

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 30, 2025
St. Francis De Sales School for the Deaf
260 Eastern Parkway & Classon Avenue
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 6:42 p.m. The Chair invited the Executive Committee members to introduce. He also allowed the candidates for election to address the community.
- Chair Baptiste read the Rules of Order for the night’s meeting.

2. Application to the New York State Authority

- a. Risbo: 701 Flatbush Avenue (Winthrop/Parkside Ave) – Renewal of a liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Jay Sorid

Cheryl Bernard

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Eli Slavin

Congresswoman Yvette Clarke

Xin-rvi Lee

NYC Independent Budget 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 7:05 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	EXC= Excused	
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	A
4	Solange Benjamin	X	29	Rohaam Menon	A

5	Catherine Buccello	X	30	Zlati Mochkin	X
6	Joanna Carr	X	31	Ethan Norville	X
7	Suwen "Suki" Cheong	X	32	Denzel Oduro	X
8	Kendall Christainsen	A	33	Isaiah Peacou	X
9	Jolee Cobb	A	34	Hasaan Qazi	A
10	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	35	Vanessa Raptopoulos	A
11	Nicole Soul Creary	X	36	Felice Robertson	X
12	Max Roland Davidson	X	37	Binyomin Rosenberger	X
13	Brittney Ellington	X	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	X	41	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
17	Shaunya Hartley	A	42	Abigail Timm	X
18	Rod Herbert	A	43	Debbie Timothy	X
19	Drew Johnson	A	44	Twyla Ware	A
20	Volney Joseph	X	45	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
21	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	46	Dawn Welters	A
22	Mayna Legoute	A	47	Theresa Westerdahl	X
23	Francisca Leopold	X	48	Joyce Williams	X
24	Christian Loubeau	X	49	Lorianne Wolseley	X
25	Andrew Magnus	X	50	Steve Zeltser	X

Totals: 50 Present: 36 Absent: 14 Excused: 0

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

The minutes of the meetings held May 27, 2025 with one objection, was accepted on a majority vote.

3. Special Orders

a. Election of Officers – Executive Committee 2025-2026:

The following persons were the candidates for election:

Chairman: Mr. Fred Baptiste

1st Vice Chairman: Ethan Norville; Jolee Cobb; Soul Creary

2nd Vice Chairman: Linda Watson-Lorde; Abdul Mutakabbir; Felice Robertson
(Linda Watson-Lorde removed her name from contesting this position)

Executive Secretary: Linda Watson-Lorde

Treasurer: Myna Lagoute

Members at Large (2): Binyomin Rosenberger; Catherine Buccello;
Nicholas Almonor; Lisa Etienne

Election Results:

Chairman:	Fred Baptiste	35 votes
1st Vice Chairman:	Ethan Norville	23 Votes
2nd Vice Chairperson	Felice Robertson	22 Votes
Executive Secretary	Linda Watson-Lorde	36 votes
Treasurer	Myna Legoute	33 votes
Members-at-Large:	Nicholas Almonor	21 votes
	Catherine Buccello	19 votes

4. 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:

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| a. <i>Economic Development</i> | b. <i>Transportation</i> |
| c. <i>ULURP /Land Use</i> | g. <i>Housing</i> |

5. District Manager's Report:

Public Notices of events and activity in the district:

- Dept of Consumer and Worker Protection notice of Adoption to amend rules implementing the penalty schedule for Local Law 119 of 2024
- Water service shutdown confirmed for July 1, 2025 in the district.

Public Hearings that will be held during the upcoming weeks in NY from the following agencies:

- HPD's proposed amendments to Chapter 12 of Title 28 of the Rules of the City of New York concerning the installations of natural gas detecting devices in residential buildings.
- COIB: The Conflict-of-Interest Board will hold a public hearing on July 2, 2025
- HUD: The Department of Housing and Urban Development will be hosting a number throughout the remainder of the year.
- DOT: A hearing scheduled for July 14, 2025
- DEP: Department of Environmental Protection – promulgate a rule adopting and interim flood risk are map. Hearing will be on July 30, 2025

➤ **Administrative**

- E-blast format will be changing over the summer
- Remove old email replace with new infobk09@cb.nyc.gov.
- CB9 Resident Committee Membership Application will launch in July
- Join the CB9 Whatsapp on the website
- Follow our Youtube channel to view our meeting Live.

6. Chairman's Report:

- The chairman reported of the following items:
- The current updates on Downstate Hospital
- The success of the recent Job Fair, a project of the Education & Library/Youth Services.
- Updated Communication info from the District Office re: the new email Infobk09@cb.nyc.gov
- The upcoming Community Fair schedule for June 28 at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf
- Requested that all candidate's bios for the upcoming board election be forwarded to the District Office ASAP.
- Members should be prepared for upcoming training sessions for Board members
- The launch of the process for committee's membership will begin early in time for the September meeting schedule.

7. Voting Session:

a) SLA's

Risbo: 701 Flatbush Avenue (Winthrop/Parkside Ave) – Renewal of a liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license

On a motion moved and seconded the application was approved, with a vote of by common consent.

b) Dining out Applications:

- Taqueria El Patron
- Antojitos Del Patron
- Trove

On the call for one vote of common consent for all three applications, the result was a total vote of all present, no vote against or any abstentions.

c) ULURP/Land Use Resolutions

- Charter Revision
- Zoning Framework

The vote for the resolutions was passed by a majority of twenty (20) members in favor, five (5) against and ten (10) abstaining from the vote.

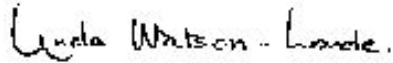
d) Proposed Vital Brooklyn-Kingsboro Psych Site.

The vote was carried with the objection by two (2) members and the abstention of five (5) members and the Yes vote of twenty-eight (28) members present at the time of the vote.

8. New Business:

Board Member brought it to the attention of the community that the Hamilton Metz Park/field was in dire need of capital repairs

9. **Adjournment.** Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned the June 2025 General Board Meeting at 9:28 p.m.



**Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
September 2025**