



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 February 9, 2026

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, February 9, 2026, at the East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Shabir Ahmad	Elizabeth Denys	Kirsti Jutila	Susan Phillip
Waqil Ahmed	Lisa Derrick	Nicole Lebensohn Angulo	Barden Prisant
Gregory Alvarez	Joseph Dweck	Alex Lesman	Nina Sabghir
Hindy Bendel	Roisin Ford	Melissa Minnich	Joel Siegel
Binyomin Bendet	Jerrell Gray	Ephraim Nierenberg	Gail L. Smith
Christopher Bromson	Susan Hargett	Aasma Nuzzi	Alexa Summers
Karl-Henry Cesar	Moussa Hassoun	Eric Ost	Abraham Treff
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Ian Haynes	Ornella Parker	Deborah Valentin
Yvette Clairjeane	Mordechai Husarsky	Nora Peña	Alana Wilson

DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Patricia Olender, Community Coordinator

BOROUGH HALL

Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

CITY COUNCIL

Meagan Fleming-White, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assembly Member Robert Carroll (44th AD)

STATE SENATE

Paurcha Edwards, Office of State Senator Zellnor Myrie (20th SD)
Noam Abrahams, Office of State Senator Sam Sutton (22nd SD)

CONGRESS

Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke (9th CD)

OTHER GUESTS/REPRESENTATIVES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Karl-Henry Cesar called the January 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 January 12, 2025, board meeting were approved with an editing correction. Copies are on file at the CB14 District Office and are available on the CB14 website.

III. DISTRICT MANAGER REPORT – Shawn Campbell:

The District Manager reported on District Office's response to concerns about snow removal, garbage collection and other service issues related to the recent snowstorm. She thanked community members who had checked on and assisted neighbors impacted by the snow.

The DM reported on a Future of Community Boards (FOCB) working group meeting with the Department of City Planning regarding City Charter changes in land use. A public meeting on the topic will be held as well, and those interested should contact the office. The FOCB also held a separate meeting discussing the need for a baseline budget increase. The District Manager sent a letter regarding the baseline budget to local City Council Members (**Addendum 1**).

DM Campbell reported on the District Service Cabinet meeting. New representatives from city agencies including Small Business Services, the Commission on Human Rights, and a Transit liaison attended the meeting.

The DM reported on the Prospect Park Alliance's community engagement meeting.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Karl-Henry Cesar:

The Chair recognized representatives from elected officials' offices and city agencies (see page 1).

The Chair announced the resignation of Board Member Shahid Khan and recognized his contributions to the Board. In nearly a decade of service, he was a member of the Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee, the Community Environment, Cultural Affairs, and Economic Development Committee, and the Human Services Committee. He had also been elected to the Executive Committee. The Chair thanked him for his many contributions to the Board and the broader community.

The Chair reported on a public hearing held on February 9, 2026, on the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal years 2027 to 2028. The Chair asked for a motion for CB14 to send a Letter of Comment to the Department of City Planning pertaining to the Statement of Needs.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (35-0-0) to send a Letter of Comment to the Department of City Planning regarding the Citywide Statement of Needs for Fiscal Years 2027 to 2028 (Addendum 2).

The Chair reported on his attendance at a press event held by Public Advocate Jumaane Williams at 80 Woodruff Ave to announce the release of the Public Advocate's Annual Worst Landlords List. The Chair and others toured parts of the building and spoke about the many visible issues. Chair Cesar reminded residents facing housing issues to contact the District Office for assistance.

The Chair announced that the Citizens Police Academy is recruiting participants.

The Chair reported that Board Member Florencia Chang-Ageda attended the February 2nd Brookdale Community Advisory Board meeting and shared her notes.

The Chair reported on the Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting held on February 3rd. The Civic Engagement Commission presented on programs and opportunities within the borough. The Brooklyn Borough Board passed a resolution pertaining to the Open Meetings Law and addressing virtual and hybrid meetings.

The Chair thanked the members of the Nominating committee: Susan Phillip, Nina Sabghir, Nicole Levenson-Angulo, Nora Peña, and Mordechai Husarsky. Chair Cesar invited Mordechai Husarsky to address the meeting.

Nominating Committee Chair Mordechai Husarsky reported on the committee's deliberations and announced the following slate: Jerrell Gray, Chair; Eric Ost, First Vice-Chair; Ornella Parker, Second Vice-Chair; Gregory Alvarez, Third Vice-Chair; Binyomin Bendet, Secretary; Melissa Minnich and Aasma Nuzzi, Members-at-Large.

