

COMMUNITY BOARD #18 MINUTES – REGULAR MEETING – JUNE 17, 2026

COMMUNITY BOARD MEMBERS ATTENDANCE

Felina Backer	Kenny Jean-Baptiste
Alan Bash	Naomi Hopkins
Barbara Bieber	Rob Mazzuchin
Gardy Brazela	Mark Pohl
Keisha Burrell	David Price
Lisa Callender-Wilson	Yolaine Ridore
Jamaal Carryl	Michael Scott
Charmaine Corney-Antoine	Michelle Sealey
Donna Mae Crossfield	Frank Seddio
Paul Curiale	Akis Sinesi
Gil Cygler	Raphael Treitel
Marie Delus	Jennifer Troman
Nigel Dupree	Arnelle Williams
Denise Gordon	Sharene Williams
Denise Gourdine	Maria Willis
Francesca Griffith	Valerie Woodford
Tomas Hernandez, Jr.	

GUESTS:

Kevin Alfonso	Supercrisp NY
Roberto Fatone	Supercrisp NY
Rhicennan Woitowitz	NYC DDC
Diana Minchala	NYC DDC
Ludmilla Kavaliova	NYC DDC
Yolanda Velasquez	NYC DDC
Stanley Zhao	NYC DOT
Maria Cruz	NYC DOT
Christina Armieri	Brooklyn Public Library
Jeff Traiiman	Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar
Pierre Brunache	Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge LLC
Linda Steinmuller	Canarsie Courier
Mariam Khan	Representing Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, 9 th C.D.
Tanisha Johnson	Representing Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
Robert Eardley	NYC Parks
Calvin Jean	Representing Senator Kevin Parker, 21 st S.D.
Sabrina Dieujuste	Representing Council Member Farah Louis, 45 th C.D.
Hon. Mercedes Narcisse	Council Member, 46 th C.D.
Alena Matthew	Representing Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46 th C.D.
Maryam Said	Hebrew Educational Society (HES)
Hon. Monique Chandler-Waterman	Assembly Member, 58 th A.D.

7:00 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins called the meeting to order.

7:02 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance

7:04 P.M.

REGULAR MEETING

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins introduced the Executive Committee.

7:05 P.M.

PUBLIC HEARING

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE REPORT– Gil Cygler, Chairperson

Gil Cygler, Chair of the Transportation Committee introduced The New York City Department of Design and Construction (DDC) design team who provided a presentation and question and answer period on Project ID HWKAVEJ81, the reconstruction of Avenue J and East 81st Street. Chairperson Hopkins moved that Community Board 18 provide a letter of support for the reconstruction of Avenue J and East 81st Street. Board Member Valerie Woodford made the motion, and Board Member Maria Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried with 20 votes in favor, 2 votes against, and 3 abstentions.

7:36 P.M.

Former Congressman Ed Towns made a surprise visit to CB18 and addressed all present.

7:41 P.M.

EXECUTIVE SESSION– Rob Mazzuchin, Member of the Nominating Committee

Rob Mazzuchin explained that the CB18 Nominating Committee met and voted on the 2026-2027 slate of Executive Officers. They nominated Naomi Hopkins, Chairperson, Greg Borruso, 1st Vice Chair, Maria Garrett, 2nd Vice Chair, Barbara Bieber, Secretary & David Price, Treasurer. Board Member Mark Pohl made a motion to accept the slate and Board Member Maria Garrett seconded the motion. Secretary Barbara Bieber cast one vote in favor of the proposed slate.

7:45 P.M.

CHAIRPERSONS REPORT – Naomi Hopkins greeted everyone and discussed the importance of attending meetings since a quorum is needed for voting purposes and noted that members have not been prioritizing attendance at meetings. She explained the responsibility that accompanies Community Board appointments.

7:57 P.M.

DISTRICT MANAGER'S REPORT – Sue Ann Partnow

JUNE 2026 MEETING

A big shout out to our elected officials Senator Roxanne Persaud & Kevin Parker, Assembly Members Jaime Williams, Monique Chandler-Waterman & Nikki Lucas, Council Members Mercedes Narcisse, Farah Louis & Chris Banks, who brought us so many free and informative events. We also need to recognize our Civic Associations, Community Councils, and local organizations for their dedication to our CB18 residents.

