

BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

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The next regularly scheduled meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 9 will be held virtually as follows:

DATE: Wednesday, May 20, 2026
TIME: 7:00 PM
PLACE: Middle School 61
400 Empire Boulevard
Brooklyn, New York 11225

Livestream available on the CB9 YouTube page:
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCciPIIJ01pLvRG0xod1_LvQ

AGENDA

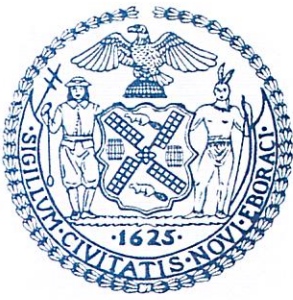
PUBLIC SESSION:

1. Call to Order – Announce Rules of Order for the Meeting
2. Presentation
 - a. Transportation Committee - DOT Street Improvement: Rochester Avenue between Fulton Street and East New York Avenue
 - b. ULURP/Land Use Committee – District Zoning Applications

 YouTube



****PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD – Exactly Thirty (30) Minutes Duration***



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 9

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials, Elected Officials Representatives, and Agencies Representatives – (10 Minutes)

BUSINESS SESSION:

1. Roll Call
2. Approval of the April 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes
3. Committee Reports
 - a. Nomination Committee Report
4. District Manager's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Chairman's Report
7. Voting Session
 - a. Empire Boulevard Shelter
8. New Business
9. Adjournment

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A. * Persons wishing to speak on the agenda item(s) should contact the Community Board at (718) 778-9279 or Infobk09@cb.nyc.gov before noon on Wednesday, May 20, 2026. Speaking time is limited to three (3) minutes. The order is determined by the time of receipt of the request and the agenda item.

B. ** Persons wishing to speak during the Public Comment Period may pre-register by contacting the Community Board office via (718) 778-9279 or sign up before the 30-minute period has elapsed. Speakers must be in the room before the 30-minute period closes. Each speaker will be permitted to speak for up to three (3) minutes and may NOT receive additional time from another speaker. Speakers are directed to address the assembly from the front of the room. After the three (3) minute period, each speaker must leave and return to his or her seat.

**Community Board
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**Rules of Order for Community Board Meetings
NYC Community Board 9, Brooklyn**

This meeting of the New York City Community Board 9, Brooklyn, is called to order on **MAY 20, 2026, at Middle School 61, 400 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn, New York 11225** under the applicable statutes of New York State, the New York City Charter, the Bylaws of Community Board 9, and Robert's Rules of Order.

1. All Community Board Meetings shall be conducted pursuant to New York State Public Officers Law, the New York City Charter, the Open Meetings Law, and any other applicable laws. The Community Board's By-Laws shall govern meetings where they do not conflict with applicable laws. Robert's Rules of Order shall govern meetings where they do not conflict with applicable laws and the By-Laws.
2. All Community Board Members shall be provided with a reasonable opportunity to address the Community Board (the "Board") on any matter of the Board or any matter that pertains to the Board's mission.
3. During General Board Meetings, members of the public may be allowed to speak during the portion of the meeting designated as "Public Comment Session." Subject to any modifications and guidelines established by the Chair of the Community Board (the "Chair"), or his or her designee, each public speaker shall sign in and give a brief description of what he/she will comment upon prior to speaking. Public speakers will be allotted a time limit of three (3) minutes each commencing from the beginning of the speaker's remarks. Time cannot be shared or allotted to other speakers. If the Chair, or his or her designee, determines that there is not sufficient time at the meeting, the "Public Comment Session" period may be deferred to either the end of the General Board meeting or the beginning of the next General Board meeting. Public Comment Period shall be thirty (30) minutes duration.
4. During General Board Meetings and Committee Meetings (collectively, "Board Meetings") and outside of "Public Comment Session" portions of meetings, members of the public may ask questions and comment upon agenda items only when recognized by the Chair, Committee Chair, or their designee.
5. All Board members and members of the public shall conduct themselves in a courteous, professional and orderly manner. Obscene, threatening or harassing language, slander, threats of violence, personal attacks of any kind or offensive comments that target or disparage any ethnic, racial, age, or religious group, gender, sexual orientation or disability status are prohibited at all Board Meetings.
6. No members of the public shall display signs or placards in a disruptive manner, disruptively applaud participants in debate, or engage in disorderly conversation or other disorderly behavior which may disrupt the proceedings of the meeting.
7. Audio and video recording of Board Meetings are permitted unless they interfere with the meetings, in accordance with the Open Meetings Law. The recording must be conducted from a fixed location and in a manner which does not interfere with the meeting. The Chair, or his or her designee shall have the discretion to prohibit video or audio recording that interferes with a meeting. Recording is not permitted during Executive Session.

8. Any Board member or member of the public who uses obscene, threatening or harassing language, slander, threats of violence, personal attacks of any kind or offensive comments that target or disparage any ethnic, racial, age, or religious group, gender, sexual orientation or disability status or who otherwise becomes disorderly while at a Board Meeting shall be removed from the Board Meeting at the discretion of the Chair, or his or her designee.

9. No Board member or member of the public shall be permitted to speak on a cellular telephone during a Community Board Meeting while the meeting is in progress other than for emergency reasons. All cellular telephones are required to be turned off or on “vibrate” mode.

10. During General Board Meetings, the enforcement of this Code of Conduct shall be conducted under the direction of the Chair, or his or her designee. During Committee Meetings, the enforcement of this Code of Conduct shall be conducted by the Committee Chair or his or her designee. The New York City Police Department and building security may assist with the ejection of any individual from a Board Meeting or Committee Meeting for violating this Code of Conduct.

Brooklyn Community Board 9 Bus Network Redesign Standards

SUMMARY: A set of standards for the MTA's proposed Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign, which include:

1. Optimizing the bus network design for reducing overall passenger journey times, taking into consideration transfer time and waiting time instead of only bus speeds;
2. Improvements to passenger environments;
3. Enablement of efficient east-west travel in the district;
4. Enhanced frequency of existing routes on nights and weekends;
5. Optimizing toward bus-to-subway connectivity;
6. Bus stop spacing no greater than 1,200 feet with a preference for average stop distances of 1,000 feet or less; and
7. Consultation between the MTA, NYC DOT, and Brooklyn Community Board 9 regarding any curb space made available by the removal or consolidation of bus stops.

These standards are additional to specific route-based motions and resolutions previously made by Community Board 9, including the October 2023 resolution to keep the southbound B49 route on Bedford Avenue.

At the [DATE] Board meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 9, the Board adopted the following resolution:

WHEREAS

1. The Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) has paused the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign in the Draft Plan Review Phase (as of Summer 2025), and may resume public review and feedback as early as Summer 2026; and
2. Residents of Community District 9 use a mixture of transportation methods, including cars, rideshare services, taxis, bicycles, and public transportation, and approximately 25% of residents are estimated to use bus service as their primary or daily means of commuting (Brooklyn Borough President Demographics Report, 2024); and
3. Brooklyn Community District 9 is currently served by eight bus routes (B12, B17, B40, B41, B43, B44, B46, and B48), while the Draft Plan proposes ten routes (*B10*, B12, *B16*, B17, B40, B41, B43, B44, B46, and B48), including substantial changes to route alignments, stop spacing, and service patterns; and
4. The stated goals of the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign include improving reliability, travel speed, legibility, and regional connectivity across the borough, with a specific emphasis on speeding up buses; and
5. Bus riders in Community District 9 disproportionately include seniors, students, persons with disabilities, essential workers, and residents from transit-dependent households who may be more sensitive to increased walking distances and transfer requirements; and

deadline to submit comments is June 16, 2026. Proposed in 0% -2% for one year; 0%-4% for two-year leases.

Administrative

- CB9 Community Fair – June 6, 9AM – 12PM at St. Francis de Sales – School for the Deaf
- In Partnership with Assemblymember Souffrant Forrest, CM Hudson, DSNY, and LES Ecology Center, we will be holding a community recycling event on July 7th from 10AM – 2PM at St. Francis de Sales – School for the Deaf. (e-blast)
- World Cup Business Toolkit (SBS)
- General Board - MS61 – tomorrow

- improved lighting, level boarding improvements, shade infrastructure, ADA accessibility upgrades, and real-time travel information displays.
3. *East-West Service:* The Bus Network Redesign should apply equal focus toward north-south routes as with east-west routes to give travelers adequate options available in many directions.
 - a. The proposed east-west route currently identified in the Draft Plan as the B10 should operate as a full-time route with 24-hour, 7-day service, rather than limited weekday rush-hour operation only. Prior to this proposed route, there was scarce efficient connectivity between District 9 and major transit connection points to the east, such as Broadway Junction.
 4. *Service Frequency:* The MTA should balance frequency and reliability of service for Local, Limited, and SBS routes serving Community District 9, including during nights and weekends.
 - a. Residents cannot adequately depend on bus service if buses are deployed erratically, at irregular times, or at strikingly infrequent times. Frequency is a common complaint about bus service and is also a top rider priority, often even a higher priority than bus route coverage. At the very least, service levels should match demographic growth.
 5. *Subway Connectivity:* The MTA should prioritize direct connections to subway service over new mandatory bus-to-bus transfer patterns.
 - a. As one example in the Draft Plan: the proposed B16 service terminates at Utica Avenue for connection to the B46, but does not connect to the 3 train at Sutter Avenue–Rutland Road like the B15 and B47.
 6. *Bus Stop Spacing:* For routes serving Community District 9, the MTA should establish a maximum spacing of 1,200 feet between bus stops, with a preferred average spacing of 1,000 feet or less wherever feasible.
 - a. As one example in the Draft Plan: removal of the B48 stop at Washington Avenue/Sullivan Place would result in a gap between adjacent stops exceeding 1,600 feet.
 7. *Curb Space Planning:* The MTA and NYC Department of Transportation should consult with Brooklyn Community Board 9 regarding future uses for curb space made available through bus stop removals or consolidations. Such spaces may be appropriate for parking, loading zones, bicycle infrastructure, bus boarding improvements, greenery, micromobility facilities, or other neighborhood-serving uses.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these requests are in addition to previously expressed resolutions passed by this body, such as the Oct. 2023 resolution to keep the southbound B49 route on Bedford Avenue.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Brooklyn Community Board 9 requests the MTA's attendance at Board and Committee meetings, and encourages the MTA to provide robust public outreach and advance notice regarding proposed route modifications, stop removals, service changes, and implementation timelines.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

- Redesign Draft Plan Map <https://www.mta.info/document/101871>

- Existing Brooklyn Bus Network Map <https://www.mta.info/map/5261>
- Selected Route Profiles, which are available for greater review virtually at the 'Remix' interactive maps at <https://www.mta.info/project/brooklyn-bus-network-redesign>

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

General Board Meeting
Held at
400 Empire Boulevard, Brooklyn NY 11225
on
Tuesday, April 28, 2026
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 7:03 p.m.
- Chair Baptiste waived the reading of the Rules of Order for the night's meeting

2. Street Co-Naming request for Union Street (Albany/Kingston Avenues) to Edith Mott Young Street

3. Applications to the NEW York State Liquor Authority

- a. **ALYR Consulting, Inc.** – 641 Rutland Road (corner Albany Avenue); New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License
- b. **Queenofscots LLC d/b/a Fiona's** – 562 Flatbush Avenue (corner of Beekman Place); Change of operation to include live music
- c. **Fugue State, LLC** – 453-455 Rogers Avenue (Lincoln Road) – New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit

4. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

<i>Eunick Gilles</i>	<i>Aaron Gluck</i>	<i>Jay Sorid</i>	<i>Nicola Cox</i>
<i>Cheryl Bernard</i>	<i>Menachem Mocskowitz</i>	<i>Tioni Williams</i>	
<i>Kyle Levenck</i>	<i>Mike Goldfarb</i>	<i>Alicia Boyd</i>	<i>Jacob Goldstein</i>

5. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

Isaiah Dawson
Eli Slavin
J. Richardson-Herbert
Paucha Edwards
Michelle Tege
Kathrina Azemard

AD 57
Congresswoman Yvette Clarke
Assemblywoman Monique Chandler-Waterman
State Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
District Leader -43rd District
BBP Office

BUSINESS SESSION: (8:25 p.m.)

Chair Fred Baptiste, of Brooklyn Community Board 9, called the Business Session of the meeting to order with the Roll Call at approximately 7:13 p.m.

1. Roll Call of Board Members

		X = Present	A=Absent	EXC= Excused		
1	Abdul Mutakabbir,	X	24	Letwine Mavima	X	
2	Nicolas Almonor	X	25	Marcia Maxwell	X	
3	Fred P. Baptiste	X	26	Vanya Mayers	X	
4	Solange Benjamin	X	27	Rohaana Menon	A	
5	Catherine Buccello	X	28	Zlati Mochkin	X	
6	Joanna Carr	X	29	Ethan Norville	X	
7	Suwen "Suki" Cheong	X	30	Denzel Oduro	A	
8	Kendall Christainsen	X	31	Isaiah Pecou	X	
9	Eve Chavi Cohen	X	32	Hasaan Qazi	A	
10	Nicole Soul Creary	A	33	Vanessa Raptopoulos	X	
11	Max Roland Davidson	X	34	Felice Robertson	X	
12	Lisa Etienne	X	35	Binyomin Rosenberger	X	
13	Vadim Gaboys	A	36	Melissa Severe	A	
14	Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales	A	37	Bakary Tandia	X	
15	Shaunya Hartley	X	38	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	A	
16	Rod Herbert	X	39	Abigail Timm	X	
17	Drew Johnson	A	40	Debbie Timothy	X	
18	Volney Joseph	X	41	Linda Watson-Lorde	X	
19	Ronisha LaBarrie	A	42	Dawn Welters	X	
20	Mayna Legoute	X	43	Theresa Westerdahl	X	

21	Francisca Leopold	X	44	Joyce Williams	X
22	Christian Loubeau	A	45	Lorianne Wolseley	A
23	Andrew Magnus	X	46	Steve Zeltser	X

@ Roll Call 34 members were present with 12 members absent.

A quorum was met

2. Approval of the March 2026 General Board Meeting Minutes.

The minutes of the January 2026 meetings was accepted on a vote of common consent with no objections, with one correction to the date of January 2025 to February 2026.

3. Committee Chairs Announcements

The following Committee Chairs Meeting Minutes were inserted in the meeting package;

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| a) Parks, Recreation and Culture | Nicholas Almonor- Chair |
| b) Public Safety | Fred Baptiste- Chair |
| c) Economic Development | Vanessa Raptopoulos |
| d) Housing | Mayna Legoute - Chair |
| e) Health & Social Services | Francisca Leopold - Chair |
| f) Land Use/ULURP | Suwen "Suki" Cheong – Chair |
| g) Transportation | Ethan Norville |
| h) Environmental Protection | Kendall Christainsen - Chair |

4. District Manager's Report:

Public Notices:

Mayor Mamdani Takes Major Step Toward Citywide Trash Containerization, Announces Six New Districts. Six new districts containerized by end of 2027, with at least one fully containerized district in each borough; all trash off the streets by end of 2031. There are not reported locations in CB9.

The 2026 Home Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) Cooling Assistance application is now available for eligible households across New York City. This program helps income-eligible New Yorkers purchase and install an air conditioner or fan to stay safe and cool during the hot summer months.

DHS Shelter Notification: 169 Empire Boulevard - Shelter sited on Empire Boulevard near Bedford Avenue; Capacity/population: single adult men (140 beds); Nonprofit service provider: Project Renewal; Contract Commencement: Summer 2026 (eblast)

Public Hearings:

DOT: This proposed rule would amend sections 4-01 and 4-12 of Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York ("34 RCNY") to prohibit property other than bicycles and scooters from being attached to City-owned bicycle racks and to provide a

mechanism for DOT to enforce this limitation. The New York City Department of Transportation ("DOT") will hold a public hearing on Friday, April 24, 2026 at 10am.

DOB: The Department of Buildings (DOB) is proposing to add a new section 102-07 to Subchapter B of Chapter 100 of Title 1 of the Rules of the City of New York regarding sidewalk shed permit renewal requirements, fees and penalties. DOB will hold a public hearing on the proposed rule online. The public hearing will take place at 11am on 4/27/26.

DSNY: The Department of Sanitation (DSNY or the Department) is proposing to amend its rules to include the implementation schedule for the Midtown South and Staten Island Commercial Waste Zones (CWZ) and to create application process for infrequent generators of commercial waste. DSNY will hold a public hearing via Microsoft Teams at 10:00AM on Friday, May 8, 2026, using the following link: You can email written comments to nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov. We are zone Brooklyn East with no implementation date set.

5. **Chairman's Report:**

The Chairman shared the below remarks:

- Passing of Roderick Daley – District 17
- New Board members will be joining the board for the new year.
- Education Forum held at St. Francis School for the Deaf – April 25, 2026
- Upcoming Community Fair, first week in June 2026.
- Men's Shelter expected to be coming to the district, concern about the "Fair Share" in our community. Will be reaching out to the DHS and our elected officials.

6. **Election of Nomination Committee:**

Election of officers for the upcoming year. All offices are open. A committee of 5/7 persons were selected for the committee. The May meeting will be informed of the slate of Election. June will be the Election of Officers. The first committee meeting will be held on May 13, 2026.

The Committee members selected were:

Francisco Leopold	Theresa Westedahl	Solange Benjamin
Catherine Bucello	Debbie Timothy	

7. **Voting Session:**

Street Co-Naming request for Union Street (Albany/Kingston Avenues) to Edith Mott Young Street

- **The vote result was:** All in favor with No Objections.

1. **Applications to the NEW York State Liquor Authority**

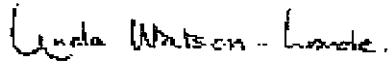
a. ALYR Consulting, Inc. – *The vote on this application was a vote of twenty-three -23- for (Yes), nine -9- against (No) and two -2- abstentions. The vote carried*

b. Queenofscots LLC d/b/a Fiona's – *the application was accepted with a favorable majority vote of YES (For) with one Against and no abstentions.*

c. Fugue State, LLC - *the final vote was a majority vote of in favor of the application.*

8. New Business: None

- 9. Adjournment.** At approximately 9:54 p.m. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned the April 2026 General Board Meeting.



Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
May 2026

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Health and Social Services Committee Meeting
May 7, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Francisca Leopold, Committee Chair; Lisa Etienne, Committee Vice Chair;

Attendance (Resident Members): Dr. Jacqueline Love; Carol Bartley; Karimah Griffin; Abigail Donley

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Resident Members): Bakary Tandia; Nomalizwe Byndon; Breanna Kaiser; Richardeana Theodore; Johnathan Courtney

Guests: Sara Gronim, Community Solar

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM.
2. Welcome and Introductions
3. April 2026 minutes motion made and accepted as is.
4. Senior Citizen Centers, and Adult Day Services Needs Assessment
 - a. Plans for committee members to visit crown heights senior centers
 - b. Committee request to CB9 for full list of neighborhood senior centers . Some known Senior centers are the following: Christopher Blenman neighborhood Senior Center/older adult club(has been visited by Francisco Leopold) Shalom Senior Center, Fenimore Street Senior Citizens Center, Heart to Heart ,and St. Gabriel's Older Adult Center.
 - c. Volunteer committee members to conduct facility needs assessment; evaluate physical environment, operational resources and the participant's needs . goal :to have specific needs identified(i.e. equipment, furniture, food services ,etc.)and operational concerns addressed; to include assessment findings in the city 's community district budget request
 - i. Majority of neighborhood senior centers are registered with the NYC Department of Aging; however, Fenimore is not. This church organization needs support with writing a proposal for funding. Will follow up identifying contact person and documentation requirements for registering the organization with the

Department of Aging. Charisse is the contact person. Dr. Jacqueline Love will be willing to adopt center ,via the support of her nonprofit *Grandma's Hands ,Inc* ,while undergoing the transition process.

