

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2025

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

Cassandra Alvarez
Johnny Arcentales
Mohamed Azez
Felina Backer
Alan Bash
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
Andrenia Burgis
Jamaal Carryl
Charmaine Corney-Antoine
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Marie Delus
Stanley Delva
Nigel Dupree
Ariel Freeman
Maria Garrett
Denise Gordon
Denise Gourdine

Francesca Griffith
Sara Hendrix
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Naomi Hopkins
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Naomi Lehrer
Rob Mazzuchin
Omeil Morgan
Doodley Plaisival
David Price
Elaine Reid
Michelle Sealey
Yolaine Ridore
Akis Sinesi
Christopher Smith
Victoria Stennett
Julius Stukes
Annette Tomlin
Jennifer Troman
Michael Trotta
Arnelle Williams

Sharene Williams
Maria Willis
Valerie Woodford
Grace Zwillenberg

GUESTS:

Monique Chandler-Waterman
Tanisha Johnson
Alena Matthew
Sabrina Dieujuste
Eric Peterson
Sharon Long

NYS Assembly Member
Representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Representing Councilmember Narcisse, 46th C.D.
Representing Councilmember Louis, 45th C.D.
Parks Department
Representing Assemblymember Williams, 59th A.D.

7:04 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:07 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

A quorum was present to begin the meeting.

7:09 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on June 18, 2025. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes passed unanimously.

7:12 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chair Naomi Hopkins introduced a representative from the NYC Department of Cultural Affairs

Percent for Art Program. They have been commissioned to select a design for the second-floor terrace of the Canarsie Library once the renovation is completed. They are seeking input from the community, local elected officials, and art professionals to participate. Information about submitting artwork is available on social media and the Artists Directory. Eligibility for artists is 18 years or older and they must be registered NYC vendors. The chosen artwork will be unveiled in 2027, and the selected design artist will receive an honorary stipend. Board Member Barbara Bieber made a motion to approve the art project. Board Member Julius Stukes, Jr. seconded the motion. The motion passed with 42 yes and 1 abstention vote

7:31 P.M.

TREASURER REPORT – DAVID PRICE

Our FY 2026 budget was approved at \$40,292. The office staff has requested \$20,000 to cover internal operation needs for the year. Treasurer Price said we will vote on approving the \$20,000 allocation for office supplies, contracts etc. If approved this would leave \$20,292 available for committee use.

To ensure a fair and transparent allocation process for the remaining funds, the Budget Committee has created a standardized Funding Request Form outlining proposed projects, purposes, community impact, estimated costs, and overall feasibility.

- Each committee will meet over the next month to discuss their anticipated needs for the year.
- Committee chairs will present their funding requests during their subcommittee updates if possible.
- All formal funding requests must be submitted to the Budget Committee by November 1st, so they can review them and make recommendations at the November board meeting for a full vote.

Treasurer/Budget Chair David Price moved that the Board approve an allocation of \$20,000 from the FY2026 budget to be designated for internal office operational needs. Board Member Greg Borruso seconded the motion. The motion passed with 40 yes and 1 abstention vote.

7:42 P.M.

CHAIRPERSON REPORT – Naomi Hopkins

The NYC Council has an upcoming public hearing regarding **battery energy storage**. I will provide testimony on behalf of the Board and plan to submit a **sign-on letter** reflecting our shared priorities. If you'd like to add your name, please **email the District Office** to be included in the objection. Your signatures—and your alignment—matter.

Thank you for entrusting me with a second year as Chair. As a reminder, under our bylaws a Chair may serve **two one-year terms**. This update was made a few years ago in response to broader changes imposing term limits on board membership.

My legacy goal this year is **90-minute meetings**. It's achievable if we keep robust work within committees and remain disciplined during full board sessions.

(Effective Immediately)

1. **Action-Items Only at Full Board.** Elected Officials and/or their representatives are invited to share legislation and budgetary items to the full board. All announcements and community events will be covered in the District Manager's report, by email, on social media, on our website, and on handouts available on the table outside.

2. **Start Time-7:00 PM Sharp.** If we are awaiting quorum, we may reorder the agenda to cover non-voting items, but please treat attendance and timeliness seriously.
3. **Agency/Principal Representatives.** Representatives attending on behalf of their principals will be invited to share updates **between agenda items**, so you do not have to wait until the very end. In the interest of time, please limit remarks to **budgetary, critical legislative, and operational updates**. Event announcements that are already included in our weekly “**Look What’s Happening**” email need not be repeated. **Reps: please check in with Sue Ann upon arrival** so she can pass me a note and we can smoothly slot you in.

Please ensure your voter registration is **current by October 25**. We are strictly non-partisan—**vote for whomever you choose**—but please make sure you are registered and ready to participate.

Thank you all for your continued service, your diligence in committees, and your partnership in keeping our meetings focused, efficient, and impactful.

