

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

**General Board Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, January 23, 2024; 7:00pm**

**Middle School 61
400 Empire Boulevard (Corner of New York Ave)
Brooklyn, New York 11225
Livestream – CB 9 YouTube
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCciPIIJ01pLvrG0xod1_LvQ**

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. **Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting**
 - a. Fred Baptiste, 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
4. **ULURP/Land Use Chair, Suwen Cheong presented and address the following items:**
 - a. 975 Nostrand Ave FRESH Application
 - b. Green Fast Track for Housing resolution
 - c. City of YES Economic Opportunity Text Amendment
 - d. CB 9 Gaming Text Amendment
5. **NYC Public Advocate Jumanne Williams**
 - a. Impact of the “How Many Stops Act”
6. **Public Comment Session: (30 minutes maximum)**
 - a. Maxine Barnes
 - b. Alicia Boyd
 - c. Tyrone McDonald (NHS Brooklyn)
 - d. Shaunya Hartley
 - e. Unella Rhone-Perry
7. **Acknowledgments : Elected Officials and Representatives**

Bianca Stephenson – CB Coordinator, Borough President Antoinio Reynoso
 Elizabeth Kennedy – NYC Public Advocate Jumaane Williams
 Paurcha Edwards – NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie, 20 S.D.
 Nic Marcotrigiano – NYS Assemblyman Brian Cunningham, 43 A.D.
 NYC Councilwoman Crystal Hudson – 35 C.D.
 Akel Williams – District Leader/ State Committeeman – 43A.D.
 Antonio Whitaker, Assistant Director, Community Affairs, DSNY
 Felicia Richards – Police CHSR Liaison Unit
 David Desrossier – NYC Commission on Human Rights

8. **Business Session**

a. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	EXC= Excused	
1	Maria Acosta	A	24	Erin Mazursky	X
2	Nicolas Almonor	A	25	Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema	X
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	26	Natoya McGhie	A
4	Jenelle Bazil- Charles	A	27	Zlati Mochkin	X
5	Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	28	Patricia Moses	X
6	Alethea Best	X	29	Beverly Newsome	X
7	Augustine Blackwell	X	30	Ethan Norville	X
8	Celeste Chase	X	31	Paul Pascale	A
9	Suwen “Suki” Cheong	X	32	Yankee Pearson	X
10	Max Coen	A	33	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
11	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	34	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
12	Soul Creary	A	35	Dexter Roberts	A
13	Candace Edwards	A	36	Felice Robertson	X
14	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	X	37	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
15	Rod Herbert	X	38	Dionne Saab	X

16	Yosef Hershkop	X	39	Omari Scott (Resigned)	
17	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	39	Debbie Timothy	X
18	Primo Lasana	X	40	Twyla Ware	X
19	Mayna Legoute	EXC	41	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
20	Yisroel Lehrer	X	42	Theresa Westerdahl	X
21	Francisca Leopold	X	43	John Woefling	X
22	Courtenay Loiselle	X	44	Lorianne Wolseley	X
23	Letwine Mavima	A	45	Shmuel Zflatman	A

b. Attendance totals

i. Present: 33 Absent: 11 Excused: 1 ; Quorum

9. Approval of November and December General Board Meeting Minutes

- a. The minutes of the November and December 2023 Board Meetings were accepted by a unanimous vote by all members present.
- b. The December 2023 Board Meeting were corrected to note the Nicholas Almonor was present and Augustine Blackwell was excused for the meeting. The December minutes were adopted by all with the necessary corrections.

10. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Minutes and reports of the committees were submitted by the Committee Chairs, and shared with the Board Members.

11. District Office/ Administrative Report - Dante Arnwine, District Manager

- a. Reminded the meeting of the upcoming Fire Safety event to be hosted by the Red Cross.
- b. Community Boards Application would be alive until Feb 19, 2024.
<https://form.jotform.com/232983867919175>
- c. The Summer Youth Empowerment program was still alive until March 2024.
- d. Tax preparation was being made available to the community.
- e. The 2024 NYC Parking Calendar can be found at the following link:
https://assembly.state.ny.us/write/upload/req/nyc_parking_calendar.pdf
- f. Participatory Budget was still open, closing in February.
- g. A Green Fast Track Public info session was held on January 29, 2024.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWrNfcGdR4c>
- h. MTA Capital Projects Public Hearing was slated for February 6, 2024
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3K7na3DR20o>
- i. DOT shared information on the signal at Troy Avenue & Rutland Road.

- j. Department of Design and Construction (DDC YNC) announced the schedule for repairs on sidewalks in the district.
- k. Tract construction on the Q train at Prospect Park continues. On February 8, 2024, there will be fiber Optic in stallion in the area (More info can be found in the E-Blast)
- l. Reporting from the NYPD and DOB informed that the 770 Eastern Parkway (Synagogue) was open to the public. Encouraged all Board Members to sign up for the CB9 E-Blast, as well as share same with the community.

12. Chairman's Report – Fred Baptiste

- a. Members who were not attending meeting, Board or Committees, would be informed of their removal from the Board membership.
- b. Members were reminded to submit their application for the 2024-2026 Board membership by February 19, 2024.
- c. Letters of resignation as well as those of removals were accepted and mailed to those being affected on January 24, 2024.
- d. The Chair thanked the Chair and members of the ULURP committee for the commitment and excellent presentations on the City of YES.

13. Voting Items

- a. 975 Nostrand Ave FRESH App – Accepted by all on a Vote by Common Consent.
- b. CB9 Gaming Text Amendment Resolution – Accepted on a Vote by Common Consent,
 - i. Two (2) member abstaining from the vote
- c. Green Fast Track for Housing Resolution – Accepted by all on a Vote by common consent
- d. City of YES for Housing Opportunity – Accepted by all on a Vote by Common Consent.
- e. Landmarks Application – Application was returned to the Housing Committee
- f. CIR/SEIU Letter of Support – On a motion moved by Beverley Newsome, seconded by Binyomin Rosenberger, this item was Tabled for the February 2024 meeting.
- g. Removal of Board Members - On a motion moved by Rabbi Yaacov Behrman, seconded by all in attendance, this item was tabled for the February 2024 meeting.
- h. SLA Applications – No voting on the three applications ; Tabled until February 2024

14. Adjournment

- a. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at approximately 10:15pm

Linda Watson-Lorde Executive Secretary CB 9 February 2023