

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

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY BOARD  
HELD ON OCTOBER 23, 2019  
MIDDLE SCHOOL 61  
AUDITORIUM  
400 EMPIRE BOULEVARD, BROOKLYN, NY 11225**

<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Present</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>	<b>Board Members Absent</b>
Patricia Baker	Vivia Morgan	Stuart Balberg	Yankee Pearson
Fred P. Baptiste	Patricia Moses	Mary-Ann Batts	Desma Ross
Warren Berke	Beverly Newsome	Virginia Bechtold	Anthony Taylor
Augustine Blackwell	Amy Pinkerton	*Rabbi Yaacov Behrman	*Lorraine Wolseley
Tessa Hackett-Vieira	Pia Raymond	Simone Bennett	
Bishop Hamilton-Gonzales	Unella Rhone-Perry	*Alejandra Caraballo	*Excused
Francisca Leopold	Mary Rollerson-Blackett	* Rosemarie Evering	
Nolan Levenson	Rashidah Siddiqui	Henry Greenidge	
Mattijs Limberger	Rabbi Chanina Sperlin	Shloma Zalman Hecht	
Carmen Martinez	Debbie Timothy	Louis Johnson	
Robert Mitchell	Eve-lyn Williams	*Michael Liburd	
Musa Moore		Menachem Margolin	

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**Elected Officials / Agency Representatives Present**

Borough President Eric L. Adams – Ryan Lynch, Ricardo Newball  
Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez – Karen Crawford  
NYS Senator Zellnor Y. Myrie – Paurcha Edwards  
NYS Assemblywoman Diana C. Richardson  
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NYS Assemblyman Walter T. Mosley – Lucien Allen  
NYC Council Majority Leader Laurie A. Cumbo – Lauren Dorvil  
NYC Councilman Mathieu Eugene – Ramona Cabreja/Soumia Chiraibi  
NYC Councilwoman Alicka Ampry-Samuel  
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**Public Session**

**Chairman Baptiste** called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and advised that the Rules of Order would be enforced during the meeting. Chair Baptiste welcomed a representative from Revel.

**Mr. John White, Revel**

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Chairman Baptiste advise that in the absence of Public Safety Committee Chair, Rabbi Yaacov Behrman, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Warren Berke provided the following committee applicants for review:

- a. Application submitted by Brooklyn Food & Arts LLC, 200 Eastern Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11238, for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license
- b. Application submitted by D Avenue LLC, d.b.a The Westbury Inn, 673 Flatbush Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225, for the renewal of a Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license
- c. Application submitted by Palooza Kitchen II Inc., 1222 Nostrand Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11225, for a new Liquor, Wine, Beer, and Cider license  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair Berke the representatives for Brooklyn Food & Arts LLC

### **Chair Baptiste opened the floor for public comment**

Chair Baptiste then moved forward to the public hearing for the Statements of Needs for Community Board 9. Chair Baptiste asked that Mia Hilton, Community Coordinator provide the attendees of the charter-mandated process, in which the Community Board identifies gaps in service/needs in the community ask City agencies to redirect funding or increase funding in order to better serve the district.

Roll call attendance was taken by 1<sup>st</sup> Vice Chair, Warren Berke, who confirmed that were 23 Board Members in attendance, and confirmed quorum

**Chair Baptiste** motioned for the acceptance of the September 2019 General Board Meeting Minutes; *motion passed via majority vote*

### **Committee Reports**

**Environmental Protection, Amy Pinkerton** - Minutes Submitted; No action items

**Youth Services, Mattijs Limberger** - Minutes submitted; Two youth events are in the works; they are financial literacy and job readiness.

**Parks, Recreation & Culture**, (Chaired by W. Berke in October 2019 due to the medical absence of V, Morgan) – Minutes submitted; Local parks will be surveyed, and committee representative will be sent the Prospect Park Alliance meetings.

**Health and Social Services, Francisca Leopold** – Minutes submitted; The committee is looking to partner with Thrive NYC and coordinate a mental health training on a weekend. The committee will be active in Census 2020 activities and continue to promote maternal morbidity awareness.

**Transportation, Carmen Martinez** – Minutes submitted; Ms. Martinez asked that constituents be aware that the MTA is in the midst of deploying bus mounted cameras on the SBS 44 and B44. Motorists caught idling, double parked, etc. are subject to escalating fines.

**Economic Development, Debbie Timothy** – The next meeting is scheduled for November 12<sup>th</sup>.

### **Treasurer's Report**

**Treasurer Timothy** advised that a full summary report of Board spending had been compiled and was available for review.

### **Chairman's Report**

**Chair Baptiste** thanked the committees and all the committee chairs for a great start. All community members have been appointed to their respective committees. Chair Baptiste encouraged public participation at the committee level, as that is the appropriate arena to thoroughly discuss community concerns. Defining district office staff roles and expectations will be an ongoing process. Additionally, DOITT will be moving forward to work on a new website for CB9. Under the recommendation of DOITT, some of the tech equipment will be replaced in the near future. The staff will be undertaking a relinquishment training so that outdated furnishing and equipment may be removed from the sight. In regard to the District Manager search, Corporation Counsel had been contacted for clarity in process and procedure, so that the next search committee may be the last. Census 2020 participation is essential for this district, as we are the worst counted county. The Board was awarded a Planning Fellow, who will drafting a proposal for his work in the district. There is on action item that will require the Board to go into Executive Session.

Chair Baptiste motion for the Board to go into Executive Session; motion passed

After returning from Executive Session, Chair Baptiste that quorum had been lost, with only 19 Board Members present.

Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.