- d. Ebberts Field Senior Citizen Center: Tandia Bakary to confirm new contact - Miss Campbell.
 - e. Heart to Heart Senior Day Services located at 209 Empire Blvd. is operated by a for profit organization. Senior members need insurance, if not, they must pay out of pocket. Goal is establishing new free low-cost senior centers in the neighborhood
 - f. Senior centers need to get credentialed by insurance company to maintain funding. Affording rent is not sustainable with only sponsors.
 - g. Elected officials must recognize and appreciate senior support especially during elections.
 - h. Next steps Get list spreadsheet, organize groups. Call, make appointment, visit centers, record needs. Plan for next fiscal year is listed for June.
5. Encourage committee members to attend Town Hall
- a. Located at MS 61 on Empire Blvd. Town Hall to discuss community concerns regarding a proposed temporary shelter for 140 single adult men planned for current Ramada Inn location. Expected to begin operations on June 1, Summer 2026.
6. Presenter Sara Gronim from Community Solar
- a. Allows New Yorkers to share a solar energy system, reduce their energy bills through solar credits, and go solar without installing solar energy on their roof.
 - b. The benefits of community solar were no sign-up fees, no cancellation fees, guaranteed savings while helping the environment.
 - c. Community solar allows individuals to share one large local solar energy system and reduce their entire electric Con Edison bill.
 - d. To enroll in the Community Solar project, you will need to share a copy of your Connect bill and sign a contract with the vetted Community solar developer to complete your enrollment.
 - e. Community solar does not impact eligibility for H EAP programs. This program is for Participants who live in apartment buildings. Energy bill discount anywhere from 5 to 10%; If low income, 20% savings.
 - f. Opportunity to get new prescribers. Would be to visit the senior centers. A list of a few senior centers was shared with the presenter.
 - g. The presenter answered questions from the Community Board residents such as: Does this program help homeowners? The answer was no. Barrio Solo gives advice on what to look for if homeowner wants to place solar bands on their own home. The program has a set number of subscribers for each “solar ray”. Once capacity is reached, which is approximately 140 participants for each program,

that lets other developers place more solar panels on additional buildings. The developer then gets a tax write off. The energy sharing program also helps the city.

7. Community Wellness and Resources Fair
 - a. Updated event Flyer approved
 - b. Sponsors will change once they are confirmed. Send flyer as save the date. Let Doctor Love know if there any changes to the be made to the flyer. Will send flyer and Google form with link out to: Government agencies, health and social service organizations, elected officials- Requesting participation in the upcoming health fair.
 - c. Tables from Health First, with approximately 30 chairs, are located at the Assemblyman Cunningham office. Needs tents, chairs, tables. Rita Joseph 's District will also help.
 - d. \$500 event spending amount pending budget approval
 - e. We need to find storage for the tables and chairs. Doctor Love will try to get vegetable produce bags together with other non-perishables. We'll also get the storage space approved for the vegetables.
8. Senior Spa Day - discussion postponed until next meeting
9. New Business
10. Adjournment - 8:10pm

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Economic Development Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Vanessa Raptopoulos; Lisa Etienne

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Bruce Kirton

Absent (Board Members): Rohaan Menon; Joyce Williams

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 7:06 PM.
 2. Approved April Minutes
 3. Received Passport Submissions and Feedback:
 - a. Some people requested a longer window. Pasha cafe was the only place to send in formal feedback, and it was quite positive. Overall, we heard all positive feedback from both community members as well as businesses. Utica Ave was especially happy with participation as they were the most skeptical.
 - b. Improvements we agreed that we need a clearer - No purchase necessary note and also better guidelines for what the winnings would be as well as more equal prizes. Maybe next year we suggest a \$25 value. Also, we need to get peoples email addresses, not just phone numbers.
 - c. Cafes and stores seemed to get the most traffic vs restaurants.
 - d. 25 people submitted passports:
 - i. 2 did not qualify because they only went to 2 avenues
 - ii. 14 people did 4 avenues
 - iii. 10 people did all 6 avenues
 - iv. Pulled the winners:
 - v. Vanessa announced the prize, Lisa pulled the names and Bruce was the witness
 - vi. Agreed that Vanessa would contact the winners

Awesome Brooklyn	Yes	3 - \$25 Gift card	Laura Phillipps, James Hassell, Jenny ulloba
Bonafini	Yes	\$75 gift card	Miles Earl
Drink PLG	Maybe	\$25 gift card	Jeff Sellers
Fiona's Bar	Yes	\$25 gift card	Jana Littleton
Granru Market	Yes	6 \$25.00 gift cards	Kay Armstrong, Rachel Miller & Fam, Esther Benchind, Luz Victoria Simon, Adam Ritz, Brianna Moore,
The - MVMNT Fitness and Health Studio	Yes	Swag bag, t shirt, pair of shorts, pack of The - MVMNT Bands, and a free guest pass to one of our classes	Zumi
Brix Haus	Yes	\$25 gift card with some Brix Haus swag	Margaret Farris
Classic cups	Yes	\$10 gift card	Hannah Benchimol
Rock Dove Strength Training	Yes	3 class pack	Mallea Brashevetky, Davina Shapiro, Chantel Miller,
Little Mo Wine & Spirits	Yes	T-Shirt - \$12 Wine	Abby Flint
Antojitos del Patron	Yes	\$25 e-gift card	Lacy Stevenson
Ix restaurant	Yes	\$25 e-gift card	Athena McAfee
Taqueria el patron Mexican grill	Yes	\$25 e-gift card	Jen Ligeti
Creative Custom Clothing	Yes	Hats	Isak Chancelor
Primary Source	Maybe	One-time 25% off discount code	Eli

4. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.

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**Housing Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2026**

Attendance (Board Members): Mayna Legoute, Committee Chair; Ronisha LaBarrie; Drew Johnston

Attendance (Community Resident Members): None

Absent (Board Members): Christian Loubeau; Solange Benjamin; Vanya Mayers

Absent (Community Resident Members): Diane Sheppard; Marc Mann

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:20 PM.
2. Welcome and Introduction by Committee Members
3. Reminder about Town Hall regarding Men's shelter at The Ramada, and upcoming community board fair.
4. Discussion regarding agenda for June meeting and 2026/2027 monthly agenda
5. Adjournment
 - a. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.

