

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

**Health and Social Services Committee Meeting**  
**January 15, 2026**

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

Attendance (Resident Members): Carol Bartley; Nomalizwe Byndon; Abigail Donley; Karimah Griffin

Absent (Board Members): None

Absent (Resident Members): Breanna Kaiser; Richardeana Theodore

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

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1. Call to order
  - a. Meeting in session: 7:02 pm
2. Introduction of new member
  - a. Abigail Donley
3. Suggested Initiatives
  - a. Senior Health and Resource Fair
  - b. Mental Health partnership with MS 61 and Health and Hospital (HHS)
  - c. Healthy Eating Class – Online Cooking Demonstration for children and teens – tackling childhood obesity & Diabetes. In partnership with MS 61 PTA, McKeever on Park Place
  - d. Community Advisory Task Force
    - i. In partnership with Rita Joseph, Brian Cunningham, IDCC, Kings County, Downstate, Tenant Associations & CB9
      1. The community can bring up issues
  - e. Senior Health and Resource Fair
4. Proposed Activities
  - a. Bingo wheel
  - b. Suggested Resources
  - c. Blood pressure station
    - i. Manned by volunteer students
  - d. Property tax exemptions for seniors (SCRIE)
  - e. ShapeUp NYC
  - f. AARP
    - i. Location: Park at Lefferts and Albany

- ii. Organizations we would like to ask to participate in fair
  - 1. Dr. Love
  - 2. Insurance Companies (MetroPlus Aetna, Healthfirst)
- iii. Draft Timeline
  - 1. 1st Qtr 2026
  - 2. Obtain Budget
  - 3. Food and refreshment for volunteers
  - 4. Create flyers
  - 5. Obtain permits
  - 6. Chairs (Can we get from CB9 & Brian Cunningham's office)
  - 7. 2nd Qtr 2026
    - a. Additional planning
      - i. To do:
      - ii. Determine month to hold the fair
      - iii. Create a playbook/finalize tasks and timeline
      - iv. Create 2 committees
  - 8. Committee Business
    - a. November minutes
    - b. Committee WhatsApp Group
      - i. Lisa to add Abby, Nomalizwe and Carol
      - ii. Lisa was elevated to Vice-Chair by Chair Fran
- iv. Adjourned