

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 23, 2018  
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61 – AUDITORIUM  
1185 CARROLL STREET, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

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

**Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present**

Darryl White – Public Advocate  
Letitia “Tish” James  
Karen Chambers – Brooklyn District Attorney  
Eric Gonzalez  
Reuven Lipkind – Senator  
Jesse E. Hamilton, III  
Joshua Board – Assembly Member  
Walter T. Mosley  
Matthew Pitt – Council Member  
Laurie Cumbo  
Kim Robinson – Council Member  
Alicka Ampry-Samuel  
Fabrice Armand – New York City Department of Correction

**PUBLIC SESSION**

**Call to Order**

Chairman Musa Moore called the meeting to order at 7:15PM and welcomed attendees.

## **Presentation – Make-A-Wish Foundation**

Staci-Jo Bruce, Director of Volunteer Engagement presented.

The Foundation focuses on critical illnesses (not terminal illnesses) and is looking for volunteers in Brooklyn. Over 200 children in Brooklyn are awaiting wishes being made and there is a shortage of volunteers in the borough. Volunteer “wish granters” engage with children to determine the wish. Volunteers receive training on communicating with children, including virtual coaching. Interested people can learn more by contacting [sbruce@metrony.wish.org](mailto:sbruce@metrony.wish.org).

The commitment is about 7 hours per wish over a few days to 6 months. Volunteers would spend a couple of hours meeting with children and families, then checking in occasionally. Children will receive small gifts while they wait for the big wish.

## **Public Comment Period**

### Elected Official & Government Agency Comments<sup>1</sup>

Reuven Lipkind, New York State Senator Jesse Hamilton, III, 20<sup>th</sup> District

- Free lead testing at a facility at Lefferts and Kingston Avenue.
- “In Our Backyard” – a film about human trafficking in Brooklyn. There will be a screening and all are encouraged to view the film.

Fabrice Armand, Department of Correction

- There are hiring opportunities. Exams are open for jobs that start in the \$40,000s but may increase to the \$100,000s. Many people are retiring and there is a big demand for staff. There are many non-uniformed staff positions.
- There are more efforts to avoid recidivism.

Kim Robinson, New York City Councilmember Alicka Ampry-Samuel, 41<sup>st</sup> District

- Located at 400 Rockaway Avenue temporarily. The office can be reached at 718-342-1256.

Joshua Board, Walter Mosley, 57<sup>th</sup> New York State Assembly District

- Assembly Member Mosley is sponsoring a bill that will reduce barriers connected to bail in New York City.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Community Member Comment

Tyrone McDonald, Neighborhood Housing Services of Brooklyn: Foreclosure and mortgage counseling. There will be a tax strategy training session on January 29 at 6PM. Contact [www.nhsbrooklyn.org](http://www.nhsbrooklyn.org) for more information.

Alicia Boyd, Movement to Protect the People: There has been an appeal to challenge the court ruling that there is no conflict of interest regarding Chair Moore's Board activities and his non-Board activities.

## **BUSINESS SESSION**

### **Roll Call**

Roll was duly taken, with 27 Board Members present, comprising a quorum.

### **Approval of Amended November 28, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

Reflecting on the amendments discussed at the December 21, 2017 meeting. Under the Chairman's Report of the minutes, Chair Moore requested that Rabbi Nochum Gross be added to the Nomination Committee roster, which was omitted in error. Joshua Board's name spelling was also corrected.

Motion to *approve the November 28, 2017 Community Board 9 meeting minutes, as revised*, was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

### **Minutes of December 21, 2017 Community Board Meeting**

Board Member Martinez asked that a number of name-spellings on the meeting minutes attendance list needs to be corrected (Rev. Phyllis Brown, Mattijs Limberger and Scott Mathews-Novelli).

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

## **Committee Reports**

Public Safety Committee – Patricia Baker, Chairperson

- The Committee is hosting a senior citizen safety forum at Medgar Evers College on January 25, from 4-7PM. Topics will include fire safety, crime safety and fraud safety.

Youth Services Committee – Mattijs Limberger, Chairperson

- There will be a youth Forum in April. Attend Committee meetings to participate in planning.

Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee – Viva Morgan, Chairperson

- The Brooklyn Borough President issued a commendation to Courtney Ronald Taylor for his previous work as the District Parks Manager.

Search Committee – Unella Rhone-Perry, Chairperson

- The Committee is currently reviewing resumes for the District Manager position.
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### **Chairman's Report**

The Nomination Committee has been selected and is looking for a Member-at-Large. Committee members will reach out for nominations.

There are a number of forums this year. This will help educate the community.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to *adjourn the Board Meeting* duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted,  
Scott Mathews-Novelli  
Executive Secretary  
January 23, 2017

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