

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

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

Board Members Present	Board Members Present	Board Members Absent
Taunglea Ambroise	Michael Liburd	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	Rabbi Nochum Gross
Simone Bennett	Patricia Moses	Tessa Hackett-Vieira
Warren Berke	Beverly Newsome	Aron Hershkop
Augustine Blackwell	Pia Raymond	Daniel Ingvaldstad
William H. Boone, III	Unella Rhone-Perry	Vivia Morgan
Ben Edwards	Rabbi Menachem Shagalov	Riel Peerbooms
Rosemarie Evering	Rashidah Siddiqui	Rabbi Joseph Speilman
Bishop S. Hamilton-Gonzales	Aishah Smith	*Joyce Stewart
Olushegun Holder	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	
Louis Johnson	Ada Terry	
Linda Beth Lawson	Debbie Timothy	
Francisca Leopold	Eve-lyn Williams	* Excused

Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present

Borough President Eric Adams – Ryan Lynch
King County District Attorney – Karen Chambers
Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson – Tavia Mapp-Deterville
Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley – Joshua Board
Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo
Majority Leader Laurie Cumbo - Ana Lipkind
District Leader 43rd A.D. – Geoffrey Davis
District Leader 43rd A.D. – Shirley Patterson
District Leader 57th A.D. – Olanike Alabi

PUBLIC SESSION

Call to Order

Chair Musa Moore called the meeting to order at 7:15pm and welcomed attendees.

Executive Secretary Scott Mathews-Novelli read the Community Board 9 Rules of Conduct into record.

Applications for NYSLA Licenses

Owl Music Bar LLC; 497 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Applicant: Application for a renewal liquor, wine, beer and cider license. There has been no law enforcement or FDNY incidents.

Three Star Productions, Inc.; 482 Utica Avenue Brooklyn, NY 11203

Applicant: Application for a renewal liquor, wine, beer and cider license. Owner has used the property for 30-40 years, first as a car repair shop, then as a restaurant and juice bar for the last 15 years. Lunch is available on the premises. Alcohol has not yet been served, but the hope is to coincide it with a cabaret license, which is pending. There has been no law enforcement or FDNY incidents.

2122 Beekman (“Erv’s on Beekman”); 2122 Beekman, Brooklyn, NY 11225

Applicant: Application for a sidewalk café renewal. The sidewalk café has been in operation for about two years. It has expanded in recent years. Capacity is 20 tables and 40 chairs, though it only has 20 chairs currently. Erv’s hires from the community. During the day, there are events for children. The bar is engaged with community events, including block parties. There are two security guards on staff, but there have not been issues recently. There has been no law enforcement or FDNY incidents.

Public Comment Period

Public Comments

Rabbi Jacob Goldstein: Regarding the District Manager vote, there is a risk that someone who has a conflict of interest (a member of the Executive Committee) may be voted into the position, which is not appropriate. Please consider the candidates and the community need carefully.

Alicia Boyd: Department of City Planning must require requests for rezoning from Community Boards, which is one of the few sources of non-advisory Board power.

Recently, DCP has aggressively rezoned neighborhoods, especially neighborhoods of color, where zonings have been reconsidered.

Janine Nichols: The community must be wary of rezoning considerations, just as what recently happened in Bushwick. There is no negotiation with DCP. There is an additional risk of the Botanical Garden being affected by rezoning on the east side of the district. The Board should not request a rezoning.

LaShaun Ellis: Proposed rezoning request by the ULURP Committee for downzoning will not work. Certain zoning districts in the area are already underbuilt but not already addressed, while other parts overbuilt. There should be public engagement with DCP.

Pia Raymond: Creating Legacies is a community organization that supports local family and young people. There will be a black history scholarship available through the organization. Merit is not as valued as applicant obstacles. There will also be an overnight trip to the African American Museum of History in May.

Warren Berke: On April 25, Friends of Wingate Park and Kings County Hospital will host an event geared towards youth with entertainment. Operation Survival is an event to increase opioid addiction awareness on May 16 at 7:00 at Brooklyn Children's Museum.

Sara Thompson: Caring Kinds is an organization that supports people with Alzheimer's and dementia. The organization provides no-cost support and information for people and families dealing with this issue.

Amanda Williams: Jewish Board Kinship Caregiver Program provides support – from legal advocacy to counseling – to help families stay intact and avoid foster care. The catchment area is within Brooklyn. There will be an event on this topic at Long Island University later this year.

Lisa Tilly: There has been a lot of improvements to the Board and increased stability.

Elected Official & Government Agency Comments¹

Laurie Cumbo, NYC Councilmember, 35th District

- The budget cycle ends in June – organizations may be able to receive resources through Discretionary funding.
- Participatory Budgeting has 7 projects, including school improvements in Crown Heights (Ebbetts Field Middle School & Medgar Evers Prep).
- There is work to preserve W.E.B. Du Bois High School at its current location.

