

**Brooklyn Community Board 9
General Board Meeting Minutes**

**Tuesday, March 26, 2024 - starting at 7:00 PM
Middle School 61
400 Empire Boulevard (Corner of New York Ave)
Brooklyn New York 11225
Livestream – CB 9 YouTube
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n561Rj1Z1V8>**

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting

Fred Baptiste, Chairman of the Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

2. Presentation.

- a) Street Co-Naming request for Montgomery Street and Utica Ave. – Saheed Vassell. The father of Saheed Vassel, Mr. Eric Vassell represented the application for the street co-naming on behalf of his son, who was killed on April 4, 2018

3. Application to the New York State Liquor Authority:

- a) Brooklyn Flea DC, LLC (Smorgasborg) – 153 East Drive, Brooklyn, New York 11225 (Prospect Park); Application for the renewal a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License
- b) Antojitos Del Patron Mexican Snacks – 52 Lincoln Road (Ocean/Flatbush Avenues); Application for the renewal a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License
- c) Bleu Nuk BK LLC – 1150 Nostrand Avenue (Midwood Street/Rutland Road), Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License
- d) Gino’s Pizza – 548-550 Flatbush Avenue (Lincoln Road/Maple Street) Brooklyn, New York, 11225; Application for new Liquor, Wine Beer, Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit
- e) Alladin Village, Inc. – 1034 Nostrand Avenue (Sterling Street/Lefferts Avenue) Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License

4. Committee Presentation

- a) Housing Resolution – Chair Erin Mazursky,
- b) Transportation Resolutions - Chair Ethan Norville
- c) Environmental Protection Resolution- Chair Debbie Timothy

d)

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: (30 minutes maximum)

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Eli Slavin – Congresswoman Yvette Clarke office
Bianca Stephenson – BBP Office – Community Boards Coordinator
Camille Barbin – State Senator Myrie’s Office
Nic Marcotriglano – Assemblyman Brian Cunningham’s Office – AD 43 Andre Robinson -
Councilwoman Crystal Hudson’s Office- District 35 Jammel Thompson - Councilwoman
Darlene Mealy’s office District 41
Anna Lipkind – IDCC Connect
Mike Schnall – NYC Runs
Representative from CAMBA

BUSINESS SESSION:

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order with the Roll Call.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	EXC= Excused		
1	Nicolas Almonor	X	24	Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema	X	
2	Fred P. Baptiste	X	25	Natoya McGhie	X	
3	Jenelle Bazil- Charles	A	23	Erin Mazursky	X	
4	Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	26	Zlati Mochkin	A	
5	Alethea Best	X	27	Patricia Moses	A	
6	Augustine Blackwell	X	28	Beverly Newsome	X	
7	Celeste Chase	X	29	Ethan Norville	X	
8	Suwen “Suki” Cheong	X	30	Paul Pascale	A	
9	Max Coen	A	31	Yankee Pearson	A	
10	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	32	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X	

11	Soul Creary	X	33	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
12	Candace Edwards	A	34	Dexter Roberts	X
13	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton Gonzales	X	35	Felice Robertson	X
14	Rod Herbert	A	36	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
15	Yosef Hershkop	X	37	Dionne Saab	AC
16	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	38	Debbie Timothy	X
17	Primo Lasana	X	39	Twyla Ware	A
18	Mayna Legoute	X	40	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
19	Yisroel Lehrer	A	41	Theresa Westerdahl	X
20	Francisca Leopold	A	42	John Woefling	X
21	Courtenay Loiselle	X	43	Lorianne Wolseley	A
22	Letwine Mavima	X	44	Shmuel Zfatman	A

Totals: Present: 31 Absent: 13 Excused: 0

2. Approval of the February 2024 General Board Meeting Minutes.

By Common Consent the minutes of the February 2024 Board Meeting were accepted with any necessary corrections, with no objections.

3. Committee Chair Reports:

Minutes and reports of the following committees were submitted by the Committee Chairs, and distributed to the Board Members.

*Environmental –Protection
Park, Recreation and Culture
Economic Development
ULURP Land Use*

*Health and Social Services
Public Safety
Youth and Education
Transportation*

The Youth Services & Education Committee will be hosting a “Clean-up Day” on April 27, 2024.

