

**Brooklyn Community Board 9
General Board Meeting Minutes
Thursday, October 30, 2025**

**Gladstone Atwell MS 61
400 Empire Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York 11225
7:00PM
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 7:16 p.m.
 - Chair Baptiste advised that the Rules of Order are in effect for the meeting
2. **Application to the New York State Authority**
 - a. D’Avenue– 392 Rogers Avenue (Sterling Street/ Empire Blvd) Renewal of a liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license.
 - b. New Era Restaurant

PUBLIC COMMENT

1. Aimee Barton
2. Liona Hartley
3. Rachel Fleischer, Solar One
4. Marcia Cole, St. Mark’s Church

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

1. Alicia Rey-Miller, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso
2. Krista Reilly, Office of NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
3. Aaomi Sai Ling, Office of NYS Assembly Member Brian Cunningham
4. Justin Freeman, Office of NYS Assembly Member Phara Souffrant-Forrest
5. Ayanna Njeri Willams, Office of NYS Council Member Darlene Mealy
6. Marica Cole, St. Marks Church
7. Arna Lipkind, IDCC

BUSINESS SESSION

1. Chair Fred Baptiste, of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order with the Roll Call attendance

		X = Present	A=Absent	<i>EXC= Excused</i>	
1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul	X	26	Letwine Mavima	X

2	Nicolas Almonor	X	27	Marcia Maxwell	X
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	28	Vanya Mayers	X
4	Solange Benjamin	X	29	Rohaam Menon	X
5	Catherine Buccello	A	30	Zlati Mochkin	X
6	Joanna Carr	X	31	Ethan Norville	X
7	Suwen “Suki” Cheong	X	32	Denzel Oduro	A
8	Kendall Christainsen	X	33	Isaiah Peacou	X
9	Jolee Cobb Resigned		34	Hasaan Qazi	A
10	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	35	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X
11	Nicole Soul Creary	X	36	Felice Robertson	X
12	Max Roland Davidson	X	37	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
13	Brittney Ellington	A	38	Melissa Severe	X
14	Lisa Etienne	X	39	Emily Smith	A
15	Vadim Gaboys	X	40	Bakary Tandia	X
16	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	A	41	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
17	Shaunya Hartley	X	42	Abigail Timm	A
18	Rod Herbert	A	43	Debbie Timothy	X
19	Drew Johnson	X	44	Twyla Ware	A
20	Volney Joseph	A	45	Linda Waston-Lorde	EXC
21	Ronisha LaBarrie	A	46	Dawn Welters	X
22	Mayna Legoute	X	47	Theresa Westerdahl	X
23	Francisca Leopold	A	48	Joyce Williams	A
24	Christian Loubeau	A	49	Lorianne Wolseley	A
25	Andrew Magnus	X	50	Steve Zeltser	X

32 Members present; Quorum established

2. Approval of September 2025 Minutes

- a. Approved by Common Consent with one amendment
 - i. Correction of the name Justin Freeman, representative from the Office of NYS Assembly Member Phara Souffrant-Forrest

3. Committee Chair Reports

- a. Ethan Norville, Transportation
 - i. The committee will be holding two sessions to discuss the Kingston Avenue School Safety Project; There will be a public feedback session
- b. Nicolas Almonor, Parks, Recreation and Culture
 - i. CB9 Park Walk Through – Saturday, November 1st at 10am; Will be visiting all parks in the district, community residents are welcome to attend. The meet-up is Dr. Ronald McNair Park.

4. District Manager's Report

- a. 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
- b. A pilot program that aims to cut down on package thefts and reduce delivery truck trips, Locker NYC is expanding into our district. The two locations where the lockers will be placed are the following:
 - i. 867 Nostrand Avenue at Mermaid Fish Market
 - ii. 614 Flatbush Avenue at Chester Pharmacy
- c. OMNY CARD - MetroCard is expiring Dec 31, 2025, and you will no longer be able to load funds onto Metro Cards.
- d. This notice is to advise you of the relocation of DSS-HRA's program offices from 88 3rd Avenue aka 275 Bergen Street in Brooklyn. All program operations will cease by October 31, 2025, and transfer to the new DSS-HRA facility located at 2400 Fulton Street in Brooklyn.
- e. NYC Dept. of Social Services has been informed by the New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance (NYS OTDA) that they do not currently have authorization to distribute November SNAP benefits, and as a result, clients will not see scheduled payments in their ACCESS HRA accounts or on ebtEDGE.
- f. The CB9 District office has physical copies of the paper application for the Utica Crescent Development for the community.

5. Chariman's Report

a. Attendance

- i. Board Members should be making every effort to attend meetings and check the calendar for meeting date changes, contact the district office to confirm your contact information if you are not receiving notices
- b. NYPD – Currently working with the NYPD for better coordination in notifying the public when there are community events that will affect traveling around the district
- c. Parliamentary Procedure Training – Tuesday, November 28th at 6:30pm

6. Voting Items

- a. SLA Applications
 - i. Motion to adopt voting items in one vote via Common Consent
 1. Opposition – Board Members Cheong and Westerdahl
 - ii. Vote via roll call vote
 1. Yes, No: 2 Abs: 1

a. Applications approved

7. New Business

a. None

8. Adjournment

a. Meeting adjourned at 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted,

Mia N. Hilton
Assistant District Manager
October 31, 2025