

**Brooklyn Community Board 9
General Board Meeting Minutes
Middle School 61 Auditorium
400 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn New York 11225
Monday, November 20, 2023, at 7:00 PM**

PUBLIC SESSION:

- I. Call to Order** – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting
 - a. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.
- II. Presentations**
 - a. Mr. Michael Hamson, Architect - Landmark Preservation Commission; Application at 168 Midwood Street, Brooklyn NY 11225
 - b. Ms. V. Browne - Street Co-Naming of Empire Boulevard and Washington Avenue to Tiarah Poyau Way
 - c. Proposed City Retiree Medicare Resolution – Health Service Committee

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

- III.** The following community members addressed the meeting under the Public Comment Session:
 - a. Dr. Shane Solger
 - b. Chery Bernard
 - c. Leona Hartley
 - d. Janice Robinson

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

- IV.** Representatives Present
 - a. Bianca Stephenson – Hon. Antonio Reynoso, Borough President – Community Boards Coordinator
 - b. Eli Slavin- Community Liaison - Hon. Yvette Clarke, 9th District Office
 - c. Nic Marcotrigiano- Hon. Brian Cunningham Office

BUSINESS SESSION:

1. Roll Call of Board Members

1	Maria Acosta	A	23	Natoya McGhie	
2	Nicolas Almonor	EXC	24	Letwine Mavima	X

3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	25	Zlati Mochkin	
4	Jenelle Bazil- Charles	A	26	Patricia Moses	X
5	Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	EXC	27	Beverly Newsome	X
6	Alethea Best	A	28	Ethan Norville	EXC
7	Augustine Blackwell	A	29	Paul Pascale	A
8	Celeste Chase	X	30	Yankee Pearson	A
9	Suwen “Suki” Cheong	X	31	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
10	Max Coen	X	32	Unella Rhone-Perry	A
11	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	33	Dexter Roberts	EXC
12	Soul Creary	A	34	Felice Robertson	X
13	Candace Edwards	A	35	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
14	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	EXC	36	Dionne Saab	X
15	Rod Herbert	EXC	37	Omari Scott	A
16	Yosef Hershkop	EXC	38	Debbie Timothy	X
17	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	39	Twyla Ware	X
18	Primo Lasana	X	40	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
19	Mayna Legoute	X	41	Theresa Westerdahl	X
20	Yisroel Lehrer	A	42	John Woefling	X
21	Francisca Leopold	X	43	Lorianne Wolseley	A
22	Courtenay Loiselle	A	44	Shmuel Zfatman	A

A- Absent

X – Present

EXC – Excused

2. Approval of September and November 2023 General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. On a vote of Common Consent, the Minutes were accepted, with no corrections to the document.

3. Committee Chair Reports

- a. There no committee reports presented

4. Treasurer's Report

- a. The Treasurer presented the Treasurer's Report – July 1, 2023- June 30, 2024. Highlighting the following
 - i. Spending on Community events
 - ii. Salaries from the uncommitted Expenses were not yet paid
 - iii. A proposal from the Youth Services Committee.

5. District Office/Administrative Report

- a. Crime was down in the district, but petty larceny was up.
- b. Shooting incidents happened at Fenimore/Nostrand, and Prospect Park, no fatalities.
- c. Department of Sanitation did a "Walk-Thru" in the Flatbush/Prospect Part vicinity.
- d. Reporting of teen smoking at Dr. Ronald McNair Park @Eastern Parkway and Washington Ave.
- e. Free COVID kits were available to pick up at the District Office
- f. A sewerage/water project will be starting in January 2024 at President St/Eastern Parkway.
- g. Community Board Member Application are open
- h. Meeting for the Vital Brooklyn Project on November 30, 2023. Flier available on CB9 Website
- i. NYC Department of Health has revealed their new and updated website. Healthy NYC: <https://www.nyc.gov/site/doh/index.page>
- j. Participatory Budget NYC, cycle 13 was launched <https://ideas.pbnyc.org/pbnycideas-2024>
- k. NYC Environmental Protection has launched the Green Infrastructure Grant Program, <https://www.nyc.gov/site/dep/water/green-infrastructure-grantprogram.page>
- l. There will be no service of Sanitation on November 23, 2023 (Thanksgiving)
- m. The Winter Necessary Drive to benefit Rachel's House has launched
- n. Please expect necessary changes to the December calendar.

6. Chairman's Report

- a. The Chair thanked the CB9 office staff for their contributions and commitment to the administration of the CB9 office
- b. Reported on a successful Veteran's Parade. The Chair participated in the Parade
- c. Shared news of the memorial (past) for Duane Joseph
- d. City of YES has added Economic Opportunity along with the Housing Opportunity
- e. An Open House event is in the planning for the new year
- f. December meeting schedules will be challenging due to the chances in dates
- g. The CB 9 Board was served a Notice of Petition Index No. 752/23. Document was forwarded to the Corporation Council
- h. The Chair concluded his report by thanking all members of CB9 Board as well as all people in attendance at the night's meeting.

7. Voting Items

- a. Landmark's Application: On a Vote by Common Consent the motion was carried the resolution accepted.

- b. Street Co-Naming Application: On a Vote by Common Consent the motion was carried the resolution accepted.
- c. NYC Retiree Resolution: On a Vote by Common Consent the motion was carried the resolution accepted.
- d. CB9 Fire Safety Event. On a Vote by Common Consent the motion was carried the resolution accepted.
- e. CB9 CPR Event: On a Vote by Common Consent the motion was carried the resolution accepted.

8. Other Business

- a. None

9. Adjournment

- a. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by Linda Watson-Lorde, CB9 Executive Secretary
December 2023