IN & AROUND COMMUNITY BOARD 18

- The speed bump on E. 54th St. between Aves. H & I, has been reinstalled and is ready for markings
- The green fence around the property at Veterans Ave., E. 70th and 71st St was taken down and is being replaced due to holes and corroding wood.

- The SkyZone trampoline park that was originally slated for E. 69th St. may not be coming to the neighborhood
- NYC Parks is hosting a Tree Counting event in Marine Park on Saturday, June 27th. Trees count is the largest participatory event in NYC Parks History. You will receive a tote bag with all materials and a quick training session. If you are interested, call the CB18 office for the Link to sign up
- Tomorrow, CB18 along with Millennium Development will be hosting an Older Adult/Senior BBQ from 4-7 at Temple Shalom E. 68th St. & Ave. U, we can always use Board volunteers.
- Next Friday, June 26th CB18 along with Millennium Development will be hosting Family Skate Night at the Malone Center on Bergen Ave. Please check our website and look at events for all that's happening in CB18.

CB18 JUNE CABINET MEETING

DOT – Recorded complaints from elected official's offices.

DDC-GATEWAY PROJECT – Flatlands Ave. corners restoration complete. New chain link fence installation on E. 76th St. in progress, pavement markings begin next week, and trench restoration and road restoration also begins next week. E. 76th ST. will remain a 2-way street from Paerdegat 1st St. to Flatlands Ave. Project completion date is Fall 2026.

DOB – will have staff at Brooklyn College's West Quad Building on August 2nd from 9:30 am – 4:30 pm to satisfy violations and prevent building issues.

HEALTH DEPT. – Addressing unsanitary issues at 9904 Glenwood Road.

DONALD CRANSTON, REPRESENTING ASSEMBLY MEMBER JAIME WILLIAMS – Assembly Member Williams co-signed a bill that was passed to change using mother and father to gestating and non-gestating parents. \$1 billion in the state budget for tier 6. Upcoming events

MARIYA MARHK, REPRESENTING ASSEMBLY MEMBER KALMAN YEGER – Same legislation

MILLENNIUM – After school programs end on June 18th. Kayaking fun flyer will be out next week

GOOD & WELFARE

Happy Father's Day to all the dads, grandpas, uncles, dads to be, stepdads and father figures, have a great day.

Congratulations to Alan Bash on his son's Bar Mitzvah

Congratulations to Barbara Bieber's granddaughter on being awarded all county for being the youngest varsity flag football player. She also received most valuable player.

Board Members please check the Bk18 emails for our year end gathering and RSVP by Monday.

The CB18 office is open during the Summer but there are no meetings during July and August. Our next meeting is Wednesday, September 16th. Have a relaxing and enjoyable Summer.

8:00 P.M.

59th A.D. District Leader Frank Seddio discussed the importance of being a Community Board Member

8:10 P.M.

TREASURER'S REPORT – David Price, Treasurer,

After reviewing purchase orders, and payment requests provided by the office, Fiscal Year 2026's remaining budget was approximately \$40,000, of which \$20,000 was allocated for board programming and community events. The other half was allocated for office operations. The remaining \$1,500 will be used for the CB18 Back-to-School Event for bookbags, pencils, pens, and other items.

8:17 P.M.

SLA & CANNABIS COMMITTEE – Akis Sinesi, Co-Chair

1. State Liquor Authority Applications Received - Vote

NEW APPLICATIONS FOR AN ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE FOR WINE, BEER & CIDER:

- Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, Chipotle Mexican Grill #3265, 2179 Ralph Avenue – 11234
- Daphney Stephen, Thai Me Up Speakeasy, 3323 Avenue I – 11210

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

- Chloe's NYC LLC, Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge LLC, 9413 Avenue L – 11236
- Carlies Corner Corp, N/A, 1778 Ralph Avenue – 11234
- Nashlin Stewart, Island Grill Café, 5501 Glenwood Road – 11234
- Hook & Reel Georgetown Inc., Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, 2183B Ralph Avenue – 11234

Co-Chair Sinesi reported that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the following new and renewal SLA/Cannabis applications. Appropriate Precincts, elected officials and civic associations were notified.

- Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC, doing business as Chipotle Mexican Grill #3265, located at 2179 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Co-Chair Sinesi moved that the Board approve the new SLA application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider license for Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado. Board Member Tomas Hernandez, Jr., seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 21 in favor and 1 abstention.
- Chloe's NYC LLC, d/b/a Chloe's Restaurant & Lounge LLC, 9413 Avenue L, Brooklyn, NY 11236; Carlies Corner Corp., 1778 Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234; Nashlin Stewart, d/b/a Island Grill Café, 5501 Glenwood Road, Brooklyn, NY 11234; and Hook & Reel Georgetown Inc., d/b/a Hook & Reel Cajun Seafood & Bar, 2183B Ralph Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11234. Co-Chair Sinesi moved that the Board approve the renewal of SLA applications for Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider licenses for the above-named establishments. Board Member Mark Pohl seconded the motion. The motion was carried by a vote of 22 in favor and 1 abstention.
- Board Chair Naomi Hopkins stated that the Board would not vote on the New SLA application for a Wine, Beer, and Cider license submitted by Daphney Stephen for Thai Me Up Speakeasy, located at 3323 Avenue I, Brooklyn, NY 11210, because the applicant failed to attend the SLA/Cannabis Committee meeting.

Council Member Mercedes Narcisse, 46th C.D., Assembly Member Jaime Williams, 59th A.D., Monique Chandler-Waterman, 58th A.D., greeted everyone and offered updates on events and recent bills.

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

NEW APPLICATION FOR AN ADULT-USE RETAIL DISPENSARY PREMISES LICENSE:

- Roberto Fatone, Supercrisp, 8801 Foster Avenue – 11236
- Co-Chair Sinesi stated that the SLA/Cannabis Committee reviewed the application submitted by Roberto Fatone for Supercrisp, located at 8801 Foster Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11236. Co-Chair Sinesi stated that the committee's approval of the New Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Premises License Application was contingent upon the submission of a final floor plan and a delivery plan. Chair Hopkins questioned the proposed location and their hours of operation. Co-Chair Sinesi responded they met the required distance criteria for churches and schools, and their hours of operation would be 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m., seven days a week. Co-Chair Sinesi moved that the Board approve the New Adult-Use Retail Dispensary Premises License

Application for Supercrisp. The motion was seconded by Board Member David Price. The motion did not carry, with 11 votes in opposition, 10 votes in favor, and 3 abstentions.

8:41 P.M.

Chairperson Naomi Hopkins asked if there were any additions or corrections to the minutes of the meeting held on May 20, 2026. There being none, a motion to accept the minutes was unanimous.

8:42 P.M.

PARKS COMMITTEE – Paul Curiale, Chairperson

Chair Curiale gave updates on the park events sponsored by CB18

8:45 P.M.

Chair Hopkins informed the Board that the Bylaws Committee will be reviewing and updating the CB18 Bylaws.

8:47 P.M.

NEW BUSINESS/OLD BUSINESS

Board Member Akis Sinesi moved that board members who have failed to attend the required Board and committee meetings, in accordance with the Board's By-Laws, be removed as members of Community Board 18. Board Member Akis Sinesi made the motion, and Board Member Maria Willis seconded the motion. The motion carried.

8:52 P.M.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Community concerns about excessive National Grid fees, questions about Ion Lithium Battery Facilities being built in CB18, and if non-Board Members can join Community Board committees were all addressed

Hebrew Educational Society (HES) provided information about programs and upcoming events.

A community resident asked about the bathrooms at Jacob Joffe Park, located on East 58th Street.

Inquiry about privatizing parking spaces in front of residents' homes and concerns about raccoons.

The organization Enough shared information about their food pantry.

The Flossy Group thanked the Board on behalf of the Montrose family for its support in securing the street co-naming for their son Christian.

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm.

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