

Brooklyn Community Board 9 Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

DECEMBER 13, 2022, starting at 7PM

I. Welcome

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called meeting to order at (time).
 The meeting was held via Zoom at the link below:
 Webinar Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84733118656> Webinar ID: 847 3311 8656
 Join via phone: 1(646) 558-8656; ID: 847 331 8656

II. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

III. Roll Call of Executive Committee Members/Attendees

In the box, mark (X) if PRESENT; (A) if ABSENT; and (E) if EXCUSED			
<u>Executive Officers:</u>		<u>Committee Chairs:</u>	
Fred P. Baptiste	X	Nicolas Almonor	E
Warren Berke	X	Warren Berks	X
Francisca Leopold		Francisca Leopold	
Linda Watson-Lorde	X	Soul Creary	X
Christian Loubeau	X	Primo Lasana	X
Nicolas Almonor	E	Beverly Newsome	E
Khyrie Alleyne	X	Debbie Thomas	X
		Patricia Moses	X
Dante B. Arnwine DM	X	Naomi Baptiste	

IV. Committee Chair Report

- *Economic Development:* Warren Berke – Chair (Acting)
 - The committee will meet in January 2023.

- *Education & Library:* Naomi Baptiste - Chair
- No report submitted.

- *Environmental Protection* - Debbie Thomas - Chair
 - The Committee met on Dec 1, 2022. Without a quorum, the following were topics of open discussion: The Rat population in the district/community; water issues close to East New York Avenue. Two community residents attended the meeting.
- *Health and Social Services*: Francisca Leopold
 - No Report submitted.
- *Housing*: Beverly Newsome - Chair
 - No report submitted. The chair was excused for this meeting.
- *Parks, Recreation and Culture* – Nicolas Almonor - Chair
 - No report submitted. The chair was excused for this meeting.
- *Public Safety*: Primo Lasana - Chair
 - Members of the NYPD attended the meeting reporting on the crime situation in the community.
 - The NYFD will be hosting a Fire Safety event at Tivoli Towers on Dec 17
 - SLA applications: 1. Fiona’s Bar (A full liquor license) 2. Brooklyn Botanic Gardens (A full Liquor license)
- *Transportation*: Fred Baptiste – Chair (Acting)
 - The Transportation Committee met
 - Letter sent to (D & L) on the traffic situation on Lincoln Avenue (Lefferts and Washington)
 - Follow-up on the DOT outstanding requests, e.g. speed bumps for the area.
 - The upcoming B41 project
 - Grand Army Plaza project
- *ULURP/Land Use*; Patricia Moses - Chair
 - Committee met on Dec 6, 2022.
 - Minutes of the committee were submitted to the District Office.
 - Sub Committee on YES will meet in January 2023.
 - A letter was submitted to the District Office on the non-attendance of a member with the request for that member to be removed from the committee membership list. The committee also asked for a replacement.
- *Youth Services*: Soul Creary - Chair
 - The Committee meet on Dec. 10, 2022, good committee members support and attendance.
 - The committee elected a secretary, Cynthia Rose.
 - Two presenters attended the meeting- Ms. Evadyne Smith, an Ologist and author of Mental Health book – “*Suicide is a Serious Killer*” and Mr. Carlston Gray, Teacher, Assistant Principal and Architect presenting on “Connecting Education with Jobs for our Youth”.
 - Planning of the events for the ensuing year 2023.

V. District Office/ Administrative Report

- Empire Blvd reconstruction delayed because of a sink hole at Washington Ave. Plans were to restart on Dec 19, 2022.
- Consumer and Business survey from Bridge Street Development Corporation will be in the community very soon, members were encouraged to complete and submit.
- DSNY will pick up any derelict bicycles in the community. Members were asked to photograph any derelict bicycle and send same to the District Office.
- January's calendar was set and will be posted to the website shortly.
- Public hearing/townhall meeting on the B41 project was planned for January 2023.
- DCWP will be offering free Tax prep sessions, contact the District Office for more information.
- Committee chairs were reminded to submit any outstanding minutes to Khalid Jemmott at the District Office
- From the service Cabinet meeting – DOT will be hosting a Bus Redistributing Meeting on Dec 7, 2022 and on February 7, 2023 in collaboration with Community Board 9.

VI. Chair's Report

- *Attendance of committee members:* Documentation on this issue shall be submitted to the district office. Roosters will be cleaned removing members for non-attendance. Committee Chairs were encourage to inform the Executive Committee Chair (Fred Baptiste) on non- attendance of members.
- *Transportation matters:* on the B41 Bus corridor, conversations were underway with DOT and MTA for a Town Hall Meeting to be held in January 2023 (30th or 31st). (2) The board is keeping track of the Lincoln-Flatbush-Washington designing and construction project. (3) City Bike expansion in the district reaching further south, a meeting with the DOT and City Bike possibly in January 2023 with further discussion on the bike lanes
- *2023 Community Board Application are still opened:* (1) Persons are invited to apply (6 spaces are still opened for CB9). (2) Open House – 3rd week in January 2023.
- *Cannabis License Protocols:* the main issue was the proximity of selling facilities and their closeness to schools.
- *By-Laws Revision:* Discussion and ratification will be held in January 2023.
- *NYC Mayor's Initiatives:* Reminder to be on the lookout for the upcoming press releases.
- *District Community Fair:* Plans are in process for the event which will be held in five or six months from this date.

VII. Set Agenda for General Board Meeting on December 15, 2022

Public Hearing
Call to Order
SLA Applications
Public Commentary
Acknowledgement
Business Session
Roll Call
Approval of November Minutes
District Manager's Report
Treasurer's Report
Chairman's Report
Voting Items:
Unfinished Business
Any New Business
Adjournment

VIII. Other/ New Business

- There was a question on “what happens when a person attends board meetings but not attending committee meetings? The Chair (Baptiste) responded that they will be out of compliance. Committee chairs need to submit attendance records.

IX. Adjournment

Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned at 9:13 p.m.

Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary

Link to the full recording of the Executive Committee Meeting of CB9 held on December 12, 2022

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x6WMSur6qQ> December 2022