

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 26, 2017
AUDITORIUM, MIDDLE SCHOOL 61
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

Board Members Present

Taungela Ambroise
Patricia Baker
Stuart Balberg
Rev. Douglas Banks
Fred Baptiste
Rabbi Yaacov Behrman
Simone Bennett
Warren Berke
Augustine Blackwell
William H. Boone, III
Ben Edwards
Rosemarie Evering
Rabbi Nochum Gross
Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Aron Hershkop
Louis Johnson

Board Members Present

Linda Beth Lawson
Francisca Leopold
Mattijs Limberger
Carmen L. Martinez
Scott Mathews-Novelli
Musa Moore
Patricia Moses
Beverly Newsome
Riel Peerbooms
Pia Raymond
Unella Rhone-Perry
Rashidah Siddiqui
Rabbi Joseph Spielman
Joyce Stewart
Jacqueline Welch
Eve-Lyn Williams

Board Members Absent

Rev. Phyllis Brown
Greg Darby
Henry Greenidge
*Bishop Sylveta Hamilton-Gonzales
Olushegun Holder
Daniel Ingvoldstad
*Michael Liburd
Vivia Morgan
Rabbi Menacham Shagalov
Aishah Smith
Rabbi Chanina Sperlin
*Ada Terry
*Debbie Timothy

(* Excused)

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Josh Pierre – City Comptroller Scott M. Stringer
Karen Chambers – Brooklyn DA Eric Gonzalez
NYS Senator Jesse E. Hamilton, III
Reuven Lipkind – State Senator Jesse E. Hamilton, III
Joshua Board – Assembly Member Walter T. Mosley
Nefertiti Macaulay – Assembly Member Diana C. Richardson
Matthew Pitt – Council Member Laurie Cumbo
Hon. Olanike Alabi – State Committeeperson/District Leader, 57th AD
Deborah Cashman – Kingsboro Psychiatric Center

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

Chairperson Musa Moore called the meeting to order at 7:43pm, welcomed attendees.

2nd Vice Chairperson Simone Bennett read the Community Board 9 Rules of Conduct into record.

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Public Safety Committee Chairperson Patricia Baker introduced each of the applicants.

Barfour LLC (d/b/a Chagrin Falls), 1066 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Application for a liquor, wine, beer and cider license. Owners have owned bars in Manhattan, including Grassroots on St. Marks Place, and New Orleans. Hours will be 12PM-1AM during the week and 12PM-2AM on weekends. The menu will have small plates, but nothing substantial. There is a back seating area, but it will not be used very often. There may be some unadvertised live music at certain times with a piano on premises, but the lease does not allow loud music. FDNY had no issues with the building. The building was recently soundproofed.

Brooklyn Food & Arts LLC & Great Performances/Artists As Waitresses, Inc., 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Renewal application for a liquor, wine, beer and cider license. The venture began in 1979. Vendor is exclusive caterer for the Brooklyn Museum since 2015. The restaurant, café and private events would generally end by 10PM. No issues with FDNY or NYPD.

New Keg Lounge Inc., 451 East New York, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Renewal application for a liquor, wine, beer and cider license. Establishment has been in business since 1979. Hours are weekend-only 11AM-4PM. There are no reported issues with FDNY or NYPD.

No representative was present to speak to the Board.

PLG499 LLC, 499 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Application for a new, wine, beer and cider license. Business under new ownership after previous owners left Brooklyn. There have been no reported FDNY or NYPD issues. There is patio use, but no amplified noise that has caused any complaints.

No representative was present to speak to the Board.

J&R West Indian & American Restaurant Inc., 294 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Renewal application for a wine, beer and cider license. Establishment serves Caribbean cuisine. Hours are usually 11AM to 10/11PM. There is outside access for smokers, but no issues with noise. There will be some live music. FDNY has reported no issues.

Elected Official & Government Agency Comments¹

Chairperson Moore recognized the elected officials, agency officials and representatives present at the meeting.

Matthew Pitt, representative of Laurie Cumbo, NYC Councilmember, 35th District

- Contact the Department of Sanitation via 311 to schedule e-cycling (removal of electronics)

¹ Comments are only included in the minutes when matters involving the agenda, specific issues in the community or events taking place following the passage of these Minutes at next month's meeting.

