

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
June 26, 2023, at 7pm**

- I. Call to Order – Announced Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste** called meeting to order at 7:05p.m. at Middle School 61, Brooklyn, New York 11225
- II. Street Co-Naming Application** for Dr. Josephine English for New York Avenue (President/Union Streets) to The English Way
- III. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority**
 - a. **Risbo** – 701 Flatbush Avenue (Winthrop/Parkside) Brooklyn, New York 11225 (Winthrop/Parkside); Application for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License
 - b. **Red Chaconia, LLC** – 617 Flatbush Avenue (Chester Court/Fenimore Street) , Brooklyn, NY, 11225 Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit
 - c. **The Bodega Lounge, LLC** – 1170 Nostrand Avenue (Rutland Road/Fenimore Street), Brooklyn, NY, 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License
 - d. **Hello Bar** – 1110 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Elected Officials/Agency Representatives

Elizabeth Kennedy, Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams

Bianca Stephenson – Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

Guests

Michael Campbell, SLA Representative

Tenisha Carrington, Street Co-Naming applicant

M. Garcia, SLA Applicant

Boris Ginet, SLA Applicant

Britney Wallace, SLA representative

BUSINESS SESSION

IV. Roll Call of Board Members

In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED			
Maria Acosta	A	Letvine Mavima	A
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Erin Mazursky	X
Nicolas Almonor	E	Jean Rene Nguema Mbeng	A
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Natoya McGhie	X
Jenelle Bazil-Charles	X	Zlati Mochkin	A
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Patricia Moses	A
Warren Berke	A	Beverly Newsome	X
Alethea Best	X	Ethan Norville	X
Augustine Blackwell	A	Paul Pascale	A
Celeste Chase	X	Yankee Pearson	X
Suwen Suki Cheong	X	Milford Prewitt	A
Max Coen	A	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
Eve Chavi Cohen	A	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
Soul Creary	A	Dexter Roberts	X
Jamie Eckstein	A	Felice Robertson	X
Candace Edwards	A	Binyomin Rosenberger	A
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Doienne Saab	A
Rod Herbert	A	Omari Scott	A
Yosef Hershkop	X	Debbie Timothy	X
Ronisha LaBarrie	X	Twyla Ware	X
Primo Lasana	X	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
Mayna Legoute	X	Theresa Westerdahl	X
Yisroel Lehrer	X	John Woefling	X
Francisca Leopold	X	Lorianne Wolseley	X
Courtenay Loiselle	X	Shmuel Zfatman	A

V. Attendance

- a. 28 Board Members present, quorum established

VI. Approval of May 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes approved by common consent

VII. Nomination Committee

- a. Executive Officer Election
 - i. Process
 - 1. Nomination Committee conducted outreach to Board Member
 - 2. Interested parties submitted bios that were distributed to the Full Board
 - 3. Candidates will be provided an opportunity to make brief remarks
 - 4. Members will be provided paper ballots that must be signed; 50% plus 1 secures an elected position
 - 5. Nomination Committee Members Bazil-Charles and Woefling will conduct election count

VIII. Chairman's Report

- a. Strategize the return from fully remote meeting structure ; Monitoring of public health climate
- b. Listening Session with Congresswoman Yvette D. Clark on June 28th at Major Owens
- c. Community Fair was a success ; Excellent event for community
- d. NO action items at this time
- e. Thank membership for service this past meeting session

IX. District Manager's Report

- a. In partnership with CB9, the NYC Department of Finance will be holding SCRIE/ DRIE appointments in our Board Office the first Thursday of the month from 1 – 3pm. Call the Board Office to schedule an appointment.
- b. In partnership with CB9, the NYC Department of Social Services/ HRA will be holding SNAP & Cash Assistance application appointments the last Friday of each month from 10AM to 4PM at the CH Library located at 560 New York Ave. Call 646-907-2820 to schedule an appointment.
- c. Early voting has commenced across the City for the upcoming primaries. Early voted started this past Saturday and will last until Sunday, June 25.
- d. Update on Rolph Henry - As you most definitely know, there's a large affordable housing development right next door to Rolph Henry Playground, that will be starting demolition/construction in June. Before they can do that, they will need to erect safety fencing inside the playground in order to meet DOB safety standards for demolition. The fence will go 10 feet into the park, which will unfortunately cut through the garden onsite as well as the swing set, but the actual play equipment and the bathroom will still be usable throughout this whole process. This fence will be up for the next few years as they work to construct that building.
- e. Transformer installation at the Armory. (notice went out)
- f. Reminder to submit Council Member Hudson's District 35 Survey - Planning Together for Our Future
- g. Pruning Trees & illegally plated cars are ongoing issues throughout multiple districts in Brooklyn.
- h. DOT Loading Zone Expansion - we will continue to inform the community as locations come into Board Office.

- i. Prospect Park Pilot Redesign Survey - Deadline for survey is August 15. We will add to our e-blast and social media.
- j. Older adults seeking employment – NYC Aging, no longer doing by DFTA, will be having a workforce development pilot program.
- k. The DCP Cit of Yes for Economic Opportunity citywide info session will be held virtually on Tuesday, July 11 from 7 - 8PM.
- l. Community discussion with Assembly Member Brian Cunningham's Office on July 11 to discuss the Shirley Chisholm Monument to be erected at Parkside & Ocean Ave.
- m. Board Members: Google doc will be coming out to confirm/ update contact information
- n. CEC Community Board Needs Assessment by June 30 – emailed on Thursday
- o. Citi Bike location is scheduled to be installed on Clarkson Ave between Troy Ave and East 45th Street on 6/30 on the roadbed, not sidewalk.
- p. National Grid – in the coming weeks, construction will be taking place on Montgomery Street between Rogers Ave and Dearborn Ct. Notification will be in our e-blast.

X. Treasurer’s Report

- a. No significant changes in Board finances

XI. Voting Items

- a. Street Co-Naming application for Dr. Josephine English
 - i. Approved by common consent
- b. CB9 Cannabis Questionnaire
 - i. Approved by common; 2 abstentions
- c. SLA applications – Risbo, Red Chaconia and The Bodega Lounge
 - i. Approved by common consent; 1 opposed;
- d. SLA applicant – Hello Bar
 - i. Applicant tabled until September by common consent
- e. City of Yes Carbon Neutrality resolution
 - i. Approved by common consent

XII. Election Results

- a. Chair – Fred Baptiste
- b. 1st Vice – Primo Lasana
- c. 2nd Vice – Francisca Leopold
- d. Exec. Secretary – Linda Watson-Lorde
- e. Treasurer – Mayna Legoute
- f. Member-at-Large
 - i. Dexter Roberts
 - ii. Majority vote not achieved for 2nd member ; Lost quorum; Unable to conduct runoff ; Runoff will be conducted in the Fall

XIII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm