

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, February 27, 2024; 7:00pm**

**Middle School 61  
400 Empire Boulevard (Corner of New York Ave)  
Brooklyn, New York 11225  
Livestream – CB 9 YouTube**

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**PUBLIC SESSION**

1. **Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting**
  - a. Primo Lasana, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the meeting to order a 7:11 p.m.
2. **Application to Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC)**
  - a. 418 Rogers Avenue (Lefferts Avenue/Sterling Street; Brooklyn NY 11225).
3. **Applications to the New York State Liquor Authority:**
  - a. Esther Hadassa Corp. d/b/a IX Restaurant – 43 Lincoln Road (Flatbush/Ocean Avenues), Brooklyn, New York 11225 Application for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License.
  - b. Joseph’s Dream Burger- 333 Kingston Avenue (Union/President Streets), Brooklyn, New York, 11225; Application for new Beer/Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit.
  - c. Rodeo Brooklyn LLC – 1134-1136 President Street (Nostrand/Rogers Avenue), Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License
  - d. Balboa Restaurant Inc – 1655 Bedford Ave (Crown/Montgomery Avenues), Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License
  - e. Union Street Pub – 835 Franklin Avenue (Union Street/Eastern Pkwy), Brooklyn, New York, 11225; Application for new Beer, Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit
4. **Applications to the NYS Office of Cannabis Management**
  - a. a. OET, Inc – 733 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11226
  - b. Flatbush Exotics – 544 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11225
5. **Public Comment**
  - a. Barry Kaye
  - b. Jonathan Marable (BCC)
  - c. Deanna Chen
  - d. Shulamit Rosenberg
  - e. Jefferson Maloney
  - f. Kat D.
  - g. Israel Farkash
  - h. Lashawn Ellis
6. **Acknowledgements**
  - a. Eli Slavin – Congresswoman Yvette Clarke office
  - b. Bianca Stephenson – BBP Office – Community Boards Coordinator
  - c. Camille Barbin – State Senator Myrie’s Office

- d. Nic Marcotrigiano– Assemblyman Brian Cunningham’s Office – AD 43
- e. Andre Robinson - Councilwoman Crystal Hudson’s Office- District 35 Akel Williams – District Leader/ State Committeeman - AD 43
- f. Jammel Thompson - Councilwoman Darlene Mealy’s office District 41
- g. Anna Lipkind – IDCC Connect

**BUSINESS SESSION**

- 1. **Fred Baptiste**, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order
- 2. **Roll Call of Board Members**

<b>X – Present</b>	<b>A – Absent</b>	<b>EXC – Excused</b>
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<b>1</b>	Nicolas Almonor	<b>X</b>	<b>23</b>	Erin Mazursky	<b>X</b>
<b>2</b>	Fred P. Baptiste	<b>X</b>	<b>24</b>	Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema	<b>X</b>
<b>3</b>	Jenelle Bazil- Charles	<b>A</b>	<b>25</b>	Natoya McGhie	<b>A</b>
<b>4</b>	Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	<b>X</b>	<b>26</b>	Zlati Mochkin	<b>X</b>
<b>5</b>	Alethea Best	<b>X</b>	<b>27</b>	Patricia Moses	<b>A</b>
<b>6</b>	Augustine Blackwell	<b>A</b>	<b>28</b>	Beverly Newsome	<b>X</b>
<b>7</b>	Celeste Chase	<b>X</b>	<b>29</b>	Ethan Norville	<b>X</b>
<b>8</b>	Suwen ‘Suki’ Cheong	<b>X</b>	<b>30</b>	Paul Pascale	<b>A</b>
<b>9</b>	Max Coen	<b>A</b>	<b>31</b>	Yankee Pearson	<b>X</b>
<b>10</b>	Eve Chavi Cohen	<b>A</b>	<b>32</b>	Vanessa Raptopoulos	<b>X</b>
<b>11</b>	Soul Creary	<b>A</b>	<b>33</b>	Unella Rhone-Perry	<b>EXC</b>
<b>12</b>	Candance Edwards	<b>A</b>	<b>34</b>	Dexter Roberts	<b>X</b>
<b>13</b>	Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	<b>X</b>	<b>35</b>	Felice Robertson	<b>X</b>
<b>14</b>	Rod Herbert	<b>X</b>	<b>36</b>	Binyomin Rosenberger	<b>X</b>
<b>15</b>	Yosef Hershkop	<b>X</b>	<b>37</b>	Dioenne Saab	<b>A</b>
<b>16</b>	Ronisha LaBarrie	<b>X</b>	<b>38</b>	Debbie Timothy	<b>X</b>
<b>17</b>	Primo Lasana	<b>X</b>	<b>39</b>	Twyla Ware	<b>X</b>
<b>18</b>	Mayna Legoute	<b>EXC.</b>	<b>40</b>	Linda Watson-Lorde	<b>X</b>
<b>19</b>	Yisroel Lehrer	<b>X</b>	<b>41</b>	Theresa Westerdal	<b>X</b>
<b>20</b>	Francisca Leopold	<b>X</b>	<b>42</b>	John Woefling	<b>X</b>
<b>21</b>	Courtenay Loiselle	<b>A</b>	<b>43</b>	Lorianne Wolseley	<b>X</b>
<b>22</b>	Letwine Mavima	<b>X</b>	<b>44</b>	Shmuel Zfatman	<b>X</b>

**Totals: Present: 29 Absent: 13 Excused: 2**

- 3. **Approval of January 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes**
  - a. The minutes of the January were accepted by Common Consent with any necessary corrections.
- 4. **Committee Chair Reports**
  - a. Minutes and reports of the following committees were submitted by the Committee Chairs, and distributed to the Board Members.
    - i. Economic Development
    - ii. Environmental Protection
    - iii. Health and Social Services
    - iv. Housing
    - v. Parks, Recreation and Culture