Nefertiti Macaulay, representative of Diana C. Richardson, 43rd Assembly District

- Civic Minded takes place on first Saturdays of the month

Josh Pierre, representative of NYC Comptroller Stringer

- A Comptroller study shows that students are not receiving requisite health education as required by law
- The Comptroller is utilizing “proxy access” by demanding NYCERS presence on corporate boards; will look for diverse candidates to join such boards based on
- To request audits or for questions, contact 212-669-7415 or jpierre@comptroller.nyc.gov

Olanike Alabi, State Committeeperson / District Leader, 57th Assembly District

- There will be 3 ballot initiatives in the November election, including a constitutional convention, public officer access to pensions when convicted of felonies, and bicycle pathways on land trusts
- There will be a townhall meeting on October 26 regarding issues facing the community

Public Comment Period

Public Comments

Rabbi Jacob Goldstein: There is a large development being built at Montgomery and Franklin Avenue. The Board and Community should be more proactive in fighting developments such as this.

Alicia Boyd: There appears to be conflict of interest issues with the Chair.

Victor Taliaferrow: Carver Bank offers financial literacy training for members of the community. I can be reached at 718-676-8709 or victor.taliaferrow@carverbank.com.

BUSINESS SESSION

Roll Call

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

June 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion to *approve the June 27, 2017 Community Board 9 meeting minutes* was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved by voice vote. Motion passed.

Committee Reports

Health & Social Services Committee – Francisca Leopold, Chairperson

- The Committee will host a forum next month that will concern issues facing senior citizens, including Alzheimer’s, health, diet, nutrition, transportation and elder abuse.

Public Safety Committee – Patricia Baker, Chairperson (See minutes from September 14, 2017 Committee meeting)

- The Committee discussed goals for the upcoming session. A major priority is to engage with local elected officials as well as emergency service representatives to ensure that the Committee is informed of relevant issues in the area as they relate to public safety and licensing.

Committee Action Items

ULURP Committee – Warren Berke (in place of Chairperson Liburd) (See minutes from September 25, 2017 Committee meeting)

- The Committee addressed the proposed development on Franklin and Montgomery and will need to wait for additional information before the Committee can further consider the matter.
- ACS has proposed to purchase All My Children's Day Care to get property into City control and protect the business from high rents and other issues. The questions to the Board are: 1) whether the purchase is acceptable and 2) whether the public hearing can be waived. "Acceptable" does not require that the Board approve the price, only that the purchase is in the best interest of the community. No one spoke in opposition, despite 2 abstentions.

Since roll call, 1 additional Board Member arrived, making attendance 32 board members.

Voting on Agenda Items

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Motion that *the Board support Barfour LLC's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27 in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support Brooklyn Food & Arts LLC & Great Performances/Artists As Waitresses, Inc.'s application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 31 in favor and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

1 Board Member was out of the room, making 31 Board Members present.

Motion that *the Board support New Keg Lounge Inc.'s application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 26 in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstained. Motion passed.

1 Board Member returned to the room, making 32 Board Members present.

Motion that *the Board support PLG499 LLC's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 26 in favor, 5 opposed and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support J&R West Indian & American Restaurant Inc.'s application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30 in favor, 1 opposed and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board recommend that the City move forward with the purchase of All My Children's Day Care and waive the right to a public hearing due to time constraints* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 27 in favor, 3 opposed and 2 abstained. Motion passed.

New York State Senator Jesse Hamilton, 20th District

- Legislative Successes over the summer: Raise the Age, turnstyle jumping decriminalization and CPR training for law enforcement officers
- Legal services are available daily at the district office

Treasurer's Report

Community Boards receive \$250,000 per year, separated by line item. The Board office processes those invoices monthly. In FY17, there was \$231,000 spent with \$12,000 unspent to the City. Personnel costs were \$0 in FY17, but would have been paid directly the City and are not incorporated in the line item budget. \$199,000 was available for personnel costs.

Chairman's Report

In March 2017, there was an email from a housing committee attendee who requested that their information be removed for personal reasons. After meeting with legal counsel, the original minutes cannot be revised and will remain as they were originally approved.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to *adjourn the Board Meeting* duly made, seconded unanimously approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 9:38PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Mathews-Novelli
Executive Secretary
September 30, 2017