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ULURP/Land Use Committee Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Suwen Cheong, Theresa Westerdahl, Benny Rosenberger

Attendance (Community Resident Members) Nichola Cox, Cheryl Bernard, Hector Robertson, Janice Grannum, Amy Lin, Cheryl Sealey, Esteban Giron

Absent (Board Members) Joshua Thomas Serrano, Max Davidson

Absent (Committee Resident Members) None

Guests: Eve Chavi Cohen; Vibert & Carol John; Richard Glassgow; Menachem Moskowitz; Abigail Timm

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. March meeting minutes approved by common consent with amendments (see attached)
2. **600 Utica Avenue Rezoning** – Presentation by Neil Weisbard, rep of 600 Utica owner
 - a. Two alternative rezonings presented:
 - i. R7X MIH – 6.0 FAR, 14/15 stories tall. 132 apartments, 33 affordable
 - ii. R7D MIH – 5.6 FAR, 12/13 stories tall, 125 apartments, 32 affordable
 - iii. Ground floor retail, rent approx. \$35 per sf/yr
 - iv. No parking required or proposed – well served by transit
 - v. Units would be mostly studios and 1 bedrooms
 - vi. Affordable – 60% AMI average; 10% of units must be at 40% AMI. Highest AMI allowed is 100% AMI
 - vii. Market rate units \$2700/month average
 - viii. No known environmental contaminants, but will go through environmental review and clean up anything found
 - b. Developer has not submitted PAS to city planning yet, hoping to meet with CM Mealey. Not going to certify before next fall.
 - c. Department of City planning has indicated in informational meetings they are open to rezoning.
3. **Committee and community Q&A – 600 Utica**
 - a. Why would you not include parking at all? This is a two-fare zone (Cheryl B)
 - i. A: No parking required even for commercial? No – the residential and commercial parking can be waived; city planning thinks this area is well served by transit

- n. We have a lot of parking problems in addition to the sewer problems. People decide to come to our block to park. Why is our community becoming a new downtown Brooklyn? We're not downtown. Why are we getting all these towers? I moved into this neighborhood from Eastern Parkway; I wanted a nice little house in a quiet community and all of sudden all these people are coming I don't know who they are. I was attacked on the street. (Menachem)
- o. If Kingsbrook hospital is already being closed to accommodate more housing, why is another building going up? I overheard a conversation on the street where someone was saying developers are just here to rip off the community. We have the "twin towers" of 49th street already. It makes the street look so unbalanced, it's so sad.
- p. On 48th street they just built a 5-story house that is sticking out compared to the other 2-story houses. Where are they going to park? They're going to spill over into other blocks, park in our driveways. Developers come, they see a house and up those buildings go.

4. ELURP rulemaking discussion

- a. ELURP ballot measures allow accelerated ULURP process removing council member vote
 - i. On any lot In R6 – R10 (higher density) districts, up to 30% increase in buildable square feet requested
 - ii. On any lot In R1-R5 districts, (low density), increases up to 2.0 FAR and 45 ft tall.
 - iii. Community board has advisory vote and City Planning Commission has binding vote
 - iv. Under the new charter CPC may promulgate rules or guidelines to implement this
- b. Should we ask that rules require affordable housing in R6 and R7 districts which cover most of our community? Otherwise, it would undermine City of Yes rules giving developers 30%+ increases in floor area but only if all the additional floor area is affordable at 60% AMI. The ELURP rules don't say affordability is required.
 - i. How can one letter from one community board make a difference? Should we focus on our elected officials to do something? (Nichola)
 - ii. It's already the law and can't be changed (Alicia)
 - iii. We should give our opinions about proposed rules early (Suki)
 - iv. We already have a zoning framework which says any up zonings require public benefit including affordable housing. We don't want to change this
 - v. We are opposed for the R6 and R 7 (Esteban)
 - vi. The rules will go into effect over the summer (Esteban)
 - vii. Without rules or guidelines, it would be arbitrary which is an illegal spot upzoning. If every request is going to be rubberstamped, then it's a blanket citywide upzoning and the city didn't do an environmental impact statement before the amendments were put on the ballot.

- c. Should there be any restrictions on upzonings in low density districts? City of Yes restricted these upzonings to wide streets/larger lots/near transit.
 - i. We need to discuss that with our neighbors – maybe at the townhall (Nicola)
- d. Both rules exist at the same time, but there is no reason for developers to choose the UAP bonus if they can get approval for the same upzoning without affordable housing
- e. . There’s nothing in the law that says the upzonings can only be market rate or every upzoning has to be approved. The door is left open. (Suki)
 - i. We need another charter revision or state level legislation to fix this. (Esteban)
- f. People should just lobby the city planning commissioners (Esteban). We need to be strategic about our feedback, or they’ll ignore what we say if we oppose everything
- g. There is an ELURP application for 141 Montgomery Street. They city is allowed to acquire land under an accelerated process and give it to a developer of their choice.

5. Ramada In Shelter

- a. There was a town hall meeting about the Ramada Inn shelter on Empire Boulevard. 400 people came and they opposed the shelter. (Alicia)
- b. If the city is directly leasing the hotel or there is a capital construction, then it goes through ULURP. If the city is funding nonprofit, it’s an article 9 shelter that won’t go through ULURP but is still required to do a Fair Share analysis. We need to see the contract with the hotel to know if it goes through ULURP (Suki)
- c. **Motion: CB9 should send a letter to the Department of Social Services to implement a CEQR analysis for the shelter that is proposed at 169 Empire Blvd, Ramada Inn, to determine the impact that it will have on the existing shelters in the vicinity – a family shelter on Rogers and a domestic shelter nearby, the senior center next door, the schools and the community.**
Vote (All in favor)

6. Zoning Framework Update

Motion: Add the following sections to our zoning Framework. Vote (All in favor)

Fair Share

Fair share analysis under Section 195 must be conducted for all city facilities, and leases or acquisitions of land, or capital construction by the city is subject to ULURP

However, in community district 9 such analysis must also include all state and federal facilities and acquisitions of land, or capital construction. Our residents’ quality of life and need for services are not determined by which level of government is funding the project.

Our annual District Needs Statement should contain a beds to population ratio analysis for residential facilities.

Environmental Review

Comprehensive Environmental Reviews should be conducted anytime a cumulative total of 300 or more units is built within a half mile radius of any new development, since the last comprehensive environmental review in that radius.

