

**Brooklyn Community Board 9**  
**890 Nostrand Avenue**  
**Brooklyn, New York 11225**

**Youth & Education Committee Meeting**  
**April 7, 2025**

**Attendance:** (Board Members) Linda Watson-Lorde, Letwine Mavima

**Attendance:** (Resident Members) Brian Allaway, T. Billi Martin

**Absent:** (Board Members) Melissa Severe, Soul Creary, Twyla Ware

**Absent:** (Resident Members) Cynthia Rose, Deborah Cadaner, Demetria Farrow, Diane John, John Beckles Jr., Nikita Akita Felix, Vanessa Stair

**Guests:** Naomi Pena, Joshua Thomas-Serrano, Pamela Payne

**CB9 Staff:** Khalid J. Jemmott, Community Associate

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- I. Call to Order
  - a. Chair Soul Creary called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.
- II. Roll Call Introduction
- III. Approval of Committee Minutes
- IV. Presentation (Literacy Academy Collective)
  - a. Ms. Naomi Pens, Co-Founder, Director of Community and Family Engagement
- V. Update on Career Day – May 3, 2025
  - a. The next committee meeting will be
  - b. Need to find a new space, Prospect Heights High School is not available on the date
  - c. Dante will update the committee on the prospective location
- VI. Review of Education Town Hall
  - a. Advertising could have been better from attendees
  - b. Be strict on time, i.e., start and stop time
- VII. Other Business
- VIII. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM