

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2025
Middle School 61
400 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, NY 11225
6:30 PM
Livestream - CB 9 YouTube

PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting

- Chairman of the Brooklyn Community Board 9, Fred Baptiste called the meeting to order at 6:39 p.m. The Chair invited the Executive Committee members to share who they were and their position on the Committee/Board.
- Chair Baptiste read the Rules of Order for the night’s meeting

2 Committee Chairs Announcements

The following Committee Chairs shared their announcements:

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| a) Parks, Recreation and Culture | Abigail Timm / Chair Nicholas Almonor |
| b) Environmental Protection | Kendall Christiansen - Chair |
| c) Economic Development | Vanessa Raptopoulos – Chair |
| d) Land Use/ULURP | Suwen “Suki” Cheong - Chair |
| e) Transportation | Ethan Norville |

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION: None

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

<i>Katrina</i>	Office of the Brooklyn Borough President
<i>Paurcha Edwards</i>	Senator Myrie’s Office
<i>Lisa Desir</i>	Councilwoman Darlene Maly’s Office

BUSINESS SESSION:

Chair Fred Baptiste, of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order with the Roll Call at approximately 6:39 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	<i>EXC= Excused</i>	
1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul	X	26	Marcia Maxwell	A
2	Nicolas Almonor	A	27	Vanya Mayers	X
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	28	Rohaam Menon	X
4	Solange Benjamin	A	29	Zlati Mochkin	X
5	Catherine Buccello	X	30	Ethan Norville	X
6	Joanna Carr	X	31	Denzel Oduro	A
7	Suwen "Suki" Cheong	X	32	Isaiah Peacou	X
8	Kendall Christainsen	X	33	Hasaan Qazi	A
9	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	34	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
10	Nicole Soul Creary	X	35	Felice Robertson	X
11	Max Roland Davidson	X	36	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
12	Brittney Ellington		37	Melissa Severe	A
13	Lisa Etienne	X	38	Emily Smith	
14	Vadim Gaboys	A	39	Bakary Tandia	X
15	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	A	40	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
16	Shaunya Hartley	X	41	Abigail Timm	X
17	Rod Herbert	A	42	Debbie Timothy	X
18	Drew Johnson	A	43	Twyla Ware	
19	Volney Joseph	X	44	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
20	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	45	Dawn Welters	X

21	Mayna Legoute	X	46	Theresa Westerdahl	X
22	Francisca Leopold	A	47	Joyce Williams	X
23	Christian Loubeau	A	48	Lorianne Wolseley	A
24	Andrew Magnus	X	49	Steve Zeltser	A
25	Letwine Mavima	X			

@ Roll Call 32 members were present with 17 members absent.

A quorum was met

Final attendance Totals: 46 Present: 29 Absent: 17 Removed: 3

2. Approval of the November 2025 General Board Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the November 2025 meetings was accepted on a vote of common consent with no objections.

3. District Manager's Report:

Public Notices

- Eastern Parkway Library's upcoming closure at the end of business on November 22, 2025, for a comprehensive renovation that is expected to take three years. Some library services have been relocated to the Crown Heights Library.
- Brooklyn Community Board applications are LIVE. The deadline to apply is Feb 6th and will not be extended. Link is on our website on the news tab.
- OMNY CARD - Metrocard is expiring Dec 31, 2025, and you will no longer be able to load funds onto Metrocards.
- [The People's Money](#) is a citywide participatory budgeting (PB) process where New Yorkers decide how to spend part of the city's budget to help communities thrive. This process happens every year and is open to all New Yorkers. Submission opened on October 15th. Voting for the generated ideas will take place in the spring.
- On Parkside Avenue between Nostrand and New York Avenues, there will be a full road closure for work Monday – Friday, 9AM – 4PM, Saturday, 8AM – 4PM until December 27th.
- MTA – Elevators will be out of service at the Prospect Park (Q, B) & Utica (3,4) stations for approximately 8 months for ADA accessibility upgrades.
- Demolition notice received for 680 Winthrop Street.
- DOT completed the requested study and are pleased to inform us a traffic signal has been approved at the intersection of Classon and Union Street with installation excepting to take up to 6 months.

Public Hearings

- DCWP: The Department of Consumer and Worker Protection is proposing to amend its rules to clarify legitimate (bona fide) restaurant service charges and to clarify restaurant labor-oriented surcharges. The public hearing will take place at 11:00 AM on December 10, 2025. The public hearing will be accessible by phone and videoconference. To

participate in the public hearing via phone, please dial +1 646-893-7101; Phone conference ID: 496 882 160#; Meeting Link: <https://tinyurl.com/7ryjw6va> . You can email comments to Rulecomments@dcwp.nyc.gov .

- DOB: The Department of Buildings is proposing to add a new section 105-07 to Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York to implement Article 507 of Chapter 5 of Title 28 of the New York City Administrative Code, as enacted by Local Law No. 126 of 2024.

Article 507 establishes a pilot program to allow for the safe, temporary occupancy of certain existing basement or cellar apartments while those units are brought into compliance with applicable legal standards. To be eligible, the basement or cellar apartment must have existed before April 20, 2024. Email: dobrates@buildings.nyc.gov ; Meeting Link: <https://events.gcc.teams.microsoft.com/event/392cf694-14b0-4b0e-afc1-a69af54c31bd@32f56fc7-5f81-4e22-a95b-15da66513bef>

- DSNY: The Department of Sanitation (DSNY or the Department) is proposing to amend its rule governing the time for placing solid waste and recyclable materials out at the curb for collection for those that receive collection on Saturdays in Community Boards that choose to opt into this alternate schedule. The public hearing will take place via Microsoft Teams at 9:30AM on January 7, 2026, using the following link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/27249763941486?p=06RHFraVmQ8A7rTFSR>

Meeting ID: 272 497 639 414 86; Passcode: Ev37fJ3H You can email written comments to nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov .

Administrative

- Drop-off site for Jamaica storm
- November 18th Parliamentary procedure training video - requested
- December calendar is condensed.
- January general board will be held at Brooklyn Botanic Garden, 990 Washington Ave.

4. Chairman's Report:

- Applications for the Brooklyn Community Boards, 2026-2028, were opened with the closing date of February 6, 2026
- Conduct of the Board Meeting – for 2026 there will be reviews of the operations of the Boards.
- The structure of the Standing Committees of the Board
- Expectation of changes to the Open Meetings
- Board members attendance at meetings
- Upcoming removal of three board members currently on CB9's Board Members List.

5. Voting Session:

a) BSA Application – Beis Chaya Mushka School – 1505 Carroll Street, Brooklyn NY 11213.

Result of the Vote: Twenty (25) in Favor/For
Two (2) Against/No
Four (4) Abstentions

b) School Safety Brooklyn/Kingston Avenues (Transportation Committee):
Result of the Vote:

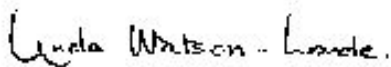
Seventeen (17) in Favor/For
Three (3) Against/No
Ten (10) Abstentions

c) Removal of Board Members (for Non-attendance):
Result of the Vote:

Twenty-nine (29) in Favor/For
One (1) Against

6. New Business: None

7. Adjournment. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned the December 2025 General Board Meeting at 9:25 p.m.



Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
December 2025