

Brooklyn Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Virtual General Board Meeting
Held on
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
7:00 PM

Livestream – CB 9 YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GxH0riadQrg>

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 7:07 p.m.
- Chair Baptiste waived the reading of the Rules of Order for the night's meeting

2. Presentations:

- **FDNY Firefighter Zackary Bitzer.**
Firefighter Bitzer gave an in-dept presentation on fire safety in the home.
 - a. Change you Fire/smoke/carbon monoxide detector every five years.
 - b. Keep all exits free.
 - c. Maintain fire extinguishers.
 - d. Have fire escape plan in order.
 - e. Free Detector can be available from the FDNY.
 - f. Keep space heaters away from items that can cause a fire.Fire Department www.fdnysmart.org
- **Office of NYS Assembly Member Stefani Zinnermen – Joshua Surujbhan**
 - a) Bill A5881 A/S6135 – The Kings County Cease and Desist Zone Act.

3. Application for the New York State Liquor Authority:

a) **Rinconcito Bites Corp** - 989 Nostrand Ave (Sullivan Place/Empire Blvd): New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit

4. Application to the New York City Taxi and limousine Commission

a) **Union Limo and car Service** – 311 Kingston Avenue (Union/Eastern Parkway)
Renewal of a base license

5. Application to the New York City Landmarks Commission

a) 195 Maple Street @ Rogers Ave – Legalize modification of front retaining wall planters.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Alicia Boyd
Nadine Shelton
Sharonnie Perry

Sara Gronim/350 Brooklyn
Tyrone Dawson NHS Brooklyn
Lillian

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS: Elected Officials & NYC Agency Representatives

<i>Kathrina Azemard</i>	BBP Office
<i>Isaiah Dawson</i>	AD 57
<i>Monique Chandler-Waterman</i>	Assembly woman
<i>Paucha Edwards</i>	State Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie
<i>Michelle Tege</i>	District Leader -43 rd District
<i>Naomi Sai Lang</i>	Brian Cunningham’s Office
<i>Lisa Desir</i>	CM Darlene Mealy Office
<i>Karen Crawford</i>	District Attorney’s Office

BUSINESS SESSION:

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	<i>EXC= Excused</i>	
1	Abdul Mutakabbir, Abdul		A	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	Rohaam Menon X
5	Catherine Buccello		A	28	Zlati Mochkin X
6	Joanna Carr	X		29	Ethan Norville X
7	Suwen “Suki” Cheong	X		30	Denzel Oduro A
8	Kendall Christainsen		A	31	Isaiah Pecou X
9	Eve Chavi Cohen	X		32	Hasaan Qazi A
10	Nicole Soul Creary	X		33	Vanessa Raptopoulos X
11	Max Roland Davidson		A	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	X	37	Bakary Tandia	X
15	Shaunya Hartley	X	38	Joshua Thomas-Serrano	X
16	Rod Herbert	X	39	Abigail Timm	A
17	Drew Johnson	A	40	Debbie Timothy	X
18	Volney Joseph	X	41	Linda Watson-Lorde	X
19	Ronisha LaBarrie	X	42	Dawn Welters	A
20	Mayna Legoute	X	43	Theresa Westerdahl	X
21	Francisca Leopold	X	44	Joyce Williams	X
22	Christian Loubeau	X	45	Lorianne Wolseley	X
23	Andrew Magnus	X	46	Steve Zeltser	X

@ Roll Call 35 members were present with 11 members absent.

A quorum was met

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

The minutes of the January 2025 meetings was accepted on a vote of common consent with no objections; with one correction to the membership attendance record. The record was adjusted to note the present of Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales.

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 | Kendall Christainsen- Chair |
| d) Housing | Mayna Legoute - Chair |
| e) Youth & Education | Soul Creary -Chair |
| f) Health & Social Services | Francisca Leopold - Chair |
| g) Land Use/ULURP | Suwen "Suki" Cheong – Chair |
| h) Transportation | Ethan Norville |

4. District Manager's Report:

- *Public Notices*
 - The 2026 United Airlines Half Marathon is scheduled for March 15, 2026. Entry is near Grand Army, so we should not see disruptions on Washington Avenue.
 - FDNY: On January 29, 2026, at 35 Winthrop Ave, Brooklyn, a fire broke out at the 6-story 40-unit multi-family building. No other tenants have been displaced at this time. One fatality has been confirmed by FDNY. DOB issued a partial vacate for Apt 4D only where the fire occurred and a DOB Summons for the fire.
 - MTA: On Monday February 2nd the OMNY Call Center has expanded its hours to 24 hours, 7 days a week. OMNY customer service representatives will be available 24/7 to answer questions about tap and ride trips and transactions and to assist customers with any inquiries or issues. Customers can call the OMNY Call Center at 877-789-6669 or chat with us online via the Digital Assistant.
 - DEP: NYC Department of Environmental Protection - The Community Right-to-Know Law (Local Law 26 of 1988) protects public health and the environment by regulating hazardous substances across New York City. Through the Right-to-Know (RTK) Program, businesses such as automotive repair and dry cleaners must submit annual Tier II reports detailing the type, quantity, and location of hazardous materials stored at their facilities. Reports are filed through an online system with electronic payment options, and the annual filing deadline is March 1.
 - DOB: NYC Local Law No. 75, adopted in 2009, mandates updated visibility requirements for roll-down security gates in most retail, office, and commercial spaces. All affected gates must provide at least 70% visibility when fully closed. • Affected Properties: Most commercial spaces, new and existing (excluding landmarks/historic districts).
 - Compliance Deadline: July 1, 2026. All affected gates must be compliant by this date, regardless of installation year. • Penalties: Non-compliance is a major violation.
 - Gates installed after July 1, 2011, face fines starting at \$250 for the first offense and at least \$1,000 for subsequent offenses. • Violations can be resolved if corrected and certified with the NYC Department of Buildings (DOB) within 90 days.
 - DOT: A pilot program that aims to cut down on package thefts and reduce delivery truck trips, LockerNYC is expanding into our district. The two locations where the lockers will be placed are the following • 867 Nostrand Avenue at Mermaid Fish Market**
 - 614 Flatbush Avenue at Chester Pharmacy • 1294 Nostrand Avenue (new location)
 - DHCR: Clarkson Estates, state project, located at 329 Clarkson Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11226 is opening the lottery for 163 lottery and 164 supportive units. Available units range from 30% to 70% AMI. Deadline to apply is March 10, 2026 and the lottery will be held at the end of March. You can request an application by emailing clarkson@kgupright.com. Public Hearings

- BKCB9: CB9 will be hold its annual Citywide Statement of Needs for FY27-28 on February 18th, 2026, starting at 6:30PM at the Board Office. The primary purpose of this document is to inform communities of the City’s facilities needs and the specific criteria for selecting the locations of those facilities.

.NY: 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 on the proposed rule. The public hearing will take place via Microsoft Teams at 10:00AM on March 5th, 2026, using the following link: [CLICK HERE TO JOIN HEARING](#). You can email written comments to nycrules@dsny.nyc.gov. We are zone Brooklyn East with no implementation date set.

Administrative

- Eastern Parkway bench painting in April (move details upcoming)
- March 24th general board meeting will be held at BBG (990 Washington Avenue).
- National Grid in CB9 Office (3/6, 4/10, 5/1)
- Upcoming weather...sign up for NotifyNYC
- THANK YOU DSNY FOR YOUR SERVICE DURING THE WINTER STORM 26’

5. Chairman’s Report:

The Chairman shared the below remarks:

- The foreclosure and the reverse of the financial funding of the Downstate Hospital.
- The upcoming Listening Session by the Congresswoman Yvette Clarke; re: housing and immigration.
- The upcoming Youth Service, Education and Library Committee’s Education Career Fair.
- Awaiting on any information on the Tax Leins.
- CB9’s Annual Community Fair is fast approaching.
- Special events happening expected in the community re: the next marathon.

6. Voting Session:

Rinconcito Bites Corp - 989 Nostrand Ave (Sullivan Place/Empire Blvd): New Liquor, Wine, Beer and Cider License and Temporary Retail Permit.

The vote result was - All in Favor with no objections.

Mount Prospect Resolution:

The vote result was - All in favor with no objections.

Alliance of the Park, Recreation and Culture Committee and Prospect Park in support of the Bi-Annual Parks Conference.

The vote result was - All in favor with no objections

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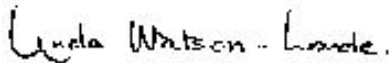
The vote result was - Twenty-Seven (27) in Favor, No (0) Against and six (6) abstentions.

Bill A5881 A/S6135 – The Kings County Cease and Desist Zone Act.

The vote result was – Twenty-nine in favor (29) None (0) against and one (1) recused.

7. New Business: None

8. Adjournment. At 10:35 p.m. Fred Baptiste, Chair of Brooklyn Community Board 9, adjourned the February 2026 General Board Meeting.



Linda Watson-Lorde
Executive Secretary CB 9
February 2026