

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

Environmental Protection Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Kendall Christiansen; Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales; Debbie Timothy; Rod Herbert; Isaiah Pecou

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Eric Wiseman; Samantha Bhatt

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Committee Resident Members): Marissa Murphy

Guests: Baruch Blum; Felice Robertson; Suwen Cheong

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:10 PM.
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of February Agenda and January Minutes
4. Words of Encouragement offered by Bishop Hamilton-Gonzalez
5. Discussion Items
 - a. **Sanitation-related topics**
 - i. Snow removal and trash collection.
 - ii. Support of voluntary clean-up efforts organized in several neighborhoods.
 - iii. The Draft Solid Waste Management Plan.
 - iv. DSNY's proposed regulation regarding waste set-out times on Friday evenings for certain areas with Saturday collection.
 1. Information about these topics was distributed.
 - b. **Flooding Workshops Proposal**
 - i. The Committee discussed a proposal for a series of workshops focused on flooding and generally endorsed CB9's participation with other organizations.
 - ii. Members suggested that the workshops be planned for the Fall and that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) be invited to participate.
 - c. **Environmental Condition – 73–99 Empire Boulevard**
 - i. The Committee discussed the need for further investigation into the environmental condition of 73–99 Empire Boulevard and the impact of its demolition.

d. **CB9 DSNY Garage**

- i. The Committee discussed the status of the CB9 DSNY garage and expressed interest in exploring its replacement, expansion, or upgrading as a district priority.

e. **Upcoming Facility Tour**

- i. The Chair reminded the Committee of an upcoming tour of the city's Primary Materials Recovery Facility in Sunset Park *on Friday, February 13*, with a special invitation extended to Community Board members. The tour is sponsored by the Brooklyn Solid Waste Advisory Board.

6. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.