7. Adjournment

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

Nominations Meeting Minutes
May 13, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Debbie Timothy, Chair; Fred Baptiste; Solange Benjamin; Francisca Leopold; Theresa Westerdal

Absent (Board Members): Catherine Buccello

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting was called to order at 6:10 p.m.
2. Welcome and introductions
3. Nomination Committee elected Debbie Timothy as its chairperson
4. Process for the Nomination & Elections of Officers was reviewed and read out; As well as discussed by nomination committee members.
 - a. Included in folder was a list of current CB09 membership for canvassing as required
5. Committee members will meet again to discuss canvassing and next steps ahead of June 2026 meeting.
6. Next steps
 - a. Committee request the following from CB9 DM/staff
 - i. May 14, 2026 - Email solicitation message to all BKCB09 members notifying them about the upcoming election for officers and their interest in running for one or more of those positions.
 - ii. May 18, 2026 - Response is requested by close of business.
 - iii. Candidate must submit a bio/statement pertaining to their interest in serving as an officer of BKCB09.
 - iv. Theresa Westerdahl has the following sheet #1&3 / Debbie Timothy#2 / Francisca Leopold#4 / Solange Benjamin#5
 - v. Additional information will be needed and requested ahead of the June meeting.
7. Adjournment

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

Transportation Committee
May 13, 2026

Chair: Ethan Norville; Vice Chair: Andrew Magnus; Secretary: Paco Abraham

Attendance (Board Members): Ethan Norville; Andrew Magnus; Felice Robertson; Khurshid Abdul-Mutakabbir; Theresa Westerdahl; Isaiah Pecou

Attendance (Community Resident Members): Paco Abraham; Valerie Fleming; Calista DeJesus

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Community Resident Members): Vadim Gaboys

Guests: David Kupferberg (NYC Passengers United)

CB9 Staff: Allison Henry, Community Associate

Agenda:

- I. Welcome/Greetings
 - a. The meeting is called to order at 7:09 pm.
 - b. Chairman Baptiste thanks the committee for its continued service.
- II. Approval of April Minutes
 - a. Review of past meeting minutes.
 - b. Chairman Norville flags a typo in April minutes under items 7-F-i... the word "Unanimously approved" has a typo. It should read "Unanimously approved."
 - c. Teresa Westerdahl notes the minutes reference a letter that was sent out by the district office and asks if CB9 has any formal system for sharing letters that have gone out to agencies. Group discussion about best practices for sharing CB correspondence.
 - d. Andrew Magnus moves to approve the minutes with the above typo corrected
 - i. Roll Call vote. 6 out of 7 approve with one abstention. **Motion passes.**
- III. DOT Street Improvement: Rochester Avenue between Fulton Street and East New York Avenue
 - a. Chairman Norville presents a summary of a DOT plan previously presented to CB8 in June of 2025. It includes painted neckdowns, enhanced crossings, loading

zones, and turn calming treatments and is set for installation in coming weeks. A few intersections affected do fall within CB9, prompting committee review.

Conversation included -

- Crash statistics, and consideration of Rochester as a Vision Zero priority corridor (which it is)
- Questions about Rochester as a truck corridor (which it is not)
- Concern about safety of the painted neckdowns. Teresa and Valerie discuss it potentially being a false sense of safety and that “paint is not enough”. Paco agreed that “something physical” would be better.
- Felice references the similarity in design of Rochester Avenue with Washington Avenue, which the committee long ago requested DOT provide safety enhancements for. Valerie asks if the committee can again follow up on the existing request to DOT. Andrew agrees and asks, “Where are we with Washington Avenue?” Ethan says DOT has our request and the ball is in their court.
- Andrew asks if this Rochester project was an internal project of DOT or if it was the result of a specific request by the community or elected officials.
- Ethan says we do not need a vote necessarily on this project as the information was simply given to CB9 for awareness it is proceeding, but he reminds the committee he has asked DOT to show up in the meeting and address this corridor, along with last month’s request for details on school safety speed limit changes proposed, and the long standing request for safety enhancements to Washington Avenue.
- Felice reads correspondence from board member Rod Herbert which flagged concern with DOT decision to advance new school slow zones on Kingston and Rutland Road, as well as a school safety project on Brooklyn and Kingston Avenue (only one of which is a vision zero corridor) ahead of any speed limit changes near two schools, M.S. 061 Dr. Gladstone H. Atwell & P.S. 221 Toussaint L'Ouverture, both of which sit on Empire Blvd, which was already identified as a Vision Zero Corridor.

IV. Review Brooklyn Bus Network redesign, determine district needs and redesign framework

- a. David Kupferberg from NYC Passengers United offers a general assessment of the current Brooklyn Bus redesign plan on the table from the MTA. He leads a group discussion about elements which he and his colleagues oppose in the proposed changes. A broad-ranging conversation noted concerns with the lack of any 24-hour east/west route in CB9, that many bus stops don’t have shelters or

comfortable infrastructure, and there are concerns with the terminus of the B16 and the wait time for the B44 on weekends.

- b. Chairman Norville leads the conversation to a consensus with several guiding principles and committee votes on each idea.
 - i. Chairman Norville moves to propose a standard for the MTA's bus redesign where they optimize for overall travel time rather than just bus speed. Calista seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - ii. Andrew moves that the MTA makes bus stop environments more pleasant and enhance the pedestrian experience so that any route changes should come in tandem with infrastructure improvement (i.e. seating, shade, lighting etc.) Paco seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - iii. Ethan moves that the MTA provide our district with a true east-west route, running 24 hours a day (i.e. the to-be-created B10 running along Empire Blvd is not sufficient if its hours are only 6a to 8p as currently planned). Paco seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - iv. Ethan moves that the MTA aims to balance the frequency of service across the district. Calista seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - v. Andrew moves to prioritize subway connections over bus-to-bus transfers (i.e. having the B16 termination at Utica Ave to connect with the B46 is less useful than extending it to the Sutter Avenue–Rutland Road station served by the 3 train. Paco seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - vi. Ethan moves that the MTA set a hard cap of 1200 feet between subway stops (approximately six street-to-street lengths) with a preference for 1000 feet or less between stops (i.e. removing the B48 bus stop at Washington/ Sullivan adds 250 feet between bus stops). Andrew seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.
 - vii. Paco moves that the MTA & DOT consult with the CB about new uses for any curb space made available by the removal of bus stops in the redesign. Ethan seconds. No opposition and so the motion passes by unanimous consent.

V. New Business

- a. Paco inquiries about the long stretch of time between committee votes and next steps by the executive board and/or district office. The committee discussed how to ensure items do not get lost in the mix and that existing spreadsheets are

updated. Ethan agrees to let the committee know when relevant letters have been sent out to agencies. Andrew and Valerie note adding a column for turnaround time on spreadsheets would be wise and help show transparency of communication, such as a 60 day (~2 meeting) stretch for updates.

VI. The meeting was adjourned at 8:56pm.

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

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
May 14, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor; Abigail Timm

Absent (Board Members): None

Attendance (Resident Members): Courtenay Loïselle; Lillian Swain; David Romeo; Brenda Pagan; Gloria Briggs; T. Billi Martin

Absent (Resident Members): MC Alexander; Yoni Ronn; Shomari Ramsay

Guests: Bill Elliston, Curator of Education - Wildlife Conservation Society/ Prospect Park Zoo; R. Thrasher

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1) Call to Order

- ☐ Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.

