

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**  
**Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**

March 12, 2024  
Meeting ID: 813 9456 1957

**Attendance (Board Members):** Soul Creary, Committee Chair; Alethea Best; Candace Edwards; Letwine Mavima; Natoya McGhie; Twyla Ware; Linda Watson-Lorde;

**Attendance (Community Resident Members):** Cynthia Rose; John Beckles Jr., Pamela Payne

**Absent (Board Members):** None

**Absent (Committee Members):** Anna Lerner; Lean McClain

**Guests:** Phara Souffrant-Forrest (Assembly Member 57<sup>th</sup> AD)

**CB9 Staff:** Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

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1. Call to order
  - a. Meeting convened at 7:05pm
2. Review of February 2024 Committee meeting
3. Committee Updates
  - a. Clothing drive is going well and it's still ongoing
    - i. Drop off hours are as follows, Monday-Thursday 9am-5pm; Friday 9am-4pm, weekend hour's- Contact John Beckles
  - b. Community cleanup day is April 27<sup>th</sup>
    - i. Reach out to DSNY to donate cleaning supplies for cleanup
4. Guest Presentation
  - a. Assembly Member Phara Souffrant Forrest
    - i. has a passion for working with the youth
    - ii. Prior work as a Nurse
    - iii. Worked with tenants advocacy across the state
    - iv. Graduate of CUNY
    - v. Supports Criminal Justice Reform
    - vi. Supports tenants reform
    - vii. Works with Global Kids
    - viii. Supporter of foster care
    - ix. Support youth friendly activities
    - x. Contact Justin Freeman for volunteer position's with Assembly 57
    - xi. Phara has some upcoming events
      1. SYEP

2. Summer Picnics at Fort Green Park
  3. Youth Advisory Council Planning
  4. Discretionary funds for the youth
  5. College Tours outside of NY-Wide range of ages
5. Next steps/follow-up
    - a. Grant application was submitted to Citizen's for the end of summer event.
    - b. Skating pop-up to be combined with the end of summer event
    - c. Discuss radius for clean-up day at April's Board Meeting
    - d. CB9 T-shirts for clean-up day in April
6. Adjournment
    - a. Meeting adjourned at: 7:57pm