

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

Health and Social Services Committee Meeting
February 5, 2026

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

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

Absent (**Board Members**): Bakary Tandia

Absent (**Resident Members**): Breanna Kaiser; Richardeana Theodore

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to order
 - a. Meeting called to order at 7:03 PM.
2. Approval of January minutes
 - a. The January 2026 minutes were reviewed. A motion was made and accepted.
3. Welcome and Introduction of Dr. Jacqueline Love
4. Ice Breaker
 - a. Members responded to the question: “Name one thing you would have liked to have changed this week.”
5. Senior & Family Health Fair – Planning Overview
 - a. Event Details:
 - i. Tentative Date: June 27, 2026
 - ii. Lead Organizer: Dr. Jacqueline Love
 1. Longstanding champion for seniors in the community.
 2. Experienced in community health fair planning.
 - iii. Location: Lefferts Avenue (between Bedford & Washington Avenues)
 - iv. Street closure required (event will take place on the roadway)
 - v. Set-Up Time: 11:00 AM
 - vi. Event Time: 12:00 PM – 5:00 PM
 - vii. Community Board 9 Table: will serve as an information table and vendors will check in/sign in at this location.
 - b. Activities & Programming:
 - i. Activities will be geared toward children and seniors, with special attention to senior caregivers.
 - c. Proposed Activities:
 - i. Yoga sessions

- ii. Dental information and screenings
- iii. Nutrition education, including an on-site healthy cooking demonstration
- iv. Mental health providers and resources
- v. Line dancing (potential partnership with Shape Up NYC)
- vi. Crochet corner
- vii. Puzzle station
- viii. Bingo with prizes
- ix. “Through the Decades” Mixer
- d. Youth & Family Engagement:
 - i. Portable basketball clinic (reach out to New Heights at Major Owens)
 - ii. Bouncy house
 - iii. Partnership with 3–1–1 Children’s Services to provide entertainment
 - iv. Face painting
 - v. Balloon animals
 - vi. Shaved ice treats
- e. Additional Requests and Logistics:
 - i. Request tents through elected officials
 - ii. Explore the opportunity to show a movie during the event
 - 1. NYPD may have an inflatable projection screen available.
 - 2. Assign a point person to submit request through Community Affairs Officer Brady.
 - iii. Abigail followed up with SUNY Downstate nursing students; they agreed to provide blood pressure screenings.
 - iv. Elected officials involved: Assemblyman Brian Cunningham, who will also partner with 71st Precinct Community Affairs Director, Christopher Bleakman.
- f. Other Planning Considerations:
 - i. Must consider electrical set-up for the DJ
 - ii. Need for bathroom facilities
 - iii. Plan for shaded tent area
 - iv. Event set-up logistics
 - v. Permits (Dante/Board Office will provide these services)
 - vi. Refreshments for seniors (water, fruits, etc.)
 - vii. Assign a point person of contact – Nancy from “Seeds in the Middle Mobile Market”
- g. Targeted Senior Service Organizations:
 - i. The committee will focus on requesting representatives/sponsors from the following organizations:
 - ii. Con Edison
 - iii. National Grid
 - iv. NYC Department of Aging
 - v. NYC Department of Finance
 - vi. HPD Housing (including a housing attorney)
 - vii. Mayor’s Office of Public Engagement (PEU)
 - viii. FDNY – they will provide three tables
 - 1. Children’s table

- 2. Smoke detector demonstration
- 3. CPR & Stop the Bleed campaign demonstration
- ix. Brooklyn Health / Kings County
- x. Department of Transportation (Access-A-Ride information)
- xi. Fresh Direct
- xii. The Campaign Against Hunger
- xiii. Restaurant partners (specific prepared food quantities, e.g., water)
- xiv. Economic Development Department
- xv. Health Insurance Providers: Athena, Healthfirst, MetroPlus, La Sante Health Center
- h. Supplies & Vendor Planning:
 - i. 30 chairs from Assemblyman Brian Cunningham's office
 - ii. 30 chairs from CB9 office
 - iii. Sponsors will be asked to provide additional chairs and tables
 - iv. Confirm senior centers with available transportation
 - v. Capacity:
 - vi. Approximately 40 vendors
 - vii. Up to 100 tables can fit at the location
 - viii. Dr. Jacqueline Love will send a vendor resource spreadsheet to the Board Office. Dante will develop a Google Form to collect responses from companies regarding how they will participate and what they are willing to provide.
- i. Outstanding Questions:
 - i. How will the committee manage traffic on Flatbush Avenue and near surrounding apartment buildings?
 - 1. Follow-up scheduled for the next meeting.
- j. Communications & Promotion:
 - i. Resource Fair flyer will be created by Dr. Jacqueline Love.
 - ii. Event colors: Orange and Blue.
 - iii. Team will distribute flyers throughout the community.
 - iv. Dante will create a Google Form.
 - v. A QR code will be developed to help community members stay informed about neighborhood events.
 - vi. Senior Resource Fair planning will be presented at the upcoming CB9 Executive Committee meeting. Mental health agenda will be reviewed at that time.
 - vii. Team will update any errors in the Excel spreadsheet.
- 6. New Business
 - a. Kings County Hospital Update:
 - i. A representative from Kings County will update the committee regarding new CT scanners.
 - ii. Two CT scanners will now be available.
 - iii. Previously, there was no CT scanner in the emergency department, which caused patient transport delays.
 - iv. A meeting to confirm the official launch date of the new CT scanners will take place at the end of the month.

- b. Senior Spa Day:
 - i. The Senior Spa Day will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 7. Adjournment
 - a. At 8:01 PM, a motion was made and accepted to adjourn the meeting.