Olanike Alabi, District Leader

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 likely passage of these Minutes at following month's meeting.

- Primary election will be September 13, 2018, instead of September 11, 2018. This does not include state primaries, which take place in June.

Shirley Patterson, District Leader

- 17-year olds can work at the Board of Elections for elections.

Geoffrey Davis, District Leader

- There is a Surrogate Court election in September. There are opportunities to get involved with the candidates.

Reuven Lipkind, representative of NYS Assemblymember Jesse Hamilton, 43rd District

- The Senator is promoting legislation for preferential rent that lasts for the life of the tenancy and that protects certain legacy rights.
- Housing resources as available at the district office.

Joshua Board, representative of NYS Assemblymember Walter Mosley, 57th District

- There are efforts to improve case discovery as well as bail reform in connection with the upcoming State budget, which is important for the poor who touch the criminal justice system. There are also hopes to decrease access to guns in the State.

Ryan Lynch, representative of Eric Adams, Brooklyn Borough President

- The Borough President prepared a report on over 100 borough parks, then asking for over \$385MM in parks related funding in the City budget.
- With the increase in fires, the Borough President is proposing to build a local burn center to meet an important need.

BUSINESS SESSION

Roll Call

Roll was duly taken, with 32 Board Members present, comprising a quorum.

February 27, 2018 Meeting Minutes

There are requested revisions to correct a member's name, a committee report wording and the name of a Committee.

Motion to *approve the February 27, 2018 Community Board 9 meeting minutes, as revised*, was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

Nominating Committee

Nominating Committee Chair Beverly Newsome explained the nomination and voting process.

Pia Raymond, Debbie Timothy and Rabbi Malcom Shagalov have asked to be withdrawn from consideration.

Current nominees for Member-at-Large:

- Augustine Blackwell
- Francesca Leopold

The Committee ask if there are any more nominees from the floor. No nominees were brought forth.

The candidates briefly spoke about their qualifications and vision for the Board.

The Board voted by paper ballots. Augustine Blackwell received 9 votes while Francesca Leopold received 19 votes. 4 ballots were unsigned and not counted. Francesca Leopold is the new Member-at-Large.

[Include votes by member – see Corp Counsel Opinion 9-91 and page 165 of <http://www.nyc.gov/html/cau/downloads/pdf/handbook.pdf>]

Committee Reports

Transportation Committee – Debbie Timothy, Chairperson

- The Committee met with New York Road Runners and there appears to have been no issues brought after the recent half marathon.
- The Committee is working with the Environmental Protection Committee to change the Flatbush Avenue street cleaning dates.

Housing Committee – Beverly Newsome, Chairperson

- Short term renting an apartment that is rent stabilized risks eviction. There are legal ways of subletting when needed.

Public Safety Committee – Patricia Baker, Chairperson

- Call the American Red Cross or the Community Board Office for smoke alarms.

ULURP Committee – Michael Liburd, Chairperson

- The Fenimore Block Street Association is almost prepared to submit the pre-application for landmark protection.

Environmental Protection Committee, Rabbi Yaacov Behrman, Chairperson

- There is a request by the Prospect Park Zoo to change street cleaning on Flatbush Avenue to nights to improve safety and cleanliness. This is a problem for

residents who live in the area and park there at night. The Committee would like to hear from the community regarding ideas for solutions that please both sides.

Voting on Agenda Items

One member left the meeting, reducing attendance to 31 members present.

Applications for NYSLA & DCA Sidewalk Café Licenses

Motion that *the Board support Owl Music Bar LLC's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30 in favor and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support Three Star Productions Inc's application to the New York State Liquor Authority* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30 in favor and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Motion that *the Board support 2122 Beekman Bar LLC's sidewalk café application to the Department of Consumer Affairs* was duly made, seconded and approved by a vote of 30 in favor and 1 abstained. Motion passed.

Search Committee

The Search Committee prepared minutes of their search process and have 3 candidates present for the Board to consider. To do this, the Board will enter executive session.

Motion to *bring the Board into executive session to discuss personnel issues in connection with District Manager hiring*, was duly made, seconded and unanimously approved. Motion passed.

The Board went into executive session at 9:35 to discuss personnel information about District Manager candidates.

The Board completed executive session at 10:49 and returned to business session.

In executive session, the Board voted to ask the Search Committee to bring all 6 candidates interviewed by the Committee to the next Community Board meeting for Board consideration. The Board also asked that the Search Committee provide documentation on their rating and scoring. None of the 3 candidates present were interviewed.

Chairman's Report

No report provided.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to *adjourn the Board Meeting* duly made, seconded and unanimously approved.
Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 10:50.

Respectfully submitted,
Scott Mathews-Novelli
Executive Secretary
April 3, 2018

