



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 September 9, 2024

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, September 9, 2024, at East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Yvette Clairjeane	Erica Phillips Jones	Bazah Roohi
Carissa Alphonso	Elizabeth Denys	Shahid Khan	Nina Sabghir
Gregory Alvarez	Joseph Dweck	Alex Lesman	Joel Siegel
Hindy Bendel	Hatem El-Gamasy	Donald Loggins	Gail L Smith
Binyomin Bendet	Jerrell Gray	Melissa Minnich	Abraham Treff
Davina Bholanauth	Susan Hargett	Ephraim Nierenberg	Deborah Valentin
Christopher Bromson	Lee Harman	Eric Ost	Dawn-Marie Walker
Jo Ann Brown	Moussa Hassoun	Ornella Parker	Kendall Washington
Edward Cen	William Hattar	Nora Pena	
Karl-Henry Cesar	Mordechai Husarsky	Susan Phillip	
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Nodica Johnson	Barden Prisant	

DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Patricia Olender, Community Coordinator
Sarah Sklaw, Community Coordinator

BOROUGH HALL

Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Nancy Lulu, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

CITY COUNCIL

Council Member Farah Louis (45th CD)
Brian Grady, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)
Izzy Weiss, Office of Councilmember Inna Vernikov (48th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Tyesha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)
Britney Dixon, Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (43rd AD)

Faridah Odukale, Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham (43rd AD)

CONGRESS

Orlando Ross, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke (9th CD)

OTHER GUESTS / REPRESENTATIVES

D.I. Gregory Mackie, Commanding Officer, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department

Det. Scott Nuzzi, Community Affairs, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department

P.O. Michael Joseph, 70th Precinct, New York City Police Department

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Karl-Henry Cesar called the September meeting to order at 7:00 PM. The Chair read the opening statement outlining the policies and procedures pertaining to Board meetings under the applicable statutes of New York State, the Charter of the City of New York, the Board’s Bylaws and Robert’s Rules of Order. Quorum was present.

II. MINUTES:

Minutes of the June 17, 2024, meeting were approved. Copies are on file at the CB14 District Office and available on the CB14 website.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – Shawn Campbell:

The District Manager welcomed Board Members back from the summer recess. She thanked community members who had hosted block parties and other events and reminded attendees about the Community Board’s annual reception on September 19. The DM noted that the District Office hosted a SYEP intern over the summer. She reported that the budget hearings had begun for FY 26 and thanked the Board and community members for their input on budget requests at a Community Board hearing on the topic.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Karl-Henry Cesar:

The Chair recognized representatives from elected officials’ offices and city agencies. He invited Deputy Inspector Mackie, Commanding Officer of the 70th Precinct, to address the meeting.

Deputy Inspector Mackie reported on crime statistics in the precinct and discussed crime prevention strategies.

The Chair reported on the Committee of the Whole meeting held on June 25, 2024, regarding the City of Yes for Housing Opportunity. Recommendations to the Department of City Planning (DCP) were provided to Board Members before the Board Meeting.

**On a motion, duly made, it was:
RESOLVED (40-0-1) to ratify the recommendations from the Committee of the Whole.**

Subsequently the chair asked for a recommendation to dissolve the Committee of the Whole.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (41-0-0) to dissolve the Committee of the Whole.

The Chair thanked all Board Members, community members, and office staff for their involvement and engagement in deliberations regarding the City of Yes proposals.

The Chair reported on a public hearing held on September 5, 2024, regarding community recommendations for the City's Fiscal Year 2026 Capital and Expense Budgets. The Chair also reported on the Executive Committee meeting that took place following the public hearing. The Executive Committee discussed meeting and hearing practices and Board Member responsibilities.

Chair Cesar reported on the Borough Board meeting that took place on September 3. He outlined discussions pertaining to the agenda, which included the roles and responsibilities of Community Boards. A vote on City of Yes for Housing Opportunity was held at Borough Board. The body voted to disapprove without conditions. There was also a presentation by a representative from the Department of Parks and Recreation on their Vital Parks Initiative.

The Chair invited Council Member Farah Louis to address the meeting.

Council Member Louis expressed her condolences with the family of Denzel Chan who was killed during the West Indian Day Parade. She reported on City of Yes for Housing Opportunity information sessions and upcoming City Council votes. She also spoke about efforts to combat illegal smoke shops.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) **Community Safety – Co-Chairs Hindy Bendel and Florencia Chang-Ageda** had no report.
- B) **Housing and Land Use – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Jo Ann Brown** announced a public hearing on September 24 for a ULURP application by New York Community Hospital.
- C) **Human Services – Co-Chairs Yvette Clairjeane and Nina Sabghir** thanked those who organized the Lunch & Learn program in 2024 and expressed their enthusiasm for the program going forward. They welcomed new committee members.
- D) **Transportation – Co-Chairs Moussa Hassoun and Deborah Valentin** announced an upcoming meeting, date TBD.
- E) **Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development – Co-Chairs Edward Cen and Joel Siegel** announced an upcoming meeting on September 30. Agenda items will include presentations from I Am Caribbeing and the Flatbush Development Corporation.
- F) **Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chairs Eric Ost and Ornella Parker** welcomed new committee members. They announced a meeting on September 16. Agenda items will include presentations on ACS programs, partnerships with the Neighborhood Advisory Board, and Brooklyn College's strategic plan.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES:

- A) **Transition Committee – Co-Chairs Ornella Parker and Jo Ann Brown** had no report.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assemblymember Robert Carroll, announced upcoming events and programs hosted by the Asssemblymember's office.
2. Orlando Ross, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Representative's office, including a job fair.
3. Keisha Barrella, Fort Greene Council, spoke about Fort Greene Council's programs for older adults.
4. Tamara Maxwell, Davita Dialysis Services, announced the closure of Naomi Dialysis, with a closure date of September 30.
5. Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, announced upcoming and past events and programs hosted by the Borough President's office.
6. Nancy Lulu, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the District Attorney's office.
7. Brian Grady, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Council Member's office.
8. Avrohom Malachowski, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Council Member's office.
9. Becky Baumwoll, Broken Box Mime Theater, announced an art and theater program.
10. Jay Taubman, Brooklyn Public Library, Cortelyou Branch, shared information about events at the Cortelyou and Midwood library branches. He thanked representatives for restoring funding for weekend service.
11. Tyesha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Assemblymember's office.
12. Faridah Odukale, Office of Assemblymember Brian Cunningham, announced past and upcoming events hosted by the Assemblymember's office and reported on legislative developments.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:26

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.