

**Community Board 9
890 Nostrand Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11225**

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 27, 2018
AUDITORIUM, MIDDLE SCHOOL 61
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225
Amended**

Board Members Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Taunglea Ambroise	Linda Beth Lawson	Patricia Baker
Stuart Balberg	Francisca Leopold	Rev. Phyllis Banks
Rev. Douglas Banks	Michael Liburd	Greg Darby
Fred Baptiste	Mattijs Limberger	Henry Greenidge
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	Carmen Martinez	Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Simone Bennett	Scott Mathews-Novelli	Louis Johnson
Warren Berke	Musa Moore	Patricia Moses
Augustine Blackwell	Vivia Morgan	*Pia Raymond
William H. Boone, III	Beverly Newsome	Rabbi Menachem Shagalov
Ben Edwards	Riel Peerbooms	Aishah Smith
Rosemarie Evering	Unella Rhone-Perry	*Joyce Stewart
Rabbi Nochum Gross	Rashidah Siddiqui	
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	*Excused
Aron Hershkop	Ada Terry	
Olushegun Holder	Debbie Timothy	
Daniel Ingvoldstad	Eve-lyn Williams	

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ryan Lynch
Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo – Krista Beaubrun
City Councilman Mathieu Eugene – Ramona Cabreja

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

Chairman Musa Moore called the meeting to order at 7:15pm, welcomed attendees and read the Community Board 9 Rules of Conduct into record.

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Brooklyn Flea DC LLC; 153 East Drive, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Board Introduction: Application for a renewal liquor, wine, beer and cider license. April – October food festival on Sundays in Prospect Park. There have been efforts to engage with local restaurants and hiring locally. The Prospect Park Alliance spoke in favor of the application in the past and they still have continued engagement. No complaints have been made by law enforcement or the fire department.

Balboa Restaurant; 1665 Bedford Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Board Introduction: Application for a renewal liquor, wine, beer and cider license. The restaurant has been in operation for 25 years. There have been no complaints or incidents from emergency or law enforcement. There were renovations since last visiting the Board and have not been any issues.

Presentation by Mr. Yaacov Behrman for proposed street naming of Carroll Street (Brooklyn/New York Avenues) to “Sarah and Michael Behrman Way”

Presenter Sarah Behrman: Ms. Behrman spent time in the community assisting people with special needs. Michael Behrman worked in drug prevention with children in substance abuse as well as in film. They fulfill all requirements for landmarking.

Debbie Timothy, Transportation Committee Chair: Regarding guidelines, there all technical requirements appear to have been met. Mr. Behrman appeared in front of the Transportation Committee, but there was no quorum.

There was discussion about the proper procedure for approval. The proper procedures appear to have been followed thus far.

Review of the 2019 CB9 Preliminary Budget and Agency Responses

Chair Moore opened the floor for public comment on the preliminary budget.

There were the following comments and recommendations on the budget and agency responses:

- Correct Priority #7 (Expense) from “city” owned to “state” owned
- Priority #3 (Capital): Rat population reduction should be provided prior to development so as to prevent rat proliferation.
- Priority #11 (Capital): To proceed with this request, the City Council needs to fund the matter.
- For Priority #7 and #12 (Capital): In answer to the question of whether there has been community engagement for identifying relevant houses, it is not known.

Public Comment Period

Prior to public comment, Chair Moore noted that there was an article published on proposed spice factory development. Chair Moore and ULURP Chair Liburd were quoted in the article, stating that there is inadequate infrastructure for such a large development.

Public Comments

Nickala Stephens: Student at Wingate Campus and girl scout. Working on a lead issue that affects water access at the school since 2013. Students have little to no access to water due to this issue. There have been reports prepared by students and engagements with leaders. This is an issue that faces many schools in New York City. Parents and students should enquire about lead water at their schools to make see the condition.

Alicia Boyd: Representative of MTOPP. Included a summary of lawsuits brought against CB9 and related individuals. The Board finding that Committees do not need to allow public comment at that level is incorrect, despite the court ruling. The public should have access to speak at Committee meetings. If anyone has been denied the right to speak at a Committee meeting, they should contact MTOPP.

Warren Berke: Happy that the clock tower at the local library is working. Regarding parking, the Board has worked with police to prevent commercial parking in residential areas.

Rabbi Jacob Goldstein: Today, there was an accident at a local development site. This may have been unpermitted work happening in the area, that is creating risks to workers as well as community residents. 543 Rutland Road is a specific example, where there has been efforts to address the matter.

Elected Official & Government Agency Comments¹

Ryan Lynch, representative of Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President

- Plans to prepare a NYCHA real time capital repair system.
- In response to school shootings, the Borough President is engaging with students to discuss their issues.

Ramona Cabreja, representative of Mathieu Eugene, NYC Councilmember, 40th District

- Free legal services at the district office.
- Can call 718-287-8762 for services and support.