The Chair asked for nominations from the floor. None were raised. An election will be held at the March Board meeting per CB14 Bylaws.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chairs Ornella Parker and Eric Ost shared announcements. Co-Chair Ost reminded attendees that the Community Education Council for District 22 will be hosting the NYC Schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels at PS 217 on February 12th. He announced that applications are open for NYC's Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) for young people ages 14 to 24. He further announced that applications are open for the Woodlands Youth Crew with the Prospect Park Alliance.

Co-Chair Ost reported on the New York City Public Library Action Network's (NYC Plan) campaign for the city to pledge 0.5% of the city budget for FY 2027 to public libraries. Following CB14's procedures for letters of support raised during committee meetings, the co-chairs provided an overview of the committee meeting before opening the floor to comments and questions.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (36-0-0) to provide a letter of support to pledge 0.5% of the City's FY 2027 budget for public libraries (Addendum 3).

Co-Chair Parker reiterated that the Youth Resource Fair will take place on March 11th from 3:30-6:30PM. She repeated the call for volunteers. She invited interested volunteers to attend the upcoming committee meeting on Wednesday, February 11th on webex. She also asked Board Members to post flyers in the community and asked for volunteers for mock interviews.

B) Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development – Co-Chairs Christopher Bromson and Deborah Valentin reported on the January 21st committee meeting. The committee heard a presentation by the Department of Parks and Recreation on the Neighborhood Tree Planting Program. A representative from the Wildlife Conservation Society provided an overview of public programs at the Prospect Park Zoo. All in One Community Center shared information about the opening of a community center in the old Flatbush Presbyterian Church as well as community outreach, programs, and services. The Church-Flatbush Community Alliance announced the Shine a Light on Flatbush public lighting project.

C) Human Services – Co-Chairs Jerrel Gray and Yvette Clairjeane reported on the January 29th joint meeting with the Community Safety Committee. FDNY led a Control the Bleed training. Dynamic Youth Community led a Narcan training. Co-Chair Clairjeane spoke about the Narcan training in greater detail.

Co-chair Gray announced that Brooklyn Public Library's Kensington branch will be hosting a disability resource fair.

The Co-Chairs also announced an upcoming meeting on February 19th. The Committee will hear presentations from Maimonides Medical Center and the Department of Consumer and Worker Protection.

D) Community Safety – Co-Chairs Hindy Bendel and Florencia Chang-Ageda also reported on the joint meeting with the Human Services Committee on January 29th. FDNY led a Control the Bleed training. Dynamic Youth Community led a Narcan training. Co-Chair Bendel spoke about the FDNY training in greater detail.

Co-Chair Chang-Ageda reiterated that the Citizens Police Academy is recruiting participants and provided additional information about the program. She also announced that the next 70th Precinct Community Council Meeting will be held on February 25.

E) Housing and Land Use – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Melissa Minnich announced upcoming meetings and events. On February 23rd the City Planning Commission will be holding a virtual session, Unpacking the Housing Charter Reforms. Co-Chair Alvarez noted that the housing lottery is currently open for Phase 1 of the 2363 Bedford Ave residential development.

Co-Chair Minnich announced a workshop on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan for Brooklyn on February 19th. She noted that the annual HOPE Count for homeless New Yorkers has been rescheduled for March 10th.

F) Transportation – Co-Chairs Binyomin Bendet and Moussa Hassoun reported on the February 5th committee meeting. The committee heard a presentation from the Permanent Citizens Advisory Committee to the MTA. They also heard a report by the Regional Plan Association.

The Co-Chairs noted that the MTA has transitioned from Metrocards to the OMNY system and if individuals still have money on their Metrocards, these funds can be transferred to OMNY cards.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assembly Member Robert Carroll, shared information about events and services provided by the assembly member's office.
2. Brenda Acosta, Kwenda Collegiate Girls, shared information about school programs and enrollment.
3. Kadeem Phillip, Brooklyn Dreams Charter School, shared information about school programs and enrollment.
4. Eli Slavin, Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, reminded attendees to check the congresswoman's website for information about legislation, events, and services provided by the congresswoman's office. He also announced satellite office locations.
5. Meagan Fleming-White, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis, shared information about events and services provided by the council member's office. She announced the opening of the Shirley Chisholm Recreation Center and provided additional community updates.
6. Noam Abrahams, Office of State Senator Sam Sutton, shared information about available heating assistance programs. He also shared information about community events and services.
7. Nader Voussoughian, shared community concerns about public safety.

