

Brooklyn Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225

Economic Development Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2025

Attendance (Board Members): Vanessa Raptopoulos; Rohaan Menon; Joyce Williams

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Bruce Kirton; Willa Thompson

Absent (Board Members): Volney Joseph

Absent (Committee Resident Members): None

Guests: Lisa Etienne

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to Order
2. Approved November minutes
3. Reviewed To-Do list for Business Owner Mixer
 - a. Rohaan created two documents for printing:
 - i. A game previously approved by the committee.
 - ii. An updated flyer for the Small Business guide.
 - b. Vanessa created a sign-in document for the event.
 - c. The committee agreed that Lisa and Rohaan would be checking event attendees in at the door.
 - d. Everyone discussed their roles for individual outreach, and the board received nine RSVPs for the event.
4. Business Owner Mixer Run of Show
 - a. 6:00 - 6:30 PM: Guests arrival.
 - b. 6:30 - 6:45 PM:
 - i. Introduction to Brooklyn Community Board 9.
 - ii. Brief presentation on the planned scavenger hunt.
 - iii. Invitation for attendees to join future Economic Development Committee meetings.
 - iv. Discussion of district needs.
 - v. Attendees are encouraged to add ideas to the CB9 “District Needs” poster board.
 - c. 7:00 – 8:00 PM: Game activity begins and attendees mingle.
5. Goals for the Business Owner Mixer
 - a. Encourage attendees to connect and build relationships.
 - b. Introduce and promote a WhatsApp channel for Rogers Avenue communication.
 - c. Provide an overview of the Economic Development Committee and its work.

- d. Introduce the concept of the upcoming spring scavenger hunt.
- 6. Follow Up
 - a. After the event, Lisa will draft a follow-up email to all attendees, including:
 - i. A thank you message.
 - ii. Additional resources and information.
 - iii. A teaser for the spring scavenger hunt.
- 7. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.