- vi. Public Safety
- vii. Transportation
- viii. ULURP/Land Use
- ix. Youth and Education

#### **5. District Manager/ Administrative Report**

- a. Official Notice from DSNY: Starting March 1, 2024, ALL business in NYC must use bins with secure lids. If your business does not use a bin with a secure lid, it will be fined. Keep bins inside, outside facing the building, or within three feet of the building line. Set bins out after 8:00 p.m. or an hour before closing.
- b. The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection (“DCWP” or “Department”) is proposing to amend the penalty schedules concerning the towing of vehicles and booting of motor vehicles. DCWP will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 11AM on March 11, 2024. The public hearing will be accessible by phone and videoconference
- c. The City Planning Commission will be holding its City of Yes - Economic Opportunity vote on March 6, 2024, at 10AM. In person participation will be in the CPC Hearing Room at 120 Broadway, New York, NY (e-blast)
- d. NYC Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has published the rules for Dining Out NYC, New York City's permanent outdoor dining program. The rules will take effect March 3, 2024, and the application portal will launch shortly after.
- e. NYC Dept. of Transportation wants to hear from you. Please fill out the already circulated DOT Strategic Plan flyer by March 1, 2024.
- f. Department of Environmental Protection will be holding a public hearing relating to defining the term “adjacent” as it relates to vehicle idling. The public hearing on the proposed rule is scheduled for March 7, 2024.
- g. DSNY - Tag and Tow operation was just conducted in BK9 on 1.30.24 into 1.31.24. The following was the result:
  - i. 19 Vehicles Removed
  - ii. 10 Summonses Issued
  - iii. 23 Vehicles Tagged (11 Rotation Tow, 12 Derelict)
  - iv. 6 Vehicles checked/cleared by EPU and moved without delay
- h. DOT has approved a traffic signal at the intersection of Franklin and Union Street. Tentatively scheduled to be completed May 31, 2024
- i. Community Board application has officially closed. Any questions concerning appointments should be directed to borough hall at [cbapplication@brooklynbp.nyc.gov](mailto:cbapplication@brooklynbp.nyc.gov) or via phone: (718) 802 – 3700.
- j. SUNY Downstate has administered a community survey in light of the ongoing speculation of its closure. The survey can be filled out until March 24, 2024. (e-blast)
- k. In partnership with HPD & Digital Girl, CB9 is hosting HPD Housing Connect workshops for the public on March 6 at 6:30PM on ZOOM. In-person will be at Digital Girl
- l. Notes from District Services Cabinet Meeting
  - i. (2) homicides in the past month in the vicinity of Utica, President, and Union Street; NYPD does not believe incidents are related.
  - ii. Uptick in EBT crime and property crimes (vehicles)
  - iii. Franklin & Montgomery – construction is using the B48 bus stop for cars, cones, and other equipment. HIQA is set to visit location in early morning.

#### **6. Chairman’s Report**

- a. Chair Fred Baptiste, thanked the board committees for their dedication and work done in preparation for the 2024 Community Fair.

- b. Remarking on the quality of life in the 71st Precinct, a meeting with the Commanding Officer is in the organizing stage.
- c. The initiative to reach out to the Sheriff's Office on the issue of the smoke shops in our community.
- d. Reminded the community to contact 311 to submit any complaints in the community, sharing same information with the Community Board.
- e. Removal of board members was removed from tonight's agenda. Reminding members that attendance at meetings are of utter importance.
- f. The letter of support to CIR/SEIA was removed from the agenda.
- g. The board will be reaching out to the OCM seeking an explanation of their policy on the awarding of licenses.
- h. Endorsed the Transportation Committee on their recommendation of a policy statement.
- i. Shared that a resolution from the Housing Committee will be coming to the board shortly.
- j. Shared that himself and the District Manager had attended a meeting on the present situation concerning Downstate Hospital, which was also the reason for their late arrival at tonight's meeting

#### **7. Voting Items**

- a. LPC Application – 418 Rogers Avenue ,
  - i. The application was accepted by all on a vote by common consent
- b. SLA Applications
  - i. Esther Hadassa d/b/a IX Restaurant – Vote accepted by common consent with one (1) objection
  - ii. Joseph's Dream Burger – Vote was defeated – fifteen (15) Abstentions; Seven (7) Yes/For and seven (7) No/Against
  - iii. Rodeo Brooklyn, LLC - Vote accepted on a vote of twenty-two (22) Yes/For, five (5) NO/Against and one (1) abstention.
  - iv. Balboa Restaurant - Vote accepted by all, by common consent with no objections.
  - v. Union Street Pub – Vote to table on a motion by Nicholas Almonor and seconded by Dexter Roberts
    - 1. Application tabled
- c. OCM Applications
  - i. OET, Inc – This item was removed from the vote. Application was previously approved by OCM. There was a noted objection to this action; District office will obtain update of protocol
  - ii. Flatbush Exotics – This item was tabled on a motion by Nicholas Almonor and seconded by Felice Robertson, from a vote of Twenty-two (22) Yes/For and five (5) No/Against
- d. Black History Month Event , Youth Services Committee
  - i. This item was accepted by all with an amendment of the rescheduling of the date for the event
- e. Removal of Board Members
  - i. this item was tabled for the March Meeting

#### **8. Adjournment**

- a. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at approximately 9:33 p.m.

**Mia N. Hilton**  
**Assistant District Manager**  
**March 2023**