District Office/ Administrative Report

- a) CB9, in partnership Grandma’s Hands, will be providing services for older adults and seniors at the Board Office on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month. To schedule an appointment please call 917-410-1193 to schedule an appointment.
- b) Public Hearing Notice: DSNY is proposing to amend its rule relating to commercial recycling and commercial organics in accordance with the Mayor’s Small Business Forward initiative. DSNY will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place via Microsoft Teams at 9:30 AM on April 5, 2024.
- c) The Conflicts of Interest Board is proposing to amend its rule concerning the definition of “substantial policy discretion” as used in City Charter. The Conflicts of Interest Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2024. The hearing will be at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, New York 10007.
- d) DOB is proposing to amend its rule regarding the tax abatements a property owner can receive for the installation of solar electric generation systems and electric storage equipment. DOB will hold the online public hearing on April 22, 2024, at 11am.
- e) Committee on Aging, led by CM Hudson, will be holding a hearing on April 4th at 1PM at city hall. Hearing is to discuss the bill that would codify a Cabinet of Older New Yorkers, made up of the commissioners of city agencies or their designees and chair by the Aging Commissioner. Cabinet would facilitate inter-agency collaboration to improve services for older New Yorkers.
- f) SUNY DOWNSTATE Community survey is still live.
- g) SUNY Downstate Town Hall recap
- h) Fire Report – Fire occurred on 3/16/2024 around 4PM at 219 Sullivan Pl. Two (2) fatalities were reported at the scene.
- i) Update on the Washington Avenue Improvement Project (DOT presented before the Board in Nov. 2021) DDC has commenced the preliminary design for the Plaza and will complete the project design by Summer 2025.

5. Chair’s Report

- a) Chairman Fred Baptiste, showered words of admiration and thanks to the Community Board 9’s community and board members, for their strong support in attendance, at the recently held Town Hall Meeting.
- b) Highlighted the need for a conversation with the Office of Cannabis Management (OCM) on the number of cannabis retailers in our community, and the protocol for SLAs.

- c) The function of board members and the issue of new items such as restricting as necessary; improvement on areas that are not working as best as others.
- d) Shared the idea of the creation of a Veterans Committee.
- e) All meetings of CB9 will be held in person from the month of April 2024. Live streaming (Youtube) will be included.
- f) Encouraged that all complaints should be logged with 311 but should be shared with the CB 9 office as well.
- g) The Community Boards election cycle is scheduled for April.
- h) Note that the meeting dates for the month of April can be changed.
- i) Stressed on the importance of meeting attendance – two members will be removed by the end of this meeting.

6. Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Mayna Legoute presented the Treasurer's report which was accepted by all present.

7. Voting Items

Street Co-Naming applications: Vote by Common Consent, **27 FOR and 3 NO.**

SLA applications:

- a) Brooklyn Flea DC, LL: **No Voting**
- b) Antojitos Del Patron Mexican Snacks: **No Voting**
- c) Bleu Nuk BK LLC: Vote by Common Consent, **29 FOR and 1 NO**
- d) Gino's Pizza: Vote by Common Consent, **29 FOR and 1 NO**
- e) Alladin Village, Inc: **No Voting**

Committee resolutions:

- a) Housing Resolution: A resolution on *the State of Housing in Brooklyn Community District 9*, was accepted/approved with no objection by Common Consent.
- b) Environmental Resolution: A resolution for *the implementation of NYS Audit recommendation by New York City Department of Sanitation* was accepted/approved with no objection by Common Consent.
- c) Transportation Resolution 1: A resolution *calling for the MTA to consider and address accessibility improvements as stations in our district*, was accepted/approved with no objection by Common Consent.
- d) Transportation Resolution 2: A resolution to *the Department of Transportation to add traffic regulating elements and/or elements to improve streetscape quality of life on Washington Avenue between Empire Boulevard and Eastern Parkway* was approved by a vote of Common Consent with no objections.

e) *Board Members Removal*: the following members were removed from the CB9 Board on a motion moved by Nicholas Almonor and seconded by Primo Lasana. The vote was accepted by Common Consent with no objection.

8. Unfinished Business: There was no unfinished business from this meeting.

9. Adjournment.

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

Linda Watson-Lorde Executive Secretary CB 9 April 2024