8. Paurcha Edwards, Office of State Senator Zellnor Myrie, shared information about events and services provided by the state senator's office.
9. Jay Taubman, Brooklyn Public Library, shared information about programs and services available at the Brooklyn Public Library.
10. Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President shared information about applications, events and services provided by the Borough President's office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:40 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
FLATBUSH–MIDWOOD COMMUNITY DISTRICT
810 East 16th Street
Brooklyn, New York 11230

Addendum 1

January 22, 2026

Hon. Rita Joseph
Member, NYC Council, 40th CD
930 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11226

Hon. Farah Louis
Member, NYC Council, 45th District
1434 Flatbush Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11210

Hon. Inna Vernikov
Member, NYC Council, 48th CD
2401 Avenue U
Brooklyn, NY 11229

Hon. Simcha Felder
Member, NYC Council, 44th CD
4424 16th Avenue
Brooklyn, NY 11204

Dear Council Members,

Please support a long-overdue baseline budget adjustment for Community Boards in the FY27 budget. The need for a baseline increase could not be more urgent. For the past two decades, Community Board budgets grew on average by about 1.5% per year while inflation averaged a 2.5% annual increase. A baseline budget increase of a mere \$50,000 is necessary to adequately perform our Board work, hire and retain staff, and continue to serve as a crucial resource to our 59 Community Districts.

Currently, the baseline budget for each Community Board office is \$280,000. This covers all staff base salaries, office equipment and supplies, technology and security systems, consultants and livestream services, as well as phone, postage, printing and community events. With a budget increase of \$50,000 per board, the citywide baseline budget for community boards would represent only .02% of the New York City budget. This is a reasonable investment in local communities even as the city faces budget challenges.

In practical terms, Community Board funding has continuously decreased as responsibilities and demands have steadily increased. Newer responsibilities include conducting public hearings on Open Dining permits, Office of Cannabis Management applications, Open Streets applications and related SAPO activities. The last two administrations proposed six major zoning text amendments and charter revision commissions were established. These all necessitated several public hearings and drove an unprecedented number of calls, emails and visits to the office by engaged residents. Service delivery in general has increased. For instance, climate change brings more requests for assistance with flooding and downed trees. This has also placed the responsibility on Community Boards to advocate for longer term solutions such as flood mitigation, green infrastructure and tree care.

By law, the district office is also responsible for language access and for website low vision access. District Managers were appointed Agency Privacy Officers, tasked with highly technical quarterly reports. We have had to develop and pay for our own database to track service delivery. Upgrading technology to livestream, providing remote/hybrid access to meetings and recording and storing recordings on our websites also came out of our 20-year basically fixed budget.

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Severe budget constraints force us to use less-than-optimal video and livestreaming because it's what we can afford. CB14 holds video conference meetings via Webex. Webex is flawed, but it is free. In 2020, when City Council provided Community Boards with a one-shot deal of \$42,500, most of these funds were invested in equipment enabling CB14 to live-stream smaller meetings from our district office. The quality is not optimal, but we cannot upgrade equipment with our current budget. In fact, we no longer have enough funding to make repairs or replace equipment. When this system fails, we will not be able to meet the legal mandate to live stream. What then? For off-site meetings we record and livestream using a provider. These services are vital, but their annual costs are already nearly \$5,000 and we expect them to rise. Livestreaming has tripled our internet costs, which we have had to absorb that with no funding increase.

All staff baseline salaries for full-time employees, hourly pay for part-time staff and any merit increases are paid from the community board budget. Collective bargaining and cost of living adjustments for unionized staff are augmented by the city. Mayors' Personnel Orders (MPOs) have been granted twice in the last 15 years. They raised District Manager pay and were augmented by the city (not withdrawn from the CB baseline budget). At this point, CB14 will not be able to offer a merit raise to staff or hire additional staff without a baseline increase unless and until a current staff member leaves the payroll and the staffing is readjusted. In many cases when District Managers have left their positions, the Community Board budget could not cover acquired leave time and boards could not hire a replacement for months. In one case, Borough Hall allocated funding to a board that would otherwise not have had staff for a year. This was a discretionary allocation and is not a practice that applies across all boards.

CB14 provides service delivery to 165,000 residents with one district manager, one full-time and one part-time community coordinator. We serve a very demanding district. While we do so gladly, we are up against the limits of our annual budget despite receiving allocations from two supportive Council Members. We are now dependent on these allocations. These funds do not augment our work, rather they have become necessary to maintain our baseline service delivery and community events. These council member discretionary funds are intended to be allocated to local community-based organizations rather than funding another city agency. Since they are at the discretion of City Council Members, they are not allocated evenly across all 59 boards. Some community districts overlap with five Council Members; some overlap only with two. A baseline budget increase would help address these inequities.

