

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

**Monday, June 24, 2024 - starting at 6:15 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**
 - a. Fred Baptiste, the Brooklyn Community Board 9 Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.
2. **Committee Presentation**
 - a. **ULURP/Land Use Committee – 962 - 972 Franklin Avenue Rezoning Application**
 - b. **Transportation Committee – STAND Regulations**
3. **Application to the New York State Liquor Authority**
 - a. **Masatunde** – 708 Parkside Avenue (Nostrand/New York Avenues), Brooklyn, New York 11225; Application for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider License and Retail Permit
 - b. **Cupcakes by Brenda Grill Corp. d/b/a Taqueria El Patron Mexican Grill**
49-51 Lincon Road, Brooklyn, New York 11225
4. **Public Comment**
 - a. Cheryl Bernard
 - b. Lashaun Ellis
 - c. Cheryl Faust
 - d. Hayley Govenberg
 - e. Eric Jenkins- Sahlin
 - f. Luana Wilson
 - g. John Woefling
5. **Acknowledgements: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives**
 - a. Paurcha Edwards – NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
 - b. Andre Robinson – NYC Council Member, 35TH CD, Crystal Hudson
 - c. Tamesha Thompson – NYC Council Member, 41ST CD, Darlene Mealy
 - d. Sarana Purcell- District Leader, 43rd A. D.

BUSINESS SESSION:

1. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session to order with the Roll Call attendance.
 - a. Roll Call attendance conducted by Assistant District Manager, Mia Hilton; 26 Members present; Quorum confirmed

1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul	A	26	Mayna Legoute	X
2	Nicolas Almonor	A	27	Yisroel Lehrer	A
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	28	Francisca Leopold	X
4	Jenelle Bazil- Charles	A	29	Courtenay Loiselle	X
5	Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	X	30	Letwine Mavima	A
6	Alethea Best	A	31	Erin Mazursky	X
7	Augustine Blackwell	A	32	Jean Rene Mbeng Nguema	A
8	Catherine Buccello	X	33	Ethan Norville	X
9	Suwen "Suki" Cheong	X	34	Danzel Oduro	A
10	Kendall Christiansen	A	35	Yankee Pearson	A
11	Jolee Cobb	X	36	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
12	Max Coen	A	37	Unella Rhone-Perry	X
13	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	38	Felice Robertson	X
14	Soul Creary	A	39	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
15	Max Roland Davidson	X	40	Dionne Saab	X
16	Candace Edwards	A	41	Melissa Severe	A
17	Brittany Ellington	A	42	Lillian Swain	A
18	Lisa Etienne	X	43	Bakary Tandia	A
19	Raphaela Godoy	A	44	Kristin Thomas-Barrington	A
20	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton Gonzales	X	45	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
21	Shaunya Hartley	X	46	Debbie Timothy	X
22	Rod Herbert	A	47	Twyla Ware	A
23	Yosef Hershkop	A	48	Linda Watson-Lorde	A
24	Volney Joseph	X	49	Theresa Westerdahl	X
25	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	50	Lorianne Wolseley	X

2. **Approval of Agenda**

- a. Adopted via common consent

3. **Approval of April and May General Board Meeting Minutes**

- a. Approved via common consent

4. **Special Orders**

- a. Candidate speeches
- b. Executive Officer elections

5. **Committee Reports**

- a. None

6. **District Manager, Dante Arnwine**

- a. Incident: On 6/6/2024 at 10:41 a.m. a structural fire occurred at 700 E New York Ave.; a 4-story occupied multiple dwelling. The fire was located on the 1st floor. There were no reported civilian injuries and the fire was placed under control at 10:51 a.m.
- b. NYC Department of Housing Preservation and Development (HPD) will be hosting housing information courses throughout the summer. All classes are 100% free and taught over Zoom. Issues stem from pest removal to responding to violations to navigating Housing Court. The first class will be on June 26th discussing Owning a Home in NYC (e-blast)
- c. The New York City Charter ("Charter") provides the structure of City government and key powers of City elected officials and agencies. The CRC is empowered to review the entire Charter. It may recommend changes that would help the City government to work more efficiently and better serve all New Yorkers. The Commission will be holding a series of public hearings throughout the city, Charter Revision Commission Hearing – Brooklyn
- d. Thursday, June 27, 2024, 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm at Medgar Evers College - 1650 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225 and virtual. The public may submit written comments to charterinfo@citycharter.nyc.gov instead of or in addition to testifying live at a hearing. Written testimony must be received by 5:00 pm on Friday, July 12. (e-blast)
- e. The New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) is collecting community feedback to help inform the future capital vision of Grand Army Plaza and Prospect Heights Open Streets and Bike Boulevards. The survey will be open until July 31st, 2024. If you have any questions or concerns, please email publicrealm@dot.nyc.gov.
- f. Upcoming Public Workshops: Grand Army Plaza and Prospect Heights Public Realm Capital Visioning - Virtual Meeting, tomorrow, June 25, from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m., and the in-person session will be at Medgar Evers College, Wednesday, July 10, 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. (e-blast)
- g. The New York City Council Committee on Housing and Buildings will hold a hearing tomorrow morning, June 25 at 10:00 a.m. in the Committee Room, City Hall, New York, NY, and via Zoom web conference on the following topic: "Oversight – Sidewalk Sheds." The committee will be reviewing all sidewalk shed-related legislation.
- h. Full Roadway Closure Notice: 329 Clarkson Avenue (FRC's on Parkside Avenue between Nostrand Avenue & New York Avenue) - June 21, 2024, to September 18, 2024 – Booming and pumping for a new building project at 329 Clarkson ·
- i. Upcoming changes to the carshare program. The program will be removing 4 locations from our district. At this time, the locations are not set to be reallocated.

