

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – APRIL 15, 2026

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

Johnny Arcenteles
Felina Backer
Barbara Bieber
Greg Borruso
Roosevelt Boursiquot
Gardy Brazela
Jamaal Carryl
Kimberley Coke
Charmaine Corney-Antoine
Paul Curiale
Gil Cygler
Marie Delus
Stanley Delva
Nigel Dupree
Maria Garrett
Sara Hendrix

Tomas Hernandez, Jr.
Naomi Hopkins
Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Naomi Lehrer
Rob Mazzuchin
Omeil Morgan
Doodley Plaisival
Yolaine Ridore
Akis Sinesi
Christopher Smith
Julius Stukes
Jennifer Troman
Sharene
Williams
Maria Willis
Valerie Woodford

GUESTS:

Hasina Islam
Karen Davis
Mariam Khan
Teresa Cunningham
Elba Melendez
Hon. Monique Chandler Waterman
Jennifer Richardson-Hebert
Eric Peterson
Sharon Long
Linda Steinmuller
Tanisha Johnson
Alena Matthews
Hon. Farah Louis
Sabrina Dieujuste
Maryam Said
Sgt. Daniel Edmond

Brooklyn Public Library
Representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D.
Representing Yvette Clarke,
NYC Department of Sanitation (DSNY)
CERT
Assembly Member, 58th A.D.
Rep. Assembly Member Monique Chandler Waterman 58th A.D.
NYC Parks
Representing NYS Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D.
Canarsie Courier
Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D.
Council Member, 46th C.D.
Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D.
HES
69th Precinct

7:03 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins called the meeting to order.

7:05 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:08 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

A quorum was present to begin the meeting.

7:12 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on March 18, 2026. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes was unanimous.

7:13 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced Teresa Cunningham of the NYC Department of Sanitation. Ms. Cunningham reminded everyone that June 1, 2026, is the deadline for purchasing official NYC trash bins for owners of one- to nine-family dwellings. These bins feature attached fastening lids, the Sanitation logo, and a bar that allows them to be lifted into sanitation trucks by tipper. The official NYC trash bins can be purchased at Home Depot. Residents who are eligible for reimbursement through the STAR Program should keep their receipt and visit the Department of Finance website to complete the reimbursement form. Paper, cardboard, bottles, plastics, and compost may continue to be disposed of in regular garbage bins, provided the bins have lids and the appropriate identifying decals. Ms. Cunningham also advised residents to place their address on their new bins to help prevent theft.

7:18 P.M.

GUEST PRESENTATION

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced Elba Melendez of C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team), who explained that CERT volunteers assist first responders during disasters and emergency situations. Whether responding to flooding, severe storms, traffic control needs, or building evacuations, CERT volunteers are specially trained to provide support. As part of their training, volunteers participate in simulations involving subway evacuations and fire emergencies. CERT members serve as secondary responders, helping victims as well as supporting the NYPD, FDNY, and other city agencies during emergencies. Residents interested in becoming a CERT volunteer or scheduling a CERT presentation may contact CB18 for additional information.

Council Member Farah Louis, 45th C.D. greeted attendees and spoke about the city budget and ongoing community projects. She stated that she does not support the proposed property tax increase, noting that it would be devastating to the community. Council Member Louis also announced that the preliminary FY 2027 city budget has been completed. In addition, Council Member Louis was pleased to report that her resolution designating March 24 as Women & Women of Color in Tech Day was successfully passed.

7:23 P.M.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Naomi Hopkins

Good evening, everyone.

I want to begin by thanking our First Vice Chair, Greg Boruso, and Second Vice Chair, Maria Garrett, for consistently stepping in and holding things down when I'm not available. Your leadership and reliability do not go unnoticed, and I truly appreciate you both.

And of course, David—you do your job, and you do it well. It makes a difference.

Before I continue, I want to acknowledge the passing of Roderick Daley, Chair of Community Board 17. We extend our deepest condolences to his family, colleagues, and all those who knew and worked with him. His service to the community is recognized, and he will be remembered.

It's a privilege to serve alongside board members who are dedicated to this work. But with that said, dedication has to be more than a sentiment—it has to show up in our actions. That's why we are implementing attendance tracking twice. If we are serious about serving this community, then we have to be serious about showing up.

We all have term limits. Our time here is not indefinite. That means we have a responsibility to maximize the time we *do* have to do meaningful, impactful work for the community.

I also want to take a moment—although a bit late—to acknowledge Women's History Month. I am incredibly fortunate to be supported by an exceptional staff of women: Gail, Dorothy, and Sue Ann.

They are the backbone of this operation. They take their roles seriously, and because of that, they make it possible for all of us as board members to truly function as volunteers. I personally have a full-time job, and their consistency, professionalism, and commitment make my role—and all of our roles—manageable.

