

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

**Health and Social Services Committee Meeting**  
**March 5, 2026**

**Attendance (Board Members):** Francisca Leopold, Committee Chair; Fred Baptiste, Board Chair; Lisa Etienne, Committee Vice Chair; Abigail Timm

**Attendance (Resident Members):** Karimah Griffin; Jonnathan Courtney

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

**Absent (Resident Members):** Carol Bartley; Nomalizwe Byndon; Abigail Donley; Breanna Kaiser; Dr. Jacqueline Love; Richardeana Theodore

**Guests:** Dr. Ernest Paul Jr., North Medical Center; Chris Johnson, Caribbean Women’s Health

**CB9 Staff:** Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

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1. Call to order
  - a. Meeting in session: 7:03 PM.
2. Welcomes and Introductions
3. Dr. Ernest Paul introduced his new practice – North Medical Center
  - a. Dr. Paul wanted to open his multi-specialty practice in a community he can help.
  - b. They accept walk-ins, appointments for primary care, health maintenance.
  - c. Insurance acceptance is pending.
  - d. Accepts a sliding fee.
  - e. Open 8 AM – 6 PM on weekdays, 9 AM – 6 PM on weekends.
4. Introduction to new Committee resident member Jonnathan Courtney
  - a. He is interested in opening a community space that will hold co-working, fitness, community programs, and mentorship.
  - b. The Committee/visitors gave the following resources:
    - i. Economic Development Corporation
    - ii. Community Board Needs Assessment
    - iii. Boys n Girls Club
5. Introduction to Chris Johnson from Caribbean Women’s Health
  - a. Caribbean Women’s Health fights disparities, has the following free services:
    - i. Mental Health
    - ii. Immigration/Green Cards/Naturalization
6. Committee Chair, Leopold invited Dr. Paul and Caribbean Women’s Health to participate in the upcoming Community Resource Fair and to the General Board Meeting.
7. Committee Chair, Leopold recommended Dr. Paul attend the 71st Precinct Council meeting.

8. Board Chair, Baptiste suggested that the Health & Social Services Committee invites Caribbean Women's Health for a townhall or webinar.
9. Adjournment
  - a. Meeting adjourned at 8:13 PM.