

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
May 23, 2023, at 7pm**

- I. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting Board Chair, Fred Baptiste** called meeting to order at 7:05p.m. The meeting was held via Zoom at the following meeting link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84858396883>
  
- II. Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority**
  - a. **GRBD Inc.**- 428 Rogers Avenue (Corner of Lefferts Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License
  - b. **Gruit by Abe's LLC.**- 252 Empire Boulevard (Corner of Rogers Avenue), Brooklyn, NY, 11225; Application for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider License
  - c. **La Estrella Del Castillo.**- 948 Rogers Avenue (Crown/Montgomery Streets), Brooklyn, NY, 11225; Application for the renewal of a Wine, Beer & Cider License

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

**Elected Officials/Agency Representatives**

Ed. Cen – NYC Comptroller Brad Lander  
Elizabeth Kennedy, Public Advocate Jumaane D. Williams  
Bianca Stephenson – Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso  
Paurcha Edwards, NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie  
Taiquan Coleman, NYC Council Member Rita Joseph

**Guests**

M. Leone, Gruit SLA representative  
A. Lesches, Gruit SLA representative  
N. Thompson, GRBD SLA applicant  
A. Whiston, GRBD SLA applicant

## BUSINESS SESSION

### III. Roll Call of Board Members

<b>In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED</b>			
Maria Acosta	X	Letvine Mavima	X
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Erin Mazursky	X
Nicolas Almonor	X	Jean Rene Nguema Mbeng	X
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Natoya McGhie	A
Jenelle Bazil-Charles	X	Zlati Mochkin	X
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	Patricia Moses	X
Warren Berke	X	Beverly Newsome	X
Alethea Best	X	Ethan Norville	X
Augustine Blackwell	A	Paul Pascale	X
Celeste Chase	X	Yankee Pearson	X
Suwen Suki Cheong	X	Milford Prewitt	X
Max Coen	X	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
Eve Chavi Cohen	X	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
Soul Creary	A	Dexter Roberts	X
Jamie Eckstein	A	Felice Robertson	X
Candace Edwards	X	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	X	Doienne Saab	A
Rod Herbert	X	Omari Scott	X
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

### IV. Attendance

- a. 42 Board Members present, quorum established

### V. Approval of April 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. Minutes approved by common consent

## **VI. 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. NYCRUNS Brooklyn Half Marathon will be on May 20<sup>th</sup>. A Traffic Advisory was sent out in our weekly e-blast.
- d. In partnership with CB9, NYC Department of City Planning will be hosting a Land Use 101 Training on May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 7PM. The training will not be discussing specific proposals but will provide an overview of zoning and land use in the City.
- e. Public Hearing is scheduled for May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, at 7PM to for the DCP Carbon Neutrality City of Yes proposals.
- f. The District Attorney's Office - 32 alleged members of the 8 Trey Cowboy Crips and its affiliates, the 9 Ways gang, who we allege are directly responsible for a murder, 12 non-fatal shootings, kidnapping, gang assault, car thefts, and other crimes between March 2019 and December 2022
- g. As of April 1st, the Office of Street Vendor Enforcement has been moved to the Department of Sanitation
- h. MTA Customer Reach survey is active online.
- i. Continue to connect people to the Board Office to sign up for our e-blast.
- j. Requesting budget of \$8,300 for the community fair.
- k.

## **VII. Chairman's Report**

- a. Executive elections will take place in
- b. Outstanding committee resolutions should be voted on and prepared for June meeting
- c. Community Fair was a success
- d. City of Yes and 5G LinkNYC towers presentations will be made at the Borough Board meeting
- e. Board Member – see yourselves as ambassadors to disseminate information and relay community issues and concerns
- f. June meeting may be in person, standing by for further information from the Mayor's office.

## **VIII. Nomination's Committee**

- a. Full Board has been canvassed
- b. Candidates will have to submit either a resume, bio, or LinkedIn profile link
- c. E-ballot will be used if the meeting is virtual; Paper ballots will be used for an in-person meeting

- d. Candidate Slate:
  - i. Chair: Fred Baptiste
  - ii. 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair: Khyrie Alleyne; Primo Lasana
  - iii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chair: Francisca Leopold; Felice Robertson
  - iv. Treasurer: Mayna Legoute
  - v. Secretary: Linda Watson-Lorde
  - vi. Member-at-Large; Nicolas Almonor; Dexter Roberts; Theresa Westerdahl

**IX.** Voting Items

- a. Community Fair and Budget - Approved 36 in favor; 4 opposed; 2 abstentions; 6 absent
- b. SLA applicant – GRBD Inc- Approved 31 in favor; 7 opposed; 1 abstention; 10 absent
- c. SLA applicant – La Estrella – Approved by common consent
- d. SLA applicant – Gruit by Abe’s – Approved 37 in favor, 1 in opposition; 12 absent
- e. City of Yes Resolution – Approved 30 in favor; 3 in opposition; 1 abstention; 16 absent
- f. Amended Link NYC 5G Moratorium Resolution - Approved by common consent

**X.** Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 11:34pm