

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 17, 2025
Gladston Atwell MS 61
400 Empire Blvd, 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 7:07 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 Adoption of the Agenda.

- The additional item of the ULURP/Land Use – Charter Revision Town Hall Meeting was added to the agenda. The revised agenda was accepted by common consent with no objections.

3 Application to the NYC Landmark Preservation Commission (LPC) 118 Rutland Road (Corner of Bedford Avenue.)

4 Application to the New York State Authority

- a. Bomberino – 392 Rogers Avenue (Sterling Street/ Empire Blvd) Renewal of a liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license.
- b. Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorada, LLC – 1730 Bedford Avenue (@ Empire Boulevard) New wine, beer and cider license.
- c. Wolfpup Bar, LLC – 447 Rogers Avenue (Lefferts Ave/Lincoln Road) New Liquor, wine, beer and cider license.

PUBLIC COMMENT SESSION:

Terrance Alexander Cheryl Bernard Amy Lin
Pearl Harmon T. Billi Martin Anthony Henry

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Hon. Rita Joseph NYC Councilwoman

Brianca Stephenson
 Justin Freeman
 Lisa Desir
 Khalid Jemmott
 Ana Lipkin

Office of the BBP
 Hon. Phara S-Forrest
 Hon. Darlene Mealy
 Hon. Zellnor Y. Myrie
 IDCC

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 7:35 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	<i>EXC= Excused</i>
1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul	A	26	Letwine Mavima X
2	Nicolas Almonor	A	27	Marcia Maxwell X
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	28	Vanya Mayers A
4	Solange Benjamin	X	29	Rohaam Menon A
5	Catherine Buccello	A	30	Zlati Mochkin X
6	Joanna Carr	A	31	Ethan Norville A
7	Suwen "Suki" Cheong	X	32	Denzel Oduro A
8	Kendall Christainsen	X	33	Isaiah Peacou A
9	Jolee Cobb	X	34	Hasaan Qazi A
10	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	35	Vanessa Raptopoulos A
11	Nicole Soul Creary	A	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 A

16	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	X	41	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
17	Shaunya Hartley	Z	42	Abigail Timm	A
18	Rod Herbert	A	43	Debbie Timothy	A
19	Drew Johnson	A	44	Twyla Ware	A
20	Volney Joseph	X	45	Linda Watson-Lord	X
21	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	46	Dawn Welters	X
22	Mayna Legoute	A	47	Theresa Westerdahl	X
23	Francisca Leopold	A	48	Joyce Williams	A
24	Christian Loubeau	A	49	Lorianne Wolseley	X
25	Andrew Magnus	X	50	Steve Zeltser	X

Totals: 50 Present: 28 Absent: 22 Excused: 0

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

The minutes of the June 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. *Economic Development*
- b. *Transportation*
- c. *ULURP /Land Use*
- g. *Housing*

4. Treasurer’s Report:

The Treasurer’s report was accepted by common consent with no objections. The report was made available on the Board’s website.

5. District Manager’s Report:

Public Notices

- Mosquito spraying is in effect in areas across Brooklyn. Notice is being sent out from the Dept. of Health.

- Q – Teams rolled out across the borough by the NYPD (NCOs no longer established).
- Confirmed measles cases in Manhattan. Will continue to monitor as we enter cooler weather.
- Brooklyn Bus Redesign – MTA plans to push the proposed final plan in the fall.

Public Hearings

- The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (“the Department”) is proposing to Amend sections 47.01, 47.11, 47.13, and 47.23 of Article 47 (Child Care Programs and Family Shelter-Based Drop-off Child Supervision Programs) of the New York City Health Code to update provisions regarding staff qualifications, the maximum age of a child allowed in a program, group teachers for younger children, and staff to child ratios. The public hearing will take place from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on September 22, 2025. The hearing will be conducted by video conference accessible via internet or telephone. You can email written comments to resolutioncomments@health.nyc.gov.

Administrative

- ASL (American Sign Language) at GB meetings; working on committee meetings
- CB9 calendar is fixed.
- 2025 Swearing-in ceremony at BH – 9/18
- 2025 Fall Community Board Member SLA Workshop – 9/30.
- Recent presentations online & e-blast (Prospect Park Perimeter/ Ocean Ave Bike Lane, Kingston/ Brooklyn/ Empire Bike Lane).
- New CB9 e-blast format.
- CB9 Intake Form.
- Group loitering/ leaving trash at Marc Ramp; Jason’s Playground.
- Derelict bikes on bike racks.
- Franklin Ave – MEC Station ADA accessibility.
- B-48 Bus stop at Franklin/ Montgomery to be reactivated by end of month.
- Parkside Court - double parking/ preventing garbage collection.
- Welcome Allison Henry, CB9 Community Associate.

6. Chairman’s Report:

1. Committees membership:

(a) Board Members

- 36/50 – First Choice
- 3/50 – Second Choice
- 2/50 – Third Choice
- 9/50 – Did not respond

(b) Community Resident Members

- 22/29 – First Choice
- 7/29 – Second Choice
- 5/29 – Third Choice

2. Meeting schedules

- Board and Committee members are reminded that attendance is required.
- Due to holidays and religious observances, many meeting schedules for the months of September through December have been adjusted and all members are advised to confirm dates on the Board calendar.

3. Public Safety / Special Events

- Participated in public safety meetings for West Indian Day Parade.
- Communicated concerns regarding resident access, mass transit impacts, and communications.
- Communicating with NYPD and other city agencies to ensure that CB9 is included as a stakeholder in all public safety conversations for special events in the district.
- Public Safety committee is working on framework for SLA applications to establish a consistent policy for the Board and the community district.

3. Training

- “Learn About Your Community Board” training conducted on 9/3.
- Additional training opportunities will be scheduled for areas including SLA (liquor licenses), OCM (cannabis licenses), Land Use, Parliamentary Procedure, etc.

4. Improving meeting efficiency

- Members are advised to read all reports prior to the meeting.
- Reports and presentations will be given time limits.
- During the business session, speakers list will be created for discussion/debate. Board members will be allowed up to speak for up to 2 min. A second round of questions is permitted, and the speakers list will be re-opened. The question will be called for a vote after 1) the speakers list.

7. Voting Session:

a) LPC Application:

118 Rutland Road (Corner of Bedford Avenue) On a motion moved and seconded, on a vote of Fifteen (15) YES (For), Nine(9) NO (against) and three (3) Abstentions, the application was accepted.

b) SLA Applications:

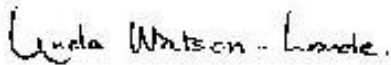
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- Chipotle Mexican Grill of Colorado, LLC – 1730 Bedford Avenue (@ Empire Boulevard) New wine, beer and cider license. *On a vote of – One (1) against, two (2) abstentions, the application was carried by a majority vote.*
- Wolfpup Bar, LLC – 447 Rogers Avenue (Lefferts Ave/Lincoln Road) New Liquor, wine, beer and cider license. *The application was accepted on a motion of common consent with no objections.*

c) ULURP Committee Charter Revision Town Hall Meeting – Ballot Amendments: with a date to be determined and a proposed budget of \$ 600.00 the resolution was moved and seconded. The vote was as follows: Against two (2); Abstention seven (7) the motion was carried.

8. Unfinished Business: None

9. New Business: None

10. Adjournment. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned the June 2025 General Board Meeting at 9:34 p.m.



Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
October 2025