

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

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2026

Attendance (Board Members): Nicolas Almonor; Abigail Timm

Absent (Board Members): Denzel Oduro

Attendance (Resident Members): Brenda Pagan; Lillian Swain; David Romeo; Gloria Briggs; Shomari Ramsay; McAlexander Cicerin

Absent (Resident Members): Yoni Ronn; Courtenay Loisel

Guests: None

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to Order
 - a. Nicolas Almonor called the meeting to order at 7:17 PM.
2. Welcome, Greetings, Introductions
 - a. The Committee was introduced to Shomari Ramsay, The Sports Liaison, and McAlexander Cicerin, Art Liaison. Shomari and McAlexander have both joined the committee as community resident members.
3. Roll Call
4. Approval of December meeting minutes
 - a. Motion made by Lillian Swain and seconded by Abigail Timm.
5. Old Business
 - a. Self-defense classes
 - b. Tour of the CB9 Parks
 - i. During the tour events, the community will have an opportunity to sign up for the CB9 E-blast.
 - c. Borough Hall Presentation
 - i. Nicolas Almonor attends a meeting every other Monday to prepare for the Brooklyn Parks and Open Space conference endorsed by the Prospect Park Alliance.
 - ii. The Prospect Park Alliance will cover the venue, breakfast, and lunch from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM.
 - iii. A happy hour at 5:00 PM is also being planned, it will possibly be held at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden or Brooklyn Bridge Park.
6. New Business
 - a. Youth and Adult Soccer and Basketball Tournaments

- i. Proposed “Best of Brooklyn Community Boards” tournament.
 - b. Brooklyn Botanic Garden
 - i. Open Garden Day
 - ii. Earth Day Events
 - c. Mosques in CB9
 - i. Identification of mosques serving the CB9 community.
 - ii. The committee noted that the Imam located at Bedford Avenue and Fulton Street serve the CB9 community.
 - d. Prospect Park Alliance
 - i. Host the March 28, 2026 Brooklyn Parks and Open Spaces Conference.
 - e. BRIC Arts Media
 - i. The committee has agreed to do a presentation at the February or March General Board meeting.
 - f. Interfaith Luncheon Project
 - i. Potential venue – Brooklyn Museum
 - g. SUNY Downstate Collaboration
 - i. Plans to partner with the Health and Social Services committee for their Health Fair.
 - h. Future Meeting Planning
 - i. On January 22, 2026 the committee will begin to set dates for the first and second quarters of 2026.
- 7. Adjournment