7:52 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER’S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

Celebrated the Ribbon Cutting of the PS 312 Carol Pino Learning Garden
 Welcomed East Flatbush Village to Canarsie
 Said our official good-byes to P.O. Sam Maria on his retirement
 The CB18 Family BBQ & Skate night was a huge success
 BM joined me at the BP’s office to give testimony against 5502 Flatlands Ave.
 Caribbean Month Celebration hosted by Senator Persaud, Assemblymembers Williams & Chandler-Waterman
 Back to School events, resource fairs & health fairs hosted by Council Members Narcisse & Louis, Assemblymembers Williams & Chandler-Waterman, Senator Persaud the 63rd Pct., Millennium Dev., Community Board 18 partnered with the HES and Hobby Box
 Assemblymember Williams commemorated 911 with a memorial service

IN & AROUND COMMUNITY BOARD 18

- Meeting with the MTA about parked and idling buses on East 71st St. between Ave. U & Veterans Ave. & Strickland Ave. The buses are not in their designated layover areas.
- Millennium Development, hosted a Youth Golf Program at Marine Park Golf Course & they are the new sponsors of the Community Center at Breukelen Houses, kicking off the Summer with an archery program.
- National Night Out with the 69th & 63rd Pcts always well attended.
- Mill Island Civic emergency meeting for property at East 66th Street. Over 500 hundred residents in attendance, plus supporting neighborhoods throughout CB18 to fight a proposed development of 5 stories of condos.
- CB18 hosted the Department of Buildings - residents could settle violations and speak to DOB staff about permits etc.
- Multiple clean-ups by Sanitation on E. 102 St. & Shore Pkway, E. 100th St. between Aves. J & K, E. 103 St. between J & K, the perimeter of the Canarsie Cemetery, Fillmore Ave. at E. 57th St. memorial triangle. This is garbage and dumping at Public Schools, memorial triangles, cemeteries etc. Thank you to Sanitation for trying to stay ahead of this.
- Restoration of sidewalk at the intersection of Ave. N & E. 95th St.
- Meeting with new Q-Teams Sgt. 63rd Pct., Civic Presidents & elected officials.
- A thank you event to honor Hatzolah Ambulance Volunteers
- Honored to speak at the co-street naming’s for John Curly Wilson at Breukelen Houses and for Rabbi Dr. David Halpern in Mill Basin

CB18 SEPTEMBER CABINET MEETING

ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAIME WILLIAMS – Reminded everyone about the 9/11 memorial service that evening at Marine Park.

DDC- B82 – Remsen & Flatlands Aves. watermains are 95% complete. Reinstating bus stops along Kings Highway up to MTA & DOT. Workers will return to complete street & sidewalk restoration at Mt. Sinai Hospital and the medians along Kings Highway.

FDNY – September is National Preparedness Month. People are encouraged to "Make a Plan," & "Build a Kit," to become more resilient and self-sufficient when emergencies strike. FDNY also has a mobile CPR unit for community events and will be implementing a public course called How to Stop the Bleed.

NYC OFFICE FOR THE AGING – Needs Assessment survey for older adults received over 9,000 responses. Major issues identified include caregiving and bill payment challenges.

DOT – Marine Park lights are out around the oval. Disability Permits are backed up 10 months.

Jamaica Bay/Greenway Project – Water main work continues at Flatlands Ave. & East 76th St. Residents & businesses emailed to notify about water shutdowns and restricted parking.

DOHMH – Medical Hotline for Disability Permits 347-396-6552 if your permit request is denied. New Covid guidelines have been issued by the Department of Health.

63rd Pct. – National Night out was a success, Older Adult Crimes, Officers in Kings Plaza, under 18 allowed with parent, Q-Teams roll out.

Marine Park Administrator – SYEP workers helped keep the park clean this Summer. Avenue S parking lot under construction, Canarsie Park pathway and basketball court reconstruction. Ladies room at Canarsie Park temporarily closed to address bee infestation. Amersfort, Canarsie and Marine Parks are plagued with dumping issues

MILLENNIUM DEVELOPMENT – Afterschool programs begin Monday, September 15th, Older Adult Programs thriving.

Jennifer Horsford Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud, Donald Cranston Representing Assemblymember Jaime Williams, Stephanie Arroyo Representing Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman, Mariya Markh Representing Assemblymember Kalman Yeger, Sabrina Dieujuste Representing Council Member Farah Louis and Anastasia Yaskova Representing Mayor Adams –
Provided updates on events and programming

Following the Cabinet Meeting, Jennifer Horsford convened a meeting with DOT, Canarsie Merchants Assoc., 69th Pct., Sanitation, Assemblymember Chandler-Waterman's Office, and myself to address issues along the Rockaway Parkway Corridor.

GOOD & WELFARE

Happy Birthday Paul Curiale. Dorothy hit a few bumps during her recovery, hopefully, she'll be back soon.

Board Member Barbara Bieber's granddaughter was awarded for the most touchdowns.

Condolences to Paul Curiale and his family on the loss of his brother-in-law.

Next week is Rosh Hashanah, the Jewish New Year and the beginning of the High Holy Days. Happy New Year to all who celebrate.

Please check emails from BK18

8:06 P.M.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

Floyd Bennett Field, CB 18's National Park, will be renovating several hangars to enhance community activities. The Parks Committee will advocate keeping our memorial triangles clean and free of garbage as

we continue to honor our fallen heroes.

8:21 P.M.

SLA & CANNABIS COMMITTEE – Jamaal Carryl, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received - Vote

NEW APPLICATIONS AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- KG Kids Inc., Old Standard, 2128 Flatbush Avenue-11234

NEW APPLICATION AND TEMPORARY RETAIL PERMIT FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- RTSM Group LLC, Spread Love & Eat, 9110 Flatlands Avenue-11236

RENEWAL APPLICATIONS FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR LIQUOR, WINE, BEER & CIDER

- China Tokyo Inc., China Tokyo Inc., 5908 Avenue N-11234
- S&N Topaze Restaurant Inc., Topaze 1875 Utica Avenue-11234
- Lola's Mexican Cuisine Corp., Lola's 2101 Flatbush Avenue-11234
- Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, None 4404 Avenue H-11234

RENEWAL APPLICATION FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER

- Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., NONE, 6328 Avenue N-11234

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from KG Kids Inc., Old Standard, 2128 Flatbush Avenue, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Board Member Grace Zwillenberg moved the motion that the Board approve the New SLA license for KG Kids Inc., Old Standard for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member Michelle Sealey seconded the motion. The motion passed with 37 yes, 1 no and 2 abstention votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee also reviewed the application received from RTSM Group LLC, Spread Love & Eat, 9110 Flatlands Avenue, 11236. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 69th Precinct. Chair Carryl moved the motion that the Board approve the New SLA license for RTSM Group for Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member David Price seconded the motion. The motion passed with 41 yes votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the Committee reviewed the applications from China Tokyo Inc., 5908 Avenue N, 11234, S & N Topaze Restaurant Inc., 1875 Utica Avenue, 11234, and Lola's Mexican Cuisine Corp., Lola's, 2101 Flatbush Avenue, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Carryl moved the motion to approve the renewal of SLA licenses for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider at the above restaurants. Board Member David Price seconded the motion. The motion passed with 36 yes, 4 abstention votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application from Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., NONE, 6328 Avenue N, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Carryl moved the motion to approve the renewal SLA license for from Sosaku Japanese Restaurant Inc., NONE, 6328 Avenue N, 11234 for Wine, Beer & Cider. Board Member Paul Curiale seconded the motion. The motion passed with 36 yes, and 2 abstention votes.

The renewal application for Halsey Bar & Grill LLC, NONE, 4404 Avenue H, 11234 for Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider was tabled due to an issue regarding live music where they previously stipulated to not allow live music. Chair Carryl made the motion to table. Board Member Maria Garrett seconded. The motion to table Halsey Bar & Grill passed with 29 yes, 5 abstentions, 1 no vote.

8:41 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman updated the Board on resources addressing gun

violence, wellness and trauma services for victims.

Sabrina Dieujuste, representing Councilmember Farah Louis, provided updates on DSNY and NYPD Town Hall meetings, Amersfort Park dumping, Kings Highway weeding, Avenue H & E. 45th St. bus stop restoration, and the East 80th St. repaving delay. She also discussed efforts to restrict cannabis stores from opening near parks and youth facilities and noted new funding for cameras to deter dumping.

Sgt. Edmond, from Q-Teams, addressed quality of life issues throughout the 69th Pct.

Sharon Long, representing Assemblymember Jaime Williams, discussed community farms and the Assembly Member's reintroduction of the bill restricting Ion-Battery Storage facilities to industrial areas.

Jennifer Horsford, representing Senator Roxanne Persaud, spoke about partnerships with the Canarsie Merchants Association and the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce to promote small businesses.

Alleyna Matthews, representing Councilmember Mercedes Narcisse, shared updates on allocations: \$3.3 million for the creation of a Community Urban Farm at Floyd Bennett Field, \$3.5 million for renovating South Shore High School athletic fields, and \$500,000 for upgrading electrical infrastructure at P.S. 207.

The Canarsie/Kings Plaza Kiwanis Club invited all to join them.

October is Youth Empowerment Month.

H.E.S. Parent Support Group offers bereavement and disability support and suicide awareness programs.

The Montrose Family thanked the Board for approving the co-street naming for their son

Enough-Anti-Gun Violence Organization continues interventions for at-risk youth.

School District 18 hosted a Back-to-School Giveaway and announced afterschool program at P.S. 276.

Man Up-Anti Gun Violence Organization continues intervention efforts for at risk youth.

Canarsie Merchants Association encouraged local shopping, held a clean-up event removing over 36,000 lbs. of garbage, planted along Rockaway Parkway, and completed a new mural in the municipal parking lot.

Brooklyn College Student Volunteers helped beautify 82 gardens along the B82 corridor.

Meeting adjourned at 9:11 pm.

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