At CB14, community events are a valuable component of our programming, but they are costly and likely to face cuts without budget increases. Brooklyn CB14 organizes an annual youth resource fair, an annual nonprofit roundtable and an annual reception at which we recognize new members and colleagues who have served with distinction. We have also organized lunch and learn series and board member outings in the district. These events carry costs such as space fees, table rentals, printing and mailings.

Community Boards make the most of our small budgets, but we are at our limit. If the pattern of increasing costs without commensurate budget increases continues, our offices will be forced to make cuts to our services. Already, the district office must limit the number of mailings we send so that we do not exceed the cap on the free version of the mailing service. Our emailing service and our USPS postage are also near their limits. We were unable to provide refreshments at the last nonprofit roundtable. We are reconsidering the annual reception due to its costs.

Community Boards are independent non-mayoral city agencies. We are not units, departments or functions of any other agency or any office of an elected official. While tasked with serving as advisory bodies on proposals, permits, events and applications, the overriding responsibility of a Community Board is service delivery to the residents, businesses and organizations that fall within our district borders. Given Mayor Mamdani's establishment of the Office of Mass Engagement, and the role of the Community Boards noted

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within that office, we strongly believe that the time has come to ensure that our resources are matched to our responsibilities and public expectations.

Fortunately, Council Members recognize the value of local community service and local community input on citywide plans and policies. The functions of Community Boards must be supported with an adequate budget pegged to inflation and to the growth of all other city agencies and elected offices. We recognize that the city budget will face many pressures but know that Community Boards are one of the best returns on investment. With only approximately 150 community board staff citywide, we serve 8.4 million residents, as well as local businesses and community organizations. Please support an agency-wide adjustment of \$50K per community board to redress a 20-year funding gap. It is a small request in the budget sense but meaningful to the staff and members of Community Boards and the people of the districts they serve.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Shawn Campbell", is positioned above the typed name.

Shawn Campbell
District Manager

cc: Hon. Julie Menin, Speaker, New York City Council
Hon. Gale Brewer, Chair, Governmental Operations, State and Federal Legislation Committee
Hon. Linda Lee, Chair, Finance Committee
Hon. Shahana Hanif, Member, NYC Council, 39th CD



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Addendum 2

ZOHRAN MAMDANI
Mayor

ANTONIO REYNOSO
Borough President

February 19, 2026

KARL-HENRY CESAR
Chair

SHAWN CAMPBELL
District Manager

Daniel Garodnick, Director
Department of City Planning
120 Broadway, 31st Floor
New York, NY 10271

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ERIC OST
First Vice-Chair

Dear Director Garodnick:

DEBORAH VALENTIN
Second Vice-Chair

Pursuant to Section 204 of the New York City Charter, Brooklyn Community Board held a public hearing on February 9, 2026, pertinent to the Citywide Statement of Needs for City Facilities (CSON) for Fiscal Year 2028.

ORNELLA PARKER
Third Vice-Chair

FLORENCIA CHANG-AGEDA
Secretary

As there are no plans for sites in CD14 we ask to be informed should a site come into consideration for facilities still to be determined.

BINYOMIN BENDET
Member-at-Large

MOUSSA HASSOUN
Member-at-Large

More urgently, once again the CSON failed to include the 70th Police Precinct House. CB14 has had to repeatedly advise the Department of City Planning of the omission in past years, and errors in the years it was included. The 2023 CSON included it but had the years wrong. The 2024-2025 the CSON included it but CD14 asked for a review of the siting criteria. Instead of a response DCP simply omitted it again this year. Why?

ALVIN M. BERK
Chairman Emeritus

According to the narrative in the Citywide Statement of Needs, “*NYPD’s priority in identifying capital needs across its portfolio rests primarily on the state of good repair, but it also takes into consideration the voices of the community through community affairs and community outreach.*” The 70th police precinct house epitomizes a state of disrepair. There has been a lack of heat, flooding, inadequate technology, years of façade scaffolding and scores of work orders, and as of February 9th a burst steam pipe. The community has made collective voices heard for over three decades. Therefore, this statement is unconvincing.

According to the Citywide Statement of Needs, *“Projected across the next ten years, the City plans to invest a cumulative \$1.3 billion to renovate buildings and upgrade equipment and necessary systems. These investments represents (sic) both large sums...including ... state of good repair improvements such as Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance renovations at precincts (\$57.1 million), ...and other facilities renovations (\$291.4 million).”* Given that the 70th Precinct shares a block with one of the most concentrated populations of multiply handicapped residents in NYC, it seems that ADA compliance at the 70th Police Precinct House should have been a top priority. Therefore, this statement is disingenuous.