2) Welcome, Greetings and Introductions

3) Presentation: Prospect Park Zoo Educational Programming by Bill Elliston, Curator of Education at Prospect Park Zoo

- ☐ Provided the committee with a comprehensive presentation on the zoo's educational initiatives and community engagement efforts.
- ☐ Overview of the Zoo and Education Department
- ☐ Mr. Elliston explained that the zoo is operated by the Wildlife Conservation Society and is one of five WCS parks in New York City. The education department includes:
 - ☐ 8 year-round staff positions
 - ☐ Approximately 12 seasonal staff
 - ☐ Interns and volunteers throughout the year
- ☐ The department's goals include:
 - ☐ Increasing scientific literacy
 - ☐ Strengthening community connections to wildlife and nature
 - ☐ Expanding STEM learning opportunities
 - ☐ Supporting pathways into STEM careers

-) School and Youth Programming
-) School Outreach
-) Mr. Elliston shared that:
 -) The zoo works within a one-mile educational ecosystem containing 77 schools
 -) Approximately 34% of those schools participated in zoo programming during the prior academic year
 -) Programs include field trips, classroom programs, scavenger hunts, and family/community days
 -) He noted that participation is increasing again following recovery from the 2023 flooding that temporarily closed portions of the zoo and interrupted educational programming
-) Teacher Development and Partnerships the zoo offers:
 -) Professional development for teachers
 -) Coaching sessions
 -) School partnerships
 -) A master's degree partnership program with Miami University of Ohio
-) Longstanding school partnerships include:
 -) Maple Street School
 -) P.S. 429 The Caden School
 -) Parkside Early Development Center
-) STEM Starters Program
 -) Mr. Elliston discussed the STEM Starters initiative focused on 3K and Pre-K STEM learning. The program includes:
 -) Classroom support for teachers
 -) Zoo field trips
 -) Family engagement activities
 -) Hands-on science kits
 -) Research associated with the program has demonstrated measurable gains in science and technology learning among participating students.
- i) Youth Employment and Career Development

h) Mr. Elliston highlighted WCS's role as one of the largest youth employers in New York City during the summer.

i) Key points included:

- All internships are paid

- Youth can advance through multiple roles and departments within WCS

- Opportunities exist across education, animal care, operations, and business services

j) The zoo also participates in the STEM career network known as the SIGN Network, partnering with institutions including:

- American Museum of Natural History

- Brooklyn Botanic Garden

- Queens Botanical Garden

k) Family and Community Engagement

- Programs highlighted included:

- Summer camps

- School break camps

- Birthday parties

- Community days

- Free summer family programming in partnership with the Prospect Park Alliance

l) Mr. Elliston also discussed:

- Programming at Maple Street Community Garden

- Partnerships with Brooklyn public libraries through mobile educational gallery exhibits

m) Volunteer Engagement

- The zoo reported:

- 90 teen volunteers

- 32 adult volunteers

- More than 1,100 volunteer hours

–. Approximately 166,000 visitor interactions during the previous year

4) Committee Discussion

-) Access and Outreach to Title I Schools
-) Committee members asked how the zoo ensures underserved and Title I schools receive access to programming
-) Mr. Ellison stated that:
 -) Scholarships are available
 -) The zoo tracks participation geographically and by school type
 -) Funding partnerships help target underserved schools
-) Committee members emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary curriculum connections so schools can justify field trips academically across multiple subjects

5) Adult Engagement Opportunities

-) Committee members discussed increasing adult participation at the zoo.
-) Suggestions included:
 -) Community Board 9 family or community day events
 -) Adult-focused programming
 -) Food vendor partnerships and community-based events
-) Mr. Elliston shared that the zoo recently piloted adult mocktail and conservation-themed evening programs and is open to additional ideas and collaborations.

6) Community Advisory Council

-) Mr. Elliston shared plans to create a community advisory council to strengthen outside input and collaboration with neighborhood organizations and residents

7) Invitation to Community Resource Event

-) Committee members invited the zoo to participate in the June 6 community resource event through tabling and outreach opportunities
-) Mr. Elliston expressed interest in participating.

8) Roll Call

-) A quorum was established

9) Approval of Previous Minutes

-) A motion to approve the minutes was made and seconded. The motion carried.

10) Public Comment / Community Discussion

11) Community Town Hall Discussion – Proposed Shelter

-) Committee members discussed the recent Community Board 9 town hall regarding the proposed shelter at the Ramada hotel site near Rogers Avenue and Empire Boulevard
-) Key concerns raised included:
 -) Lack of transparency from city agencies
 -) Community notification and engagement concerns
 -) Existing shelter saturation within the neighborhood
 -) Fairness and equity in shelter placement
 -) Public safety and environmental impact concerns
-) Committee members emphasized the need for:
 -) Greater community consultation
 -) Transparency regarding contracts and timelines
 -) Fair distribution of social service facilities citywide

12) Committee Reports and Announcements

-) Major Owens Health & Wellness Community Center
 -) Members discussed applications for the advisory committee at the Major Owens Health & Wellness Community Center and encouraged participation
-) Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 -) The committee confirmed that representatives from the Brooklyn Botanic Garden are expected to present at the June meeting
-) Prospect Park Alliance
 -) Discussion included continued participation and collaboration opportunities with the Prospect Park Alliance

13) Future Planning Discussions

-) Arts and Music Summit
 -) The committee discussed organizing a future arts and music summit highlighting local artists and cultural organizations.

14) Tentative timeframe discussed:

-) April 2027
-) Potential partnerships discussed included:
 -) Medgar Evers College
 -) Local cultural institutions

15) Sports Summit

-) The committee discussed creating a sports summit focused on:
 -) Youth sports organizations
 -) Community collaboration
 -) Athletic programming
 -) Team exhibitions and networking opportunities
-) Tentative timeframe discussed:
 -) Winter/Spring 2027

16) Resource Fair Participation

-) Members discussed encouraging all organizations presenting before the committee to also participate in future Community Board 9 resource fairs

17) Parks Tour and Mural Project

-) Additional future initiatives discussed included:
 -) A Community Board 9 parks tour
 -) A mural project within the district
 -) Expanded collaboration with cultural institutions

18) Future Summit Planning

-) The committee continued discussions regarding long-term planning for future committee initiatives and summits.
-) Members discussed tentative timelines for:
 -) A borough-wide parks conference
 -) A sports summit
 -) An arts and music summit involving schools and community organizations

- ☐ Discussion included the possibility of scheduling future conferences and summits during the winter or early spring months to allow sufficient planning time for summer programming and partnerships.
- ☐ Tentative months discussed included:
 - ☐ January or March for conference planning
 - ☐ February or March for the sports summit
 - ☐ April for the arts and music summit
- ☐ Members emphasized the importance of involving schools, youth organizations, and community partners in future programming efforts

19) Virtual Attendance and Accessibility Discussion

- ☐ The committee discussed maintaining virtual attendance options for Community Board meetings and committees.
- ☐ Members noted that virtual participation was heavily utilized during the pandemic and expressed support for continuing hybrid or virtual accessibility options moving forward
- ☐ Discussion included:
 - ☐ Evolving meeting practices to reflect current technology and accessibility needs
 - ☐ Increasing participation opportunities for community members
 - ☐ Potential bylaw or procedural changes to formalize virtual attendance options
 - ☐ A motion was discussed regarding support for continued virtual attendance accessibility
 - ☐ Members noted that a formal resolution may be drafted and presented to the Executive Committee and General Board at a future meeting.