So, to each of you: thank you. Your work matters, and it does not go unnoticed.

Let's continue to show up, stay focused, and make the most of the time we have to serve.

7:30 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

APRIL 2026 MEETING

HAPPY TAX DAY EVERYONE OR MAYBE NOT SO HAPPY

There's always good news and free events here in Community Board 18. A big thank you to our Elected Officials Senator Roxanne Persaud, Assembly Member Jaime Williams and Council Members Mercedes Narcisse and Farah Louis for hosting Easter Egg Hunts and Family Fun Days.

As always, we appreciate all our Civic Associations, Community Councils and local organizations for providing informative meetings and events for all of the residents in CB18. I'm always happy to represent CB18.

IN & AROUND COMMUNITY BOARD 18

- After much back and forth with DOT, a bus shelter was installed in front of TD Bank at Flatlands and Remsen Ave. and the bus stop bench at Kings Highway and Flatbush has been restored.
- Many of the streets in Marine Park were milled and will be paved tomorrow. There is a 3-4 week wait between milling & paving.
- There will be a Full Roadway Closure at 850 East 59th Street which is the Paerdegat Library on May 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th for the purpose of knuckle boom operations to lift and hoist materials.
- There will be drone flights from April 17th - April 30th at Four Sparrow Marsh on Flatbush Ave. & Belt Parkway to obtain imagery for environmental monitoring and data collection. These operations were approved and permits issued by NYPD.

GOOD & WELFARE

Congratulations to our Chair Naomi Hopkins on being named in City & State's 2026 Who's Who In Government Relations as a notable figure influencing policy and spending in New York.

Hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful holiday with family and friends. Now it's back to the business of CB18. Please respond when you receive an email for a committee meeting. Presenters are coming here with information for our committee members, who in turn will come before the full Board and pass that information

on so that our members can make an educated vote. If committee members don't show up, our Public Hearings are in jeopardy.

7:38 P.M.

PARKS REPORT - Chairperson Paul Curiale

The Parks Committee will be celebrating Pickleball Month with two upcoming events. The first event will take place this coming Saturday at Breukelen Park, located behind the school. The second event will be held the following Saturday at 2:00 PM in Bergen Beach. The Committee is currently planning a bike ride in recognition of Bike Month. While the schedule has not yet been finalized or published, the tentative date for the event is Sunday, May 31st. In addition, the Committee will be hosting a Family Skate Night on June 26th, along with other upcoming events.

7:45 P.M.

SLA & CANNABIS COMMITTEE – Jamaal Carryl, Chairperson

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received – Vote

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

- BKLYN Diner Inc., Brooklyn Café Eatery, 5922 Avenue N – 11234

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

- Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Le Chai, 1904 Utica Avenue – 11234
- Ruan New Star Inc., Ruan New Star Inc., 2210 Flatbush Avenue – 11234

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

- Shake Shack New York LLC, Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza, Space 0165 – 11234

Chair Jamaal Carryl acknowledged that representatives of the establishments listed on the evening's agenda were present.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received BKLYN Diner Inc., Brooklyn Café Eatery, 5922 Avenue N, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Jamaal Carryl moved the motion that the Board approve the New SLA Application license for BKLYN Diner Inc., Brooklyn Café Eatery, 5922 Avenue N, 11234, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. The motion passed with 29 yes votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Le Chai, 1904 Utica Avenue, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Jamaal Carryl moved the motion that the Board table the Renewal Application SLA license for Embers BKLYN of NY Hospitality LLC, Le Chai, 1904 Utica Avenue, 11234, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider based on concerns raised by surrounding residents, numerous community complaints, complaints reported by the Police Department, and the applicant's failure to appear before the Board when requested to address these issues. The Board will allow the applicant to appear at next month's Board meeting, scheduled for May 20, 2026, to address these concerns. The motion to table passed with 29 yes votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from Ruan New Star Inc., Ruan New Star Inc., 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Jamaal Carryl moved the motion that the Board approve the Renewal Application SLA license for Ruan New Star Inc., Ruan New Star Inc., 2210 Flatbush Avenue, 11234, Liquor, Wine, Beer & Cider. The motion passed with 29 yes votes.

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from Shake Shack New York LLC, Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza, Space 0165, 11234. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 63rd Precinct. Chair Jamaal Carryl moved the motion that the Board

approve the Renewal Application SLA license for Shake Shack New York LLC, Shake Shack, 5100 Kings Plaza, Space 0165, 11234, Wine, Beer & Cider. The motion passed with 26 yes, 2 no, and 1 Abstention votes.

2. Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Premise License Application Received – Vote

NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ADULT-USE RETAIL DISPENSARY PREMISES LICENSE

- Anwor Munassar, Amsterdam PPC LLC, Home of Cannabis, 1412 Rockaway Parkway – 11236

Chair Carryl stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application received from Anwor Munassar, Amsterdam PPC LLC, Home of Cannabis, 1412 Rockaway Parkway, 11236. The Board notified the local elected officials, civic associations, and the 69th Precinct. Chair Jamaal Carryl moved the motion that the Board deny the New Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Premise License Application for Anwor Munassar, Amsterdam PPC LLC, Home of Cannabis, 1412 Rockaway Parkway, 11236 based on concerns regarding the applicant's proposed late hours of operation, the proximity of the establishment to multiple schools and houses of worship, and the proposed delivery hours. The motion passed with 13 no, 10 yes, and 3 abstention votes.

Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D., informed the Board of the passing of long-time Community Board 17 Chairman Rodrick "Ruddie" Daley. She announced that her State of the District event will be held on Saturday, April 18, at IS 66. She also shared information about a food giveaway she's sponsoring at Holy Family, taking place tomorrow, April 16, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. In partnership with Assemblywoman Jaime Williams, Assembly Member Chandler-Waterman announced a free summer swimming program for youth at the Hebrew Educational Society (HES), as well as a free summer camp for children at Kingsborough Community College. She also discussed legislation she is sponsoring that would extend childcare provider licenses for up to six years. The purpose of the bill is to reduce administrative burdens and compliance costs for childcare programs to expand the availability of childcare for families. In addition, she mentioned her Anti-Violence Initiative.

8:17 PM

SANITATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE – Julius Stukes, Chair Pro Tem

Chair Pro Tem Julius Stukes informed the Board that the Sanitation & Environment Committee met with NYC PaintCare, on opportunities to partner with the program and host a paint recycling event within CB18. The presentation outlined how PaintCare facilitates the safe collection and recycling of unused paint, helping to reduce hazardous waste and promote environmental sustainability. The proposed partnership would provide residents with a convenient and responsible way to dispose of paint products while supporting broader citywide efforts to improve waste management and protect the environment. The Committee is currently exploring the municipal parking lot located at Rockaway Parkway and Glenwood Road as a potential site for the event. The Committee also discussed potential logistics, site feasibility, and community outreach strategies. Further planning and coordination will be required before moving forward, and additional details will be shared as planning progresses.

8:24 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Brooklyn Public Library provided information about the library's "Invite a Friend" campaign, which encourages residents to invite friends to sign up for a Brooklyn Public Library card and receive BPL swag. Also, all Brooklyn Public Library branches serve as cooling centers.

Sharon Long, representing Assembly Member Jaime Williams, echoed the information expressed earlier by Assembly Member Monique Chandler-Waterman. She also shared information on several initiatives and issues the Assembly Member is currently working on, including auto insurance reform, climate legislation, tax reform, and the state budget. In addition, she provided office information and hours.

Alena Matthews, representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse of the 46th C.D., shared information on upcoming events, including the office's 1st Annual Prom Dress Giveaway and an upcoming food giveaway.

Sign up for the H.E.S. free Water Safety and Learn-to-Swim Program for youth ages 5–12, which begins in May. Also, information was provided on volunteer opportunities that include a "Flooding 101 & Rain Garden Cleanup" event from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on April 26.

Concerns about a rumored men's homeless shelter reportedly being developed on E. 108th Street was addressed by 2nd Vice Chair Maria Garrett. She invited residents and concerned community members to a meeting on Saturday, April 25, at the Jamaica Bay Library Branch from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. to discuss. She added that the property owner has not come to the community or Community Board to provide info. Chair Naomi Hopkins explained, if this is a homeless shelter, the City is not required to provide advance notice to the community if a contract is awarded.

The organization, Enough, shared that they will host a food pantry tomorrow from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and noted that the pantry is held every first and third Thursday of the month. The community is encouraged to attend for free fresh food and produce. Enough will host a Family Fun Day on April 19th.

The Street Co-naming for Christian Josiah Montrose will be held on May 9 at E. 104th Street and Avenue K at 3:00 p.m. The family expressed their gratitude to the Board for all their support.

Karen Davis, representing State Senator Roxanne Persaud, 19th S.D., greeted everyone and shared information on upcoming events.

Chair Naomi Hopkins asked Secretary Barbara Bieber to take a roll call and attendance.

Chair Naomi Hopkins announced that the 2026 Nominating Committee has been set, and all selected members have accepted their roles. The committee consists of Gil Cygler, Tomas Hernandez, Christopher Smith, Donnamae Crossfield, Francesca Griffith, Cassandra Alvarez, and Mike Trotta. These members represent various areas within CB 18. Anyone interested in running for office is encouraged to contact the Nominating Committee through the office or reach out to them directly with a resume.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm.

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