According to the Citywide Statement of Needs, *“In order to ensure that the NYPD has the best tools and facilities available to achieve its mission, capital needs are evaluated regularly. This process involves identifying and inventorying needs and then conducting a priority assessment based on the state of good repair of each asset.”* In 2018, NYPD spent \$1 million on a feasibility study to determine whether a new precinct house could be built at the current location. It was determined that it could not. In 2023, NYPD claimed to have reviewed sites in the precinct which were found inadequate due to scale. CB14 has asked for information as to those site locations and has requested that the specifications be reviewed to make site selection more attainable. NYPD has repeatedly failed to respond. Therefore, this statement lacks credibility.

According to the Citywide Statement of Needs, *“When initially identifying capital needs, NYPD considers the following: Age and condition of site, deteriorated conditions informed by work orders submitted, Life cycle replacement schedules for building infrastructure, equipment and systems, (and) Operational needs, lease compliance, local law compliance and correction of non-compliant/illegal conditions, and work environment improvement.”* Further, *“To determine the age, condition, and work orders submitted, NYPD utilizes both the asset reports from the Mayor’s Office of Management and Budget’s (OMB) cyclical engineering inspections of assets reported through the NYC Asset Information Management System (AIMS) system as well as its own Enterprise Asset Management software. AIMS is an OMB periodic inspection of buildings report, including site surveys. Enterprise Asset Management Software is an NYPD software for work orders from internal requests, including site inspections.”* Therefore, CB14 has filed a FOIL request to OMB and NYPD (2026-056-05547) to obtain these data as they pertain to the 40th Precinct which was originally built in 1923 – two decades after the 70th was started and the 70th Precinct for the purposes of comparison.

To consider the veracity of the following assertion in the Citywide Statement of Needs, *“In evaluating pressing capital needs, the NYPD demonstrates its commitment to the community by taking community concerns, feedback, and complaints into consideration,”* and *“This prioritization procedure allows NYPD to take a detailed look at the competing capital priorities across its portfolio and employ their ranking system to determine where pressing state of good repair improvements are most urgently needed.”* CB14 requests the outstanding list of state of good repair projects in order of urgency priority.

Commissioner Tisch presented a state of the city report where she asserted her efforts to “drag the NYPD into the 21st century.” Since plans for the current 70th precinct house began in the 19th century and completed in 1910, it seems like a very good place to start.

Given that the 70th Precinct was in the city budget in the past and that the community has never lost sight of this capital budget priority but NYPD and OMB has indeed continuously lost sight to the extent that it keeps dropping out of the Citywide Statement of Needs altogether, we urgently, ardently, and desperately appeal to NYPD and OMB to begin again but in earnest this time.

Please let us know how we can assist.

Thank you,



Shawn Campbell
District Manager

cc: Hon. Rita Joseph, 40th NYC Council District
Hon. Farah Louis, 45th NYC Council District
Hon. Inna Vernikov, 48th NYC Council District
Hon. Simcha Felder, 44th NYC Council District
Hon. Shahana Hanif, 39th NYC Council District
Sherif Soliman, Director, Office of Management and Budget
Jessica Tisch, Commissioner, New York City Police Department
Assistant Chief Charles Minch, Commanding Officer, PBBS
Deputy Inspector Joseph Wernersback, Commanding Officer, 70th Precinct



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Addendum 3

VIA Email

March 2, 2026

Mandy Salley
New York City Public Library Action Network (NYC PLAN)

Thank you for presenting on NYC PLAN's work to secure .5% of the New York City budget to be allocated to libraries in FY 2027. We appreciate your presentation at our Youth Services, Education and Libraries committee meeting in January. At Community Board 14's February board meeting, the board voted unanimously to support this request.

This allocation would allow libraries, which are relied on now more than ever, to be fully staffed and accommodate patron needs. Libraries provide more than just free books. They provide essential services and programs. In this brutal winter they have been free and open climate-controlled public spaces. They provide programming for non-English speaking community members to help them understand and interact with the culture, government, and the educational system. Libraries provide countless free, fun and educational programs for residents of all ages, including resume and job application support.

We are so close. Current funding is nearly .5%. We hope that Mayor Mamdani and the City Council will see eye to eye on rounding up to the full .5%. This small increase would go a long way in providing support for our libraries so they can continue to support our communities. We must ensure that these vital public institutions are able to maintain their current services.

We are with you!

Sincerely,

Eric Ost

Eric Ost
Co-Chair
Youth Services, Education
and Libraries Committee

Ornella Parker

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Co-Chair
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