

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

Youth & Education Committee Meeting
February 10, 2026

Attendance: (Board Members): Soul Creary; Dawn Welters-Dumpson; Letwine Mavima
Melissa Severe

Attendance: (Resident Members): T. Billi Martin

Absent: (Board Members): None

Absent: (Resident Members): Ainslie Binder; Pamela Payne; Brian Allaway; John Beckles Jr.;
Demetria Farrow; Yvonne Lowe; Cynthia Rose

Guests: Brandon Boyce, Interpreter from Accurate Communication Inc.; Letwine Mavima's mother

CB9 Staff: Mia N. Hilton, Assistant District Manager

1. Call to Order & Introductions

- a. The meeting was called to order at 7:12 PM.
- b. Members and guests briefly introduced themselves.

2. Approval of January Minutes

- a. January minutes were reviewed and approved.

3. Youth Job Fair Results

- a. The Youth Job Fair was held on Saturday, January 31, at St. Francis de Sales School for the Deaf at 260 Eastern Parkway.
- b. 22 organizations participated, with 99+ youths and their families in attendance.
- c. Senator Zellnor Myrie and The Local Development Corporation of Crown Heights contributed \$200, which supported food, snacks, and beverages.
- d. Soul Creary thanked all participants and supporters. The next step is to draft and send thank-you letters; Soul will prepare a draft.
- e. Chairman, Fred Baptiste, thanked the Committee on behalf of the Board and expressed continued support for committee initiatives.
Ideas for next year include potentially increasing the event age limit to better include out-of-school youth; further discussion is needed.
- f. T. Billi Martin reported receiving negative feedback from a vendor, related to a delay in set-up time. However, committee members that attended the event stated that they were in attendance and supported with set up. Additionally, she shared that there was a version of the flier being circulated that had additional logos other than the community board 9 logo. The chair and vice chair were not aware of when the additional logos were added. It was not altered by the chair or vice chair.

- g. Overall, the event was well received and connected youth to organizations and employers who are interested in working with them.

4. **Upcoming Events**

- a. Community Clean-Up Days
 - i. The Committee discussed planning volunteer recruitment for upcoming community clean-up days.
 - ii. The proposed clean-up area is Eastern Parkway to Empire Boulevard, from Franklin Avenue to Bedford and Rogers Avenue, consistent with last year's location.
 - iii. The Committee discussed posting the event on the Community Board Eventbrite page to assist with volunteer recruitment.
- b. Education Town Hall Update
 - i. T. Billi Martin reported that outreach is underway to identify an event moderator and panelists.
 - ii. A draft flyer has been prepared and will be shared with the Committee.
 - iii. The event will be held at the School for the Deaf and will follow a format similar to last year, including a moderated Q&A session.
 - iv. Additional support will be needed for Q&A facilitation, livestream monitoring, book donations, and event decor.
 - v. The Committee Chair expressed appreciation for the ongoing planning efforts and emphasized the importance of collaborative coordination, requesting that the Chair and Vice Chair be included in all related event correspondence and updates.

5. **Adjournment**

- a. The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 PM