

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Health and Social Services Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**September 7, 2023**  
**Zoom Meeting ID: 883 9905 4717**

**Attendance (Board Members):** Francisca Leopold (Committee Chair), Dioenne Saab

**Attendance: (Community Resident Members):** Nyasha Carmichael; Enid Dillard; Jacqueline Love; Paul Pesach; Menachem Schonbuch

**Absent (Board Members):** Yosef Hershop; Beverly Newsome

**Absent (Community Resident Members):** Nomalizwe Byndon

**Guests:** Barry; Alexandra Cameron; Debra Fouchong

**Staff:** Mia N. Hilton, Asst. District Manager

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**I. Welcome/Introduction:**

- a. *Francisca Leopold* opened the meeting with an introduction of committee members. *Doienne Saab* was assigned as the Secretary and *Nia Carmichael* was assigned as the backup when Doienne is unable to attend an upcoming meeting and take meeting minutes. Doienne will start a Whats App group following today's meeting for committee communication, and for compiling and exchanging committee ideas/agenda items to discuss.

**II. Planning the quarter/committee goals**

- a. *Francisca* proceeded with the remainder of the meeting's topics. Discussed the upcoming events for the months of Oct. and Nov. While a date and location has not been confirmed for October's event, this event will be held for the Seniors and will include a mask and hand sanitizer giveaway. In November, there will be an event focused on maternal health event.
- b. Discussed that the aim of the committee is to hold two community events during the committee year.
  - i. Menachem had a question about the scope of the committee and wanted to know if there were other elements of this board that members will be responsible for. He was told that this committee can discuss items such as policy and advocacy for making recommendations to the larger CB9.
  - ii. Francisca encouraged members to use the monthly meetings to discuss community concerns so that issues can be raised to the larger board. She

also discussed engaging in more events that took place outside of the virtual space and into the committee e.g., site visits.

- iii.** Francisca encouraged members to invite presenters to upcoming meetings to discuss present items of interest.
- iv.** The meeting concluded with community event announcements. Enid invited members to the Blood Drive at Brookdale 11a - 5p on September 11th and also shared information on Brookdale Hospital's peer learning diabetes self-management classes.
- v.** Francisca announced that she has been named as a 2023 Power Women of Brooklyn.

**III.** Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 7:46pm