

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, New York 11225

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
November 13, 2025

Attendance (Board Members) Nicolas Almonor (Chair); Denzel Oduro

Absent (Board Members): Denzel Oduro (Secretary), Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir (Vice Chair)

Attendance (Resident Members): Courtenay Loiselle; Brenda Pagan; David Romeo; Lillian Swain

Absent (Resident) Members: Yoni Ronn

Guests: Morella Bynde, Union Street Community Garden; MC Alexander Ciceron; Ruth Guyse, Union Street Community Garden

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to Order

- a. Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:08 PM.

2. Presentation:

- a. Central Brooklyn Soccer Club presentation by Stan Harmon describing the history and offerings of the club to the board.
 - i. Notes
 - 1. Community member Abigail Timm advocates for a specific park dedicated for people in our community to use for sports.
 - 2. Nicolas Almonor is looking for a sport liaison for the committee in relation to the aforementioned

3. Roll Call

- a. Conducted by Denzel Oduro
 - i. **Board Members Present:** Nicolas Almonor (Chair), Denzel Oduro (Secretary), Lillian Swain, Abigail Timm
 - ii. **Board Members Absent:** None
 - iii. **Community Resident Members Present:** Courtenay Loiselle; Brenda Pagan, David Romeo
 - iv. **Community Resident Members Absent:** Yoni Ronn
 - v. **Guests present:** Ruth Guyse, and Morella Bynde from Union Street Community Garden. MC Alexander Ciceron

4. Nominations and elections of Recording Secretary

- a. Abigail Timm nominated Denzel Oduro for Secretary, seconded by Nicholas Almonor.
 - b. Denzel Oduro unanimously appointed as secondary unopposed.
- 5. Public Commentary**
- a. No public commentary
- 6. Parks and Cultural Institutions Liaison Assignments**
- a. Committee members were encouraged to step up to be liaisons for the committee
 - b. Lillian Swain to be cultural Liaison for BAM
 - c. Committee plans to update the liaison graphic chart with the most up-to-date appointments
- 7. Recruitment and appointment of new Community Resident members**
- a. The committee is still looking for new dedicated members who can show up to committee meetings. People are encouraged to apply
- 8. Planification for this fiscal year 2025-2026**
- a. Parks, Playgrounds and Community Gardens tour for Spring 2026 - Committee considering a day in March 2026
 - b. Visits and presentations of Cultural institutions (BRIC) - January 8th Meeting.
 - c. Biennial conference planning meeting is every Monday, 5pm - 6pm on Google Meets. Nicholas Almonor to send an invite to the meeting.
 - d. Interfaith Luncheon project considering date in Spring 2026 - April or May. 12pm - 3pm. at the Brooklyn Museum. The purpose of this luncheon is to be able to unite the faiths for the betterment of the community.
 - e. Community fair is planned for the weekend after Memorial Day.
- 9. Old Business**
- a. No old business
- 10. New Business**
- a. No new business
- 11. Adjournment**
- a. The meeting was adjourned by Morela Bynde at 8:42 PM

Seconded by: Brenda Pagan

Minutes Submitted by: Denzel Oduro

Minutes Approved by: *Nicolas Almonor, Member-at-Large Chair of CB9 Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee*