



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 June 8, 2026

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, June 8, 2026, at the East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Waqil Ahmed	Lisa Derrick	Kirsti Jutila	Ornella Parker
Gregory Alvarez	Beatrix Eckert-Chu	Kellen Khelefu	Nora Peña
Heshy Augenbaum	Roisin Ford	Nicole Levenson Angulo	Barden Prisant
Binyomin Bendet	Jerrell Gray	Donald Loggins	Nina Sabghir
Christopher Bromson	Susan Hargett	Melissa Minnich	Joel Siegel
Karl-Henry Cesar	Moussa Hassoun	Yemisi Nassirou	Alexa Summers
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Ian Haynes	Ephraim Nierenberg	Abraham Treff
Yvette Clairjeane	Nodica Johnson	Eric Ost	Deborah Valentin

DISTRICT OFFICE

Shawn Campbell, District Manager
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

Brian Grady, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Grace Hamler, Office of Council Member Farah Louis (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

Tyesha Allen, Office of Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte-Hermelyn (42nd AD)
Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assemblymember Robert Carroll (44th AD)

STATE SENATE

Noam Abrahams, Office of State Senator Sam Sutton (22nd SD)

CONGRESS

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jerrell Gray called the board 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 May 11, 2026 board meeting were approved with a spelling 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 provided a follow-up on the Department of Social Services plan to open a 130-bed men's shelter on Flatbush, across from the Kings Theatre and 400 feet away from another DSS shelter and a supportive housing facility.

The District Manager encouraged board members to call their local council member to support a baseline budget increase for all community boards. She reported that she would attend a June 22nd City Council hearing scheduled to hear Intro 501, which would impose 4-year renewable terms on District Managers and would allow Borough Presidents to fire them at will. Intro 322 which would change the current council member nominations to direct community board member appointments (Addendum 1).

The DM announced that Community Coordinator, Sarah Sklaw, gave notice that she would be leaving CB14 for a new professional opportunity. The DM thanked her for her hard work and service to the community and board members expressed appreciation with a warm round of applause.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Jerrell Gray:

The Chair recognized representatives from elected officials' offices and city agencies (see page 1). He shared thoughts and good wishes for June holidays.

Public Hearing

The Chair reported on the Public Hearing on the Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) application at 1455 Coney Island Avenue which on June 4, 2026 at 6:30PM at CB14 District Office. The purpose of this hearing was to hear public testimony by community members with respect to a ULURP application to the Department of City Planning (DCP) submitted by Prospect Park Land LLC to build a 9-story nursing home facility.

The Board's recommendation from the public hearing was to approve this application.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (27-4-2) to approve.

Committee of the Whole

The Chair spoke about the need to empower a Committee of the Whole, which allows the board to meet and take action over the summer if necessary. Any number of board members present for the Committee of Whole Meeting constitutes quorum.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED unanimously to approve.

Executive Committee Meeting

An Executive Committee Meeting took place on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the CB14 District Office at 810 East 16th Street, Brooklyn, NY. The meeting began with a New Member Orientation, during which expectations and resources were shared with newly appointed board members. A discussion about how committee meetings operated over the past year and ways to increase board engagement moving forward followed. Several recommendations for Committee Co-Chairs, and those interested in serving in future leadership roles, were shared, including hosting at least one in-person committee meeting at the District Office; and at least one in-person event or outing such as a neighborhood walk; facility tour; etc.

The Executive Committee also discussed the role of the Executive Committee itself. It was noted that current bylaws do not explicitly define formal roles and responsibilities for Executive Committee members. The Board will continue exploring an Executive Committee portfolio. The Executive Committee's role in community engagement; planning social and networking gatherings; and internal board development was discussed.

The District Manager performance review process was discussed. The review did not take place. The District Manager review discussion was tabled until the fall, with plans to begin developing a more structured feedback mechanism over the summer.

Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting

The June 2nd Brooklyn Borough Board meeting included two presentations. The first was from the Prospect Park Alliance about the Lefferts Historic House Landscape to permanently inscribe the previously overlooked histories of the Lenape and African peoples into the landscape. Following approvals from the City and State, the project is anticipated to begin in 2027.

The MTA presented on the Interborough Express (IBX) status and continued engagement including community open houses; pop-up events with residents; and the Environmental Impact Statement process. Once the environmental impact statement is complete, potential impacts of eminent domain, noise and construction impacts, and on "neighborhood character" will be identified.

Neighborhood Plan

The Mayor has announced two neighborhood plans. One in the Bronx (White Plains Road) and the other - South of Prospect Park in Brooklyn. The South of Prospect Park Plan will focus on Coney Island Avenue and McDonald Avenue. DCP has released a survey on its website to gather initial community priorities from residents in the impacted areas. CB14 plans to engage the community in advance of DCP's formal engagement sometime in the fall. The Chair suggested reading the Community Board 14 District Needs Statement, reviewing the Lunch and Learn videos available on the CB14 website and walking through the neighborhood to identify local issues and opportunities, and speaking directly with residents and small businesses.

Voting

The Chair reminded the assembly to vote and shared deadlines and resources.

The Chair reported that legacy Board Member Gail L Smith had resigned from the board, and he thanked her for her service and noted the photos in the CB14 conference room as a reflection of her years of dedication and service. He shared a story of a conversation with Gail soon after he was appointed to the board, which left a lasting impression and reflected the warmth, openness, and commitment she has consistently brought to this work.

He also joined the District Manager with congratulations and thanks to Sarah Sklaw and wished her well in her future endeavors. He thanked her for her commitment to tenants and residents in the district, her advocacy for housing rights, and helping community members navigate difficult and stressful situations. The Chair presented Dr. Sklaw with a bouquet as a gesture of appreciation.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

- A) Youth Services, Education, and Libraries – Co-Chairs Eric Ost and Ornella Parker** reported on their May 21st. committee meeting. There was a presentation by the School Construction Authority on the capital project at Erasmus High School. There was also an update on the two-year closure of the Midwood Library for capital repairs and upgrades, which began on May 17th. The committee also reviewed the 2026 Annual Youth Resource Fair and share ideas for next year's 20th anniversary event.
- B) Transportation – Co-Chair Moussa Hassoun** reported on their May 14th committee meeting. DOT reported on the Beverley Road Bridge State of Good Repair capital project. Open Plans presented on a nation-wide effort to increase low traffic neighborhoods and asked the board to consider potential neighborhoods that might qualify for and benefit from a 15 mph speed limit and other traffic-mitigation approaches. They discussed the plan to make the Hillel pedestrian plaza permanent beginning in the summer of 2028. The committee reviewed changes to speed limits on streets surrounding schools in CD14 as per Sammy's Law.
- C) Community Environment, Cultural Affairs, and Economic Development – Co-Chairs Christopher Bromson and Deborah Valentin** spoke about a good year of meetings and about getting ready for the upcoming neighborhood plan, including opportunities to talk about environmental and cultural needs and opportunities. Mr. Bromson spoke about his visit to the Sunset Park Materials Recovery Plant, encouraged others to take advantage of future tours and to improve recycling habits.
- D) Human Services – Co-Chairs Yvette Clairjeane and Karl-Henry Cesar** reported on the successful annual Nonprofit Roundtable on Tuesday May 19th. There were 36 organizations in attendance, and the keynote speaker was Jose Dobles, Vice President of Programs at the Citizens Committee for New York City. Ms. Clairjeane thanked the board members who volunteered for the event. Mr. Cesar spoke about participation in the One Brooklyn Health Town Hall. The members of Brooklyn Hospitals considered opportunities for referrals and collaborations for a sound and healthy future.
- E) Community Safety – Co-Chair Florencia Chang-Ageda** encouraged everyone to attend the 70th Precinct Community Council's last meeting of the season. She noted that the meeting would be followed by a community cookout. She also reminded everyone that National Night Out would take place on August 4th. Ms. Chang-Ageda wished all a safe summer but also encouraged everyone to reach out in the event of any shootings. If needed, she would organize a shooting response in the area.
- F) Housing and Land Use – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Melissa Minnich** reported on their committee meeting, which focused on preparing for the South of Prospect Neighborhood Plan (SPP). They encouraged everyone to share the city's online survey to broaden input. Ms. Minnich encouraged everyone to stay safe and healthy on hot days by checking on neighbors and using local cooling centers. The District Manager added that the CB14 projects tab on the website would have a committee-by-committee resource page for the SPP that will be updated and a resource throughout the process. She also encouraged people

to check out the White Plains neighborhood plan, which is slightly ahead of the SPP in terms of timing and might be useful to follow.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Transition Committee – Co-Chairs Ornella Parker and Nicole Lebenson Angulo encouraged board members to join their committee meeting on the following Monday. They will discuss opportunities to table at street fairs over the summer. They will also explore other efforts to facilitate engagement among board members, including a mentorship program and social events for board members. They asked for involvement in a summer project to update the Community Board 14 pamphlet.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assemblymember Bobby Carroll – spoke about upcoming events, programs and services.
2. Solomon Nadaf, JCCGCI, spoke about free senior transport services for those over 60 and the need for drivers.
3. Mahalin Desrosiers – Little Haiti BK spoke about initiatives including the Nostrand/Farragut BID plan.
4. David Kupferberg, Passengers United, spoke about the BK Bus Redesign.
5. Lauren Collins, Church Flatbush Community Alliance, spoke about upcoming events.
6. Brian Grady, Office of Councilmember Rita Joseph, spoke about upcoming events, programs and services.
7. Noam Abrahams, Senator Sam Sutton, spoke about upcoming events, programs and services.
8. Brit Byrd, Office of Borough President Antonio Reynoso, spoke about activities, programs and services.
9. Eli Slavin, Office of Rep. Yvette Clarke, spoke about resources and services.
10. Grace Hamler, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis, spoke about efforts on behalf of community members in the district.
11. Tyesha Allen, Office of Assemblymember Bichotte-Hermelyn, spoke about the state budget, legislative efforts and services.
12. Jay Taubman, Brooklyn Public Library, spoke about events at the Cortelyou Road branch.
13. Roisin Ford, spoke about City Forestry Day and tree canopy efforts.
14. Nancy Lulu, Office of District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, spoke about events and services provided by the DA's office.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:38 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.