

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

Economic Development Meeting Minutes
April 13, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Vanessa Raptopoulos; Lisa Etienne; Rohaan Menon; Joyce Williams

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Bruce Kirton

Absent (Board Members): Volney Jospheh

Absent (Committee Resident Members): None

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

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1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.
 2. Jonathan Marable from the Chamber of Commerce
 - a. He came to inform the committee about what the chamber does. He also let us know that they have been visiting all the community boards to see what economic development initiatives they are pursuing; some boards don't focus on ED.
 - b. Additionally, Board 9 seems to be doing a lot compared to other boards. Some of the activities mentioned were a directory (which we completed last year), corridor walks, and resource fairs. Few other boards have business members, which the chamber believed made them less effective.
 3. Scavenger Hunt
 - a. We need to finish the organizing.
 - b. Everyone checked all the documents for errors or edits, and then we went to print.
 - c. We proofed the QR code and added a few missing businesses.
 - d. All other sheets approved - door sign and rules sheets.
 - e. Committee members must bring home and fold the passports.
 - f. Asked Allison to print copies and we distributed the packets within the committee for the neighborhood distribution.
 - i. Lincoln Road – Joyce
 - ii. Franklin Ave – Bruce

- iii. Rogers Ave – Bruce
 - iv. Flatbush Ave – Vanessa
 - v. Nostrand Ave – Rohaan
 - vi. Utica Ave – Lisa
 - g. By the start of the hunt all businesses need to receive door sign, rules sheet, 2 sets of stickers, 20ish passports (more depending on popularity of business). Each committee member will be dropping off over the next few days to answer any questions and drop off materials to businesses.
 - h. Decided to also do a push on LinkNYC boards - to follow up with Dante and get him addresses of links we want targeted.
 - i. We also reviewed the prizes that were donated by the businesses and decided that we would figure out distribution when we see how many entries we get.
4. Next meeting - decide how to distribute the prizes.
5. Adjournment
- a. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 PM.