

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – MARCH 18, 2026

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

Cassandra Alvarez
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Lisa Callender-Wilson
Jamaal Carryl
Kimberley Coke
Charmaine Corney-Antoine
Donna Mae Crossfield
Paul Curiale
Marie Delus
Nigel Dupree
Denise Gordon
Denise Gourdine
Francesca Griffth
Sara Hendrix

Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Naomi Lehrer
Rob Mazzuchin
Omeil Morgan
David Price
Yolaine Ridore
Michelle Sealey
Akis Sinesi
Julius Stukes
Jennifer Troman
Mike Trotta
Arnelle Williams
Maria Willis
Valerie Woodford

GUESTS:

Sabrina Dieujuste
Alena Matthews
Sharon Long
Jennifer Horsford
Kim Gill
Dalton Robinson
Carol-Ann Church
Calvin Jean
Wandiesha Bell
Jonathan Merable
Eric Peterson
Robert Eardley
Michael Condon
T. Newton

Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D.
Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D.
Representing NYS Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D.
Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Representing Assembly Member Nikki Lucas, 60th A.D.
Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler Waterman 58th A.D.
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Representing NYS Senator Kevin Parker, 21st S.D.
Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance
Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce
NYC Parks Marine Park
NYC Parks
Brooklyn Public Library
The Legal Aid Society

7:06 P.M.

1st Vice Chairperson Greg Borruso called the meeting to order.

7:08 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:10 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

A quorum was present to begin the meeting.

7:12 P.M.

1st Vice Chair Borruso asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on February 25, 2026. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes was unanimous.

7:13 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

1st Vice Chair Greg Borruso introduced Wandiesha Bell of the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps., who provided a presentation on its nonprofit, volunteer-based emergency medical services. Ms. Bell outlined its volunteer programs and public safety initiatives as Bedford-Stuyvesant Ambulance Corps. is seeking a Letter of Support to expand their services into Community Board 18's Canarsie and East Flatbush neighborhoods. She cited their quick response time of 3-5 minutes, and unlike 911, they can transport to the hospital of choice. They also offer youth programs which features life-saving training that can lead to careers in the medical field. A motion to give the Bedford-Stuyvesant Volunteer Ambulance Corps. a Letter of Support to expand their services into Canarsie and East Flatbush was made by Board Member Barbara Bieber and seconded by Board Member Julius Stukes. The vote was unanimous.

7:23 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

MARCH 2026 MEETING

Thank you to our community organizations and our elected officials for providing so many free and informative events for all of the residents in CB18. I'm always happy to represent CB18 at these events.

IN & AROUND COMMUNITY BOARD 18

- Thank you to the Black Institute for an informational session on Poison Parks addressing the pesticides issue.
- MaCauley Honors College at CUNY Baruch CityArts Project would like to help beautify public spaces with a mural. If you know of any area that can use an inviting mural in CB18, please give me the location after the meeting or email it to the office.
- A fire broke out in a home on Conklin Ave. in Canarsie spreading to 2 other structures. Several DOB summonses were given including work without a permit and occupancy contrary, which means a building, or part of it is used differently than allowed by its Certificate of Occupancy, such as using a residential space for commercial purposes or unauthorized conversions. The gas was terminated, full vacate order, 6 people injured, Red Cross relocated 10 people.
- DOT approved a traffic signal at the intersection of Ave. T & E. 56th St.
- Temporary Traffic Lane Shifts on E. 76th Street/Paerdegat Ave. North between Flatlands Avenue and Paerdegat 1st Street, to excavate and install the new steel-faced curb, sidewalk, and bike lane. Traffic will be shifted to the opposite lane, flaggers will be on site to direct traffic. This work is scheduled to start Monday, March 23, 2026, and is due to last up to one month. Notifications will be physically distributed today to the affected homes.
- The NYCDOE is proposing to merge Urban Action Academy with High School for Medical Professions located at the old Canarsie High School 1600 Rockaway Pkwy. If this proposal is approved, Urban Action will be combined with the HS will be known as High School for Medical Professions.
- BayView Houses has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places because 69 years ago, BayView was built as post WW2 middle class public housing. Its social & community history along with its architectural layout is the criteria for BayView to take its place as a Historic Place. How does this benefit BayView residents? NYCHA has partnered with MDG Design & Construction, by partnering, the developer receives a tax

credit enabling them to make improvements that NYCHA cannot afford to do and still keep BayView affordable.

CB18 MARCH CABINET MEETING

B82/SBS – Sewer construction along Flatlands Avenue will temporarily close down the bus stop at East 58th St. for approximately 2-3 weeks.

63rd Pct. – Older adult scams on the rise. Next Precinct Council Meeting March 25th.

PARKS DEPT. – Now that snow removal is done, gearing up for parks clean-up, painting and planting.

DOT – Overhead lamp repaired on off ramp at 11N near Flatbush Ave.

DOB – Checking construction complaint on E. 96th St. of falling debris.

DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH – Welcomed a new Commissioner. Following complaints through our office a home in Canarsie housing challenged people was investigated by the Dept of Health. The home is not certified and was turned over to 988 for further investigation.

DONALD CRANSTON, REPRESENTING ASSEMBLYMEMBER JAIME WILLIAMS – The Assemblymember traveled from Albany to a rally against gun violence after a shooting on Avenue L. The Assemblymember, along with Senator Persaud and Assemblymember Monique Chandler-Waterman have funded the anti-gun violence organization Enough to help combat gun violence in the area.

TAMESHA STRONG, REPRESENTING SENATOR ROXANNE PERSAUD – The Senator will be hosting an OATH event for residents that received summonses.

ASAAD BELL, ASSEMBLYMEMBER NIKKI LUCAS – Assemblymember Lucas along with Cong. Hakeem Jeffries, will be holding their annual Older Adult Easter Hat Pageant.

GOOD & WELFARE

Condolences to Board Member Maria Garrett and her family on the passing of her mother. Once arrangements are final, we will share them with the Board Members

Happy Birthday to our State Senator Roxanne Persaud

This is National Women's History Month – Kudos to all of our dedicated Community Board women and staff. Thank you for being an integral part of CB18

Wearin' of the Green, St Patrick is one of Ireland's patron saints and many Americans with Irish ancestry remember him on March 17 with a parade and celebrations

Eid al-Fitr, meaning "Festival of Breaking the Fast," celebrates the end of Ramadan wishing peace and happiness

As March slowly winds down, we look forward to Spring and warmer days to enjoy the April holidays of Passover and Easter

Please remember to check your emails for bk18 correspondence

7:32 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Price

Treasurer David Price reported on the remaining Community Board funds of \$18,500.00. The 5 events proposed to the Board Members from the Budget Committee are as follows- \$5,000 for the Community Baby Shower, \$4,500 for Family Skate Night & BBQ, \$4,000 for Older Adult Summer BBQ, \$3,000 for supplies for the Carol Pino Learning Farm, and \$2,000 for the End of the Fiscal Year. A motion was made by Treasurer David Price to approve the expenditure of the remaining funds allocated to various committees approved project. The motion was seconded by Board Member Cassandra Alvarez. The vote was unanimous

7:37 P.M.

AD HOC LANDMARKS & STREET CO-NAMING COMMITTEE -Chairperson Akis Sinesi

The Committee met to review the applications for the following Co-street naming honors:

Co-street naming of the Northeast corner of East 68th Street and Avenue U as “Audrey Durst Way”

Motion made by Board Member Akis Sinesi and seconded by Board Member David Price and was approved with a vote of 29 yes and 1 abstention

Co-street naming of the Northeast corner of Avenue N and Schenectady Avenue as “Fred P. Wilken Way”

Motion made by Board Member Akis Sinesi and seconded by Board Member David Price and was approved with a vote of 28 yes and 2 abstentions

Co-street naming of the Northeast corner of East 59th Street and Avenue N as “John Linder “Landis” Way”

Motion made by Board Member Akis Sinesi and seconded by Board Member David Price and was approved with a vote of 28 yes and 2 abstentions

Co-street naming of the Northwest corner of East 33rd Street and Quentin Road as “Gianna Gambino Way”

Motion made by Board Member Akis Sinesi and seconded by Board Member David Price and was approved with a vote of 29 yes and 1 abstention.

7:58 P.M.

PARKS REPORT -Chairperson Paul Curiale

The Parks Committee will be celebrating National Pickleball Month with 2 Pickleball Lesson events. May is National Bike Riding Month, the Parks Committee will be hosting a bike riding tour throughout Community Board 18.

8:04 P.M.

ELECTED OFFICIAL REPRESENTATIVES

Jennifer Horseford, Representing Senator Roxanne Persaud provided information on the Senator’s support of NYC One House which protects families and human service workers and critical workers addressing fair funding.

Sharon Long, Representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams. The Assembly Member traveled from Albany to attend a Press conference in Canarsie after a mass shooting and is continuing resources to help battle gun violence. She has introduced a bill for a Dept. of Conservation study of Jamaica Bay. She is also providing Free swim classes for children, which is an important investment for the youth in our community.

Carol-Ann Church, Representing Borough President Antonio Reynoso invited everyone to 2 events, a Town Hall Involving Communities and the Borough President’s State of the Borough Address.

Calvin Jean, Representing Senator Kevin Parker provided information on their Prom Dress giveaway, HEAP assistance and shredding event.

Kim Diller, Representing Assembly Member Nikki Lucas provided information for support of both the TAP Program and their expansion for graduate programs and the 2-year moratorium on gas and electric prices.

Dalton Robinson, Representing Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman provided information on the bill the Assembly Member introduced for Day Care licensing renewals from 4 years to 6 years.

Sabrina Dejuiste, Representing Council Member Farah Louis updated information on potholes as a result of the snowstorms. The Council Member is organizing a meeting with the Phillip Howard tenants on the maintenance increase issue.

Alena Matthews, Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse. The Council Member has proposed signage for curbing dogs and picking up waste. Also, video surveillance cameras to be placed at schools.

8:28 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Legal Aid Society - celebrating 150 years with a street fair in downtown Brooklyn.

HES – Partnered with Super Steward and Earth Stewards for a neighborhood clean-up and tree maintenance. Financial Conversation and March Madness Basketball Game.

CB18 – Community Baby Shower update.

Delta Sigma Sorority – Know Your Rights, Immigration Information.

Local Library updates.

Sesame Flyers – SYEP updates and deadline.

Canarsie Merchants Association – Small Business grants available, Commercial vacancies along Rockaway Parkway and Avenue L corridor, planting and cleaning up Canarsie.

Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce – Small Business Services update.

Enough – Violence Prevention Program offering food pantry, mentorships, tech labs and more to set youth on the right path.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm.

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