20) Closing Remarks

- ☐ Members discussed continued participation in upcoming Executive Committee and General Board meetings and encouraged ongoing collaboration across committees and community organizations

21) Adjournment

- ☐ The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:56 PM.

Minutes submitted by: Abigail Timm

Minutes reviewed and approved by: Chair, Nicolas Almonor

**DM Report
Executive Meeting
5/19/2026 | 890 Nostrand Ave | 7PM**

Public Notices

MTA – MTA is holding interactive workshops to build upon the MTA’s ongoing outreach on the project and will provide the public the opportunity to share feedback that will inform the project design, priorities for stations and train design, and to learn more about recent project updates.

- Saturday, May 30, 2026, 10 AM–12 PM – East New York Arts and Civic High School

MTA – NO MORE COINS - At a later date in 2026, buses will no longer accept coins as payment. The exact date will be shared ahead of time. Instead, customers can tap and ride using their OMNY card, phone, or contactless debit or credit card. OMNY cards can be reloaded with cash or coins at OMNY vending machines in subway stations or at participating retail locations near you like Walgreens or CVS. If there is a local business or retailer in your district that would be a good candidate for the OMNY retail network, you can nominate them at this [link](#). There is no cost for a store to participate.

DOT - City of New York plans to reduce speed limits in select areas throughout your district. Following the enactment of Sammy’s Law in 2024, New York City Department of Transportation (NYC DOT) has the authority to reduce speed limits below 20 miles per hour on individual streets.

Speed Reduction

- Eastern Parkway between Troy and Schenectady Avenues
- Union Street between Bedford and Rogers Avenues

New School Slow Zones

- Kingston Avenue between Winthrop Street and Rutland Road
- Rutland Road between Brooklyn and Albany Avenues

Public Hearings

DOT: This proposed rule would amend section 4-13 of Chapter 4 of Title 34 of the Rules of the City of New York (“34 RCNY”) to update the citywide truck routes. The New York City Department of Transportation (“DOT”) will hold a public hearing will take place on Tuesday, June 9, 2026, at 10am.

- Join Zoom Meeting
- <https://zoom.us/j/94927193122?pwd=Bb3jcvqh26hLbkFFwU6ZpU80XZGlaW.1> Meeting ID: 949 2719 3122
- Passcode: 347920

RGB - The New York City Rent Guidelines Board (“RGB”) is proposing rent guidelines for October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. A meeting of the New York City Rent Guidelines Board (RGB) will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 9:30 A.M. at Spector Hall, 22 Reade Street, New York, NY 10007. The public is invited to attend and observe the proceedings of this meeting in-person. You can email comments to ask@rgb.nyc.gov. The

**CITY OF NEW YORK
BUDGET SUMMARY REPORT**

AGENCY: 479

FISCAL YEAR: 2026

FUND: 001

FOR U OF A(S): ALL, FOR BUDGET CODES(S): ALL, FOR OBJECT CLASS(S): ALL

As of 5/20/2026

FY	Dept	Appropriation Unit	Budget Code	Object Code Detail	Object Code	Current Modified Budget	Encumbered	Actual Expenditure	Uncommitted
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	001	\$238,460.00	\$0.00	\$203,537.11	\$34,922.89
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	021	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	009	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	031	\$1,546.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,546.00
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2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	043	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS) Leave	046	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	049	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	051	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	053	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	055	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	057	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS) Supper	061	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$363.00	-\$363.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	095	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	X42	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	001	1000	Personnel Services (PS)	X43	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
					Total Current Modified Budget	\$240,006.00	\$0.00	\$204,533.03	\$35,472.97
Unit of Appropriation 002 (OTPS - Other Than Personnel Services)									
2026	479	002	1000	Supplies & Materials	100	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
2026	479	002	1000	Printing Supplies	101	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$167.74	\$32.26
2026	479	002	1000		107	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Food & Forage Supplies	110	\$400.00	\$47.88	\$0.00	\$352.12
2026	479	002	1000	Postage	117	\$500.00	\$37.41	\$411.51	\$51.08
2026	479	002	1000	Maintenance Supplies	169	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Cleaning Supplies	170	\$700.00	\$0.00	\$299.45	\$400.55
2026	479	002	1000	Data Processing Supplies	199	\$4,300.00	\$0.00	\$4,249.90	\$50.10
2026	479	002	1000		300	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Telecommunications Equipment	302	\$8,300.00	\$0.00	\$8,278.86	\$21.14
2026	479	002	1000	Office Furniture	314	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Office Equipment	315	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Security Equipment	319	\$2,500.00	\$233.55	\$1,192.56	\$1,073.89
2026	479	002	1000		330	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Purchases of Data Processing Equipment	332	\$300.00	\$256.44	\$0.00	\$43.56
2026	479	002	1000	Books - Other	337	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		400	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Telephone & Other Communications	402	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		403	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Professional Services - Contractual	406	\$13,000.00	\$5,845.00	\$4,725.00	\$2,430.00
2026	479	002	1000	DOITT-Tech	40B	\$6,863.00	\$0.00	\$5,811.00	\$1,052.00
2026	479	002	1000	Rentals - Miscellaneous	412	\$300.00	\$234.48	\$31.18	\$34.34
2026	479	002	1000	Rentals - Land, Building, & Structures	414	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		417	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		423	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		427	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Leasing of Miscellaneous Equipment	431	\$212.00	\$145.19	\$0.00	\$66.81
2026	479	002	1000	Local Travel Expenditures	451	\$800.00	\$543.58	\$502.76	-\$246.34
2026	479	002	1000		452	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Other Expenditures - General	499	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		600	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Telecommunication Maintenance - Contractual	602	\$1,800.00	\$865.31	\$934.69	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Maintenance and Repairs - General - Contractual	608	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Office Equipment Maintenance - Contractual	612	\$3,300.00	\$498.00	\$2,739.00	\$63.00
2026	479	002	1000	Data Processing Equipment Maintenance - Contractual	613	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Printing Services - Contractual	615	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000		619	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
2026	479	002	1000	Temporary Services - Contractual	622	\$300.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$50.00

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