¹ Elected Official & Government Agency comments are only included in the minutes when speakers discuss matters involving the agenda, specific issues in the community or events taking place following the passage of these Minutes at following month's meeting.

Kristia Beaubrun, representative of Laurie Cumbo, NYC Councilmember, 35th District

- Every Tuesday, the Councilmember is meeting with homeowners to discuss how to save on water and heat.

BUSINESS SESSION

Roll Call

Roll was duly taken, with 31 Board Members present, comprising a quorum.

December 21, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to *approve the December 21, 2017 Community Board 9 meeting minutes, as revised*, was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

January 23, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Motion to *approve the January 23, 2018 Community Board 9 meeting minutes, as revised*, was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee

Nomination Committee Chair Beverly Newsome discussed the criteria for being a Member-at-Large, including time on the Board and attendance. The Committee previously asked board members for interest and then assessed their qualifications. From that, the Committee determined a final candidate list.

There are five candidates who expressed interest and qualify:

- Augustine Blackwell
- Rosemarie Evering
- Francisca Leopold
- Pia Raymond (Unable to attend meeting due to death in family and thus not considered in the night's vote)
- Debbie Timothy

Chair Newsome asked for nominations on the floor and invited nominees to speak. There were no nominations and no candidates spoke.

The Board voted by signed-ballot.

Member at Large Eve-lyn Williams protests the vote, claiming that there were no Committee meetings to consider procedure.

Fred Baptiste, who has reviewed parliamentary procedure and Board bylaws, clarified that there is an issue that no nominees from the floor were considered before creating ballots, which could have led to prejudice. He mentioned that this may be moot if no nominees from the floor occurred. In addition, the attendance requirement is a Board requirement, not a Member-at-Large requirement; attendance criteria for Board membership should not be a consideration for candidates if they remain on the Board.

Based on this procedural assessment, the Board will vote for Member-at-Large next month; the vote tonight will not count and ballots will be destroyed. The attendance requirement will no longer apply and those nominated tonight will be considered in addition to those already nominated.

Rosemarie Evering withdrew herself for consideration for the position.

The Committee once again opened nominations to the Board. No are no additional candidates.

With consideration of the revised qualification criteria (one year on Board, regardless of specific attendance record), there are six candidates who expressed interest and qualify:

- Augustine Blackwell
- Francisca Leopold
- Pia Raymond (re-included on the presumption that she will be present at next meeting)
- Debbie Timothy
- Rabbi Menachem Shagalov (re-included due to removal of attendance criteria)

Motion that *the Board close nominations for Member-at-Large* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Chair Moore named the current Nomination Committee members:

- Beverly Newsome (Chair)
- Joyce Stewart
- Pat Baker
- Simone Bennett
- Eve-lyn Williams

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee – Debbie Timothy, Chairperson

- There is a request to change the street cleaning dates on Flatbush Avenue that will be addressed.

Health & Social Services Committee – Francisca Leopold, Chairperson

- The Health Department is working with local pharmacies to provide flu shots to those without insurance that provides these.

ULURP Committee – Michael Liburd, Chairperson

- The proposed spice factory proposal will soon be under consideration. It will begin the ULURP process in March or April.

Youth Services Committee – Mattijs Limberger, Chairperson

- Planning an upcoming youth expo on April 18. More information to come.

Economic Development Committee – Riel Peerbooms, Chairperson

- The Committee is going to increase business outreach year-round in the spirit of “shop local”.

Economic Development Committee – Beverly Newsome, Chairperson

- Housing symposium on April 25th, 3:30-7 at the School for the Deaf.

Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee – Vivia Morgan, Chairperson

- Planning an anti-gun rally

Search Committee – Unella Rhone-Perry, Chairperson

- Interviewed 6 District Manager candidates today and hope to have final list for the meeting next month.

Voting on Agenda Items

One additional Board Member signed-in, making attendance 32 Board Members.

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Motion that *the Board support Brooklyn Flea DC LLC's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support Balboa Restaurant's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and [failed/approved/unanimously approved] by a vote of 31 in favor and 1 opposed. Motion passed.

Votes on Other Items

Fred Baptiste asked whether the Transportation Committee should formally vote to prepare a more compelling portfolio for the naming candidates. Rabbi Yaccov Behrman stated that he should not have to re-attend a meeting due to a lack of Committee quorum.

Motion that *the Board prepare a letter of support the proposed street co-naming of Carroll Street (Brooklyn/New York Avenues) to Sarah and Michael Behrman Way* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27 in favor, 2 opposed and 3 abstained. Motion passed.

Chairman's Report

There are a number of Committee events and forums taking place this year, in addition to the previous events.

The Board will continue to address the spice factory matter and support the interests of the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to *adjourn the Board Meeting* duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:20.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Mathews-Novelli
Executive Secretary
March 11, 2018