- i. Parkside Ave - 19 Winthrop St, Brooklyn, NY 11225
- ii. Hawthorne St - 1206 Nostrand Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11225
- iii. Sterling St - 305 Sterling St, Brooklyn, NY 11225
- iv. Union St - 1045 Union St, Brooklyn, NY 11225

7. Chairman's Report, Fred Baptiste

- a. CB9 Community Fair ; Another successful turnout
- b. Election Nominees – Thank you for stepping up; Larger Board – consider what role you would like to play on the Board
- c. Resolutions – Crafted expectations and arguments of the Board to advocate for the community
- d. Transportation – Thanks to Transportation Chair, E. Norville for elevating the conversation; Looking forward to continued dialogue on how to make the streets safer for all in the district
- e. Board Member training
 - i. Land use
 - ii. SLA & OCM
 - 1. It is necessary to advocate for the community effectively
- f. Community members are encouraged to sign up for the e-blast to stay informed
- g. Member Appreciation – Thank you for your service
 - i. Outgoing Executive Members – P. Lasana; F. Leopold

8. Treasurer's Report

- a. Personnel Services (PS) - \$232,588; Actual Expenditure - \$224,995.12; Uncommitted-\$7,592.58
- b. Other Than Personnel Services (OTPS) - \$55,526; Actual expenditure - \$42,731.92; Uncommitted - \$7,961.36
- c. Rent - \$113,592.00; Actual Expenditure - \$102,830.43; Uncommitted - \$10,487.13
- d. There are multiple transactions to post over the next few days heading into the close of the fiscal year, which will dwindle the remaining balances in the respective lines

9. Voting Items

- a. 962-9272 Franklin Avenue Rezoning
 - i. Approved via common consent; Abstention Y. Behrman; E. Cohen
- b. City of Resolution Amendment
 - i. Approved via common consent; No objections
- c. City of Yes Resolution
 - i. Approved via common consent; Abstention Y. Behrman; E. Cohen
- d. CB9 Zoning Framework
 - i. Approved via common consent; Abstention Y. Behrman; E. Cohen
- e. SLA Application – Masatunde
 - i. Approved via common consent; No objections
- f. SLA Application – Brenda's Cupcake
 - i. Approved via common consent; No objections
- g. No-Show SLA applicants
 - i. Approved via common consent; Abstentions - F. Baptiste; J. Thomas-Serrano; No – M. Davidson; L. Etienne; S. Hartley; C. Loiselle; E. Norville
- h. OCM application – 552 ENY Avenue
 - i. Disapproved via common consent; No objections
- i. Unresponsive OCM applicants

- i. Approved via common consent; No objections
- j. Mt. Prospect Park Resolution
 - i. Approved via common consent; Vote of No – J. Cobb
- k. STAND resolution
 - i. Approved via common consent; Vote of No – R. Labarrie

10. New Business

- a. Kingsbrook site - Vital Brooklyn
 - i. Motion to oppose the Vital Brooklyn project at this site until a provision is made for parking
 - 1. Unable to vote; lost quorum

11. Election Results

- a. Chair – Fred P. Baptiste
- b. 1st Vice Chair – Ethan Norville
- c. 2nd Vice Chair – Felice Robertson
- d. Secretary – Linda Watson-Lorde
- e. Treasurer – Mayna Legoute
- f. Member-at-Large – Nicolas Almonor
- g. Member-at-Large – Tie between Theresa Westerdahl and Binyomin Rosenberger
 - i. Due to time constraints, the run-off election will take place in the Fall

12. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 9:40 pm