavin, Congresswoman Yvette D. Clarke
Paurcha Edwards, NYS Senator Zellnor Myrie
Raul Rothblatt, NYS Assemblyman Brian Cunningham
Ana Luisa, NYC Council Member Crystal Hudson
Taiquan Coleman, NYC Council Member Rita Joseph
Karen Crawford, Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez
Venus Scantlebury, NYC CCRB
Alishia Goodridge, SUNY Downstate

Guests

Derrick Arjune, Esq., Guyana Co-Naming Committee
Sherif Frasier, Guyana Co-Naming Committee
James Richmond, Guyana Co-Naming Committee

BUSINESS SESSION:

I. Roll Call of Board Members

In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED			
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Courtenay Loiselle	X
Nicolas Almonor	X	Christian Loubeau	X
Stuart Balberg	X	Mavima Letwine	X

Fred P. Baptiste	X	Erin Mazursky	X
Naomy Baptiste	A	Vivia Morgan	X
John Beckles Jr.	X	Patricia Moses	X
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Beverly Newsome	X
Warren Berke	X	Yankee Pearson	E
Augustine Blackwell	A	Riel Peerbooms	X
Celeste Chase	X	Ted Pilkati	A
Suwen Suki Cheong	X	Milford Prewitt	X
Soul N. Creary	A	Unella Rhone-Perry	A
Jamie Eckstein	X	Dexter Roberts	A
Matthew Fulton	X	Felice Robertson	X
Tessa Hackett -Vieira	X	Rashidah Siddiqui	X
Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Rashida Sykes	A
Abena Hutchful	X	Debbie Timothy	X
Primo Lasana	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Mayna Legoute	X	Theresa Westerdahl	X
Francisca Leopold	A	Lorianne Wolseley	X
Michael Liburd	X	Cheryl Wright	X
Mattijs Limberger	X		

- a. 28 Board Members present at the time of roll call, quorum achieved

II. Agenda Amendment

- a. Move item A to the last item of consideration
i. Approved by common consent

III. Approval of December 2022 General Board Meeting Minutes

- i. Approved by common consent

IV. Committee Reports

- a. Nicolas Almonor, Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Chair
i. Committee passed a resolution that Community Fair should be held Memorial Day weekend
b. Beverly Newsome, Housing Committee Chair
i. Joint Housing Committee Town Hall with CB17 at Erasmus Hall

V. District Manager's Report

- a. District Service was held this morning. Minutes were sent out to the Board.
b. Bridge Street Development Corp is conducting a CDNA of Crown Heights. We need Board Members and Resident Committee Members to fill out the CDNA.

The information will give us a snapshot of where Crown Heights stands economically.

- c. Borough Hall Administrative Memo (Rule Changes) which aim to clarify the responsibilities of the Borough President to Brooklyn Community Board. These rule changes are introductory, and discussions will start between Borough Hall and community boards on these administrative rule changes
- d. The Office staff along with the Public Safety Committee in partnership with the FDNY held a Fire Safety Table at Tivoli Towers on January 7th. Want to thank Primo and Ronald Banks for representing the committee.
- e. Bylaws Revisions Information session is scheduled for Thursday, January 19th, at 7PM via ZOOM. Login credentials for the meeting have been on our website.
- f. Community Board application are open until February 14th, 2023. CB9 will be holding another CB9 Open House – Learn About Your Community Board session on February 1st, 2023 via ZOOM. Login credentials are already on our website.
- g. The MTA will be holding its Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign public workshop for Community District 9 on February 7th, 2023 at 6:30. Information is already on our website. Please note the workshop is completely hosted by MTA.
- h. Remember Tax Day in the US is April 18th, 2023. CB9 has already scheduled a Free Tax Prep workshop in partnership with the NYC Department of Consumer & Worker Protection on March 30th, 2023 at 7PM via ZOOM. Login credentials are on our website.
- i. The New York City Council Committees on Health, Consumer & Workers Protection, and Oversight & Investigations will be holding a joint hearing on the Proliferation of Unlicensed Smoke Shops in New York City tomorrow, January 18th, 2023 at 10AM in Council Chambers. If you are interested in attending or submitting testimony, please visit the NYC Council website Hearing Registration/Submit Online Testimony page.
- j. Preliminary Budget Hearing will take place on February 28th preceding the general board meeting. An email was sent to all Board and Resident Committee Members to prepare.
- k. Outstanding committee minutes, connect with Board Office to submit.

VI. Chairman's Report

- a. **Committees:** Removals will be completed by the end of January. Anyone not serving on a committee is in jeopardy of removal in accordance with the Bylaws.
- b. **Bylaws:** Vote scheduled for January meeting. Informational meeting is scheduled for Thurs 1/19; all Board member recommendations are sent to the full board and up for consideration.
- c. **Transportation:** Town Hall with the MTA scheduled for Mon 1/30 regarding the B41 Bus Corridor project; Bus Network Redesign scheduled for 2/7
- d. **Comprehensive Plan** announced by BH; the intent is to have district level conversations with the Boards
- e. **BH promulgating rules** that call greater independence of the community boards; defining relationships with other agencies and support to be provided by the BP's office

- f. **City of Yes Subcommittee** in progress
- g. **OCM/Unlicensed Smoke Shops:** working to do workshops around licensing another issues
Guyana Avenue Co-naming
- h. **Electronic/Hybrid Meetings:** BH drafting letter in support of allowing boards to have the flexibility to have Zoom/Hybrid meetings
- i. **No Public Hearing for January**
- j. **Attendance:** District Office compiling attendance information.

VII. Voting Items

- a. Motion to provide a letter of support for Street Co-Naming for Utica Avenue to Guyana Avenue
 - i. Moved by N. Almonor and seconded by M. Liburd
 - 1. 28 in favor; 4 against
- b. Motion to provide letter of support for Flatbush BID merger via common consent
 - i. Moved by m. Liburd and seconded by N. Almonor
- c. Motion to vote via common consent
 - i. Vote of no by S. Cheong
 - a. 18 in favor; 2 against; 12 Abstentions
- d. Motion to limit Bylaw amendments considerations to twenty minutes; two one-minute speaking opportunities
 - i. Moved by M. Liburd and seconded by B. Newsome
 - 1. Members in opposition: K. Alleyne; C. Chase; M. Fulton; A. Hutchful; K. Mazursky; R. Siddiqui; T. Westerdahl
 - ii. Vote to uphold the ruling of the Chair for the out of order motion
 - 1. 22 in favor; 4 against; 5 abstentions
 - a. Position of the Chair upheld
 - iii. Amendment 5.5 (d) Proposed language change: Members are limited to serve for four (4) consecutive terms (8 years). A member who has “termed out”, may reapply for membership after one (1) year from the date of their last term.
 - 1. 20 votes in favor; 2 against; 5 abstentions
 - iv. Amendment to edit the By-Laws in entirety to change “Chairwoman/Chairman” to “Chairperson”
 - 1. 20 in favor; 2 against; 6 abstentions

VIII. Adjournment

- i. Meeting adjourned at 10:55pm

Respectfully submitted by M. Hilton