

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 17, 2025
P S 161 – The Crown School
330 Crown Street, Brooklyn, NY 11225
7.00 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 Presentation

Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman spoke on the upcoming Utica Crescent Development slated to be built at Winthrop and Rutland Rds, Brooklyn. Applications are available.

3 Application to the New York State Authority

- a. WHP BJ, LLC – 259 Rogers Avenue (President/Carroll Street) Renewal of a liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Eric Woodlin *Jamela Black* *Dr. Anneka Jacobs*
Sarli Rafai *Ahmed Amer*

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Pierre Gedeon *NYC Mayor’s Office*
Kay Azemend *Office of the BBP*
Justin Treman *Hon. Phara S-Forrest*

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.

The Chair thanked the Principal of PS 161 for graciously sharing her professional space with the Community Board 9 to host the November General Board meeting.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	EXC= Excused	
1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul	X	26	Marcia Maxwell	X
2	Nicolas Almonor	X	27	Vanya Mayers	X
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	28	Rohaam Menon	X
4	Solange Benjamin	A	29	Zlati Mochkin	A
5	Catherine Buccello	X	30	Ethan Norville	X
6	Joanna Carr	X	31	Denzel Oduro	X
7	Suwen "Suki" Cheong	X	32	Isaiah Peacou	X
8	Kendall Christainsen	X	33	Hasaan Qazi	A
9	Eve Chavi Cohen	A	34	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
10	Nicole Soul Creary	X	35	Felice Robertson	X
11	Max Roland Davidson	A	36	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
12	Brittney Ellington	A	37	Melissa Severe	A
13	Lisa Etienne	X	38	Emily Smith	X
14	Vadim Gaboys	X	39	Bakary Tandia	A
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	X	43	Twyla Ware	A
19	Volney Joseph	X	44	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
20	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	45	Dawn Welters	X
21	Mayna Legoute	A	46	Theresa Westerdahl	X
22	Francisca Leopold	A	47	Joyce Williams	A

23	Christian Loubeau	X	48	Lorianne Wolseley	A
24	Andrew Magnus	X	49	Steve Zeltser	A
25	Letwine Mavima	A			

@ Roll Call 31 members were present with 18 members absent.

A quorum was met

Final attendance Totals: 49 Present: 30 Absent: 19 Excused: 0

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

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

3. Committee Chair Reports:

The Chairs of the following Committees submitted their meeting’s minutes/reports, which were distributed to the General Membership prior to the Board Meeting:

- a. *Youth Services & Library and Education Committee*
- b. *Transportation*

4. District Manager’s Report:

Public Notices

- 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.
- A pilot program that aims to cut down on package thefts and reduce delivery truck trips, LockerNYC is expanding into our district. The two locations where the lockers will be placed are the following:
 - 867 Nostrand Avenue at Mermaid Fish Market
 - 614 Flatbush Avenue at Chester Pharmacy
 - 393 Lefferts (new location)
- [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.
- Mitchell-Lama Crown Gardens (1185 Carroll Street) has open lotteries for studio, one, two, and three bedroom apartments. We will post the advertisement in the e-blast. Instructions on how to apply are on the notice.
- On November 21 - 24, November 28 - December 1, Friday at 11:30PM to 5AM Monday. There will be NO (Q) between Prospect Park and Stillwell Av. Prospect Parks is the last stop. There will continue to be shuttle service at Prospect Park. View notice [here](#).
- 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 335 Maple Street.

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Public Hearings

- The Commission on Community Reinvestment and Closure of Rikers Island is holding a public hearing tomorrow, November 18th, from 9:30AM – 10:30AM via ZOOM do discuss the equitable reinvestment of savings from the closure of Rikers. You can call in to the hearing at 646-828-7666, enter ID: 1610321906
- DOHMH: The New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene is proposing to repeal and re-enact Chapter 5 of the Title 24 of the Rules of the City of New York (the “RCNY”) to align with amendments to State and local laws that prohibit pet shops from selling or offering for sale dogs, cats or rabbits. This proposed rule also adds provisions governing the prohibition against the sale or offering for sale of guinea pigs pursuant to local law. The public hearing will take place from 10:30AM to 11:30AM on December 5, 2025. You can email written comments to resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov. To participate in the public hearing, please register at this Zoom meeting:
 - <https://health-nyc.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/h1dculjtTQCkxcHxO-h-gA>
 - Meeting ID: 160 729 1279, Passcode: 787300
- Department of Education and School Construction Authority's Proposed November 2025 Amendment to the FY 2025 - 2029 Capital Plan: [FY2025 - 2029 Five Year Capital Plan Proposed November 2025 Plan \(Classic Version\)](#). Community Education Councils will hold public meetings on the Proposed November 2025 Amendment from November through January. If you have any questions, please contact Cora Liu in the SCA Capital Plan Management Department at 718-472-8377.
- DYCD Neighborhood Advisory Boards (08 & 09) will be holding their annual public hearing on Thursday, December 4, from 5:30PM – 7:00PM at Brooklyn Children’s Library (155 Brooklyn Ave) and via ZOOM to hear from residents and stakeholders what programs and services are needed in community. You should also fill out their community needs assessment which informs their advocacy.

Administrative

- Drop-off site for Jamaica storm
- Thanksgiving Events and Giveaways in e-blast
- Tree planting is commencing
- December calendar is condensed. Please check board website.

5. Chairman’s Report:

1. Meeting schedules

- Due to holidays and religious observances, meeting schedules for December have been adjusted and all members were advised to confirm dates on the Board’s calendar.

6. Voting Session:

a) SLA Application:

- a. *WHP BJ, LLC* – 259 Rogers Avenue (President/Carroll Street) Renewal of a liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license.

On a vote of – thirty (30) members in favor; (1) abstentions, the application was accepted by a majority vote.

b) OCM Applications

(i) RYS Garden Convenience, LLC – 1211 Nostrand Avenue and (ii) Don Resources, LLC – 1216 Union Street (Nostrand/Rogers Aves) the vote was in support of a Letter of Objection be sent to the OCM from CB9 Board with all in favor, no objections, no abstentions.

c) Youth Services/Education and Library Committee:

- (i) The Budget for the Career and Job Fair (2026) was accepted with no objections

d) Transportation Committee:

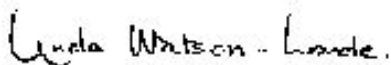
- (i) The Board moved to have the submitted Draft Committee Recommendation on the Kingston-Brooklyn School Safety Recommendation tabled for the next called meeting. The majority was in favor of the motion with one Against and one Abstention.

e) Economics Development Committee Business Mixer:

- (i) The Business Mixer was accepted with all in favor, no objections of abstentions.

7. New Business: None

- 8. Adjournment.** Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned the November 2025 General Board Meeting at 8:42 p.m.



Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
November 2025