



## **MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 January 12, 2026**

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, January 12, 2026, at the East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carissa Alphonso	Roisin Ford	Donald Loggins	Bazah Roohi
Gregory Alvarez	Jerrell Gray	Sasha Maslouski	Nina Sabghir
Hindy Bendel	Susan Hargett	Melissa Minnich	Joel Siegel
Binyomin Bendet	Moussa Hassoun	Aasma Nuzzi	Gail L Smith
Davina Bholanauth	Ian Haynes	Eric Ost	Alexa Summers
Christopher Bromson	Mordechai Husarsky	Ornella Parker	Rolanda Telesford-Hastick
Karl-Henry Cesar	Kirsti Jutila	Nora Peña	Deborah Valentin
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Nicole Levenson Angulo	Susan Phillip	
Elizabeth Denys	Alex Lesman	Tzvi Plotsker	

### **DISTRICT OFFICE**

Shawn Campbell, District Manager  
Sarah Sklaw, Community Coordinator

### **BOROUGH HALL**

Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Nany Lulu, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez

### **CITY COUNCIL**

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

### **STATE ASSEMBLY**

Tyesha Allen, Office of Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn (42nd AD)

Aaomi Sailing, Office of Assembly Member Brian Cunningham (43rd AD)

Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assembly Member 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)

## **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 7:02 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 December 8, 2025, board 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 reported that given agency changes with the new administration she will be composing letters to commissioners to raise key issues in the district. She thanked Assembly Member Robert Carroll for reaching out to MTA regarding Newkirk Plaza. MTA indicated that it plans to begin contracting for the first stages of the plaza project in March. The District Office will continue to work with elected leaders to hold the relevant agencies accountable.

The DM reported on her attendance at a public hearing of the Government Operations, State and Federal Legislation Committee to advocate for baseline budgets for Community Boards. As it stands, the Community Board's budget makes executing events like the Youth Resource Fair increasingly challenging. She reported that a letter of request was in draft. DM Campbell thanked Council Member Rita Joseph, Council Member Farah Louis, COPO and the YMCA for their financial and in-kind support for the CB14 Youth Resource Fair.

### **IV. CHAIR REPORT – Karl-Henry Cesar:**

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

The Chair recognized Board Member Florencia Chang-Ageda and read a citation bestowed by Assembly Member Brian Cunningham for Chang-Ageda's outstanding service and unwavering dedication to the CB14 community.

The Chair also recognized Nancy Lulu from District Attorney Eric Gonzalez's office and presented her with a Certificate of Appreciation from CB14.

The Chair spoke about participating in the Coney Island Polar Bear Plunge on New Years Day. He encouraged members of the board to take a metaphorical plunge by raising their voices and sharing their thoughts on issues under consideration by the board.

The Chair also reminded board members to make sure they are present for roll call and stay until the meeting is adjourned.

The Chair announced the resignation of Board Member Dawn-Marie Walker and recognized her contributions to the Board. In over a decade of service, she was a member of the Transportation Committee and Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development Committee. She always volunteered at the Youth Conference and was a respectful, gentle and thoughtful individual.

The Chair reported on his attendance at the joint meeting of the Committee on Oversight and Investigations and Committee on Criminal Justice on December 10<sup>th</sup>. The committees heard testimony from the Department of Corrections and the public about the experience of people visiting Rikers Island. He urged attendees to review the City Council calendar and watch hearings on topics of interest to them.

The Chair reported that Board Member Florencia Chang-Ageda attended the January 5<sup>th</sup> Brookdale Community Advisory Board meeting.

The Chair reported on the Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting held on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Brooklyn Borough Hall presented on the 2025 Comprehensive Plan for Brooklyn. The Chair of CB9's Parks, Recreation, and Culture Committee discussed an upcoming symposium for all Brooklyn Community Boards about the borough's parks and open spaces.

Chair Cesar noted that Brooklyn Borough Hall confirmed that the temporary term limit exemption would be applied for appointments made in 2020 or even years prior to 2020. As such, there will be no term limits applied in 2028. Members appointed in 2020 will be termed off in 2030, if all their appointments since 2020 were for full two-year terms.

The Chair announced the appointment of Susan Phillip, Nina Sabghir, Nicole Levenson-Angulo, Nora Peña, and Mordechai Husarsky to the Nominating Committee. The Committee will meet to propose a slate of candidates for the Executive Committee at the February board meeting.

## **V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:**

**A) Human Services – Co-Chair Jerrel Gray** reported on the joint meeting with the Housing and Land Use Committee held on Wednesday, December 17<sup>th</sup>. The Sephardic Community Health Center presented on their programs and services. This is in advance of an anticipated proposal for a 240-bed nursing home at 1455 Coney Island Ave.

Co-Chair Gray also announced that the committee will hold a joint meeting with the Community Safety Committee on January 29<sup>th</sup>. FDNY will lead a Control the Bleed training. Dynamic Youth Community will lead a Narcan training. The meeting will be held in-person at the District Office. Attendees should register ahead of the meeting.

**B) Housing and Land Use – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Melissa Minnich** reported on the December 17<sup>th</sup> joint meeting with the Human Services Committee. A presentation was given by Annie Larkin, CB14's Fund for the City of New York Planning Fellow. She presented preliminary research on the impacts of City of Yes in District 14.

Co-Chair Minnich announced a Brooklyn Community Board ULURP training on January 15<sup>th</sup>. She reminded attendees that the annual HOPE count for homeless New Yorkers will be held on January 27<sup>th</sup>. She also noted that, due to cold temperatures, Code Blues have been in effect, meaning free shelter is available for anyone in need. Residents who see street homeless individuals should call 311 for homeless services dispatch.

Co-Chair Alvarez made a brief update about four residential buildings that are part of the residential development on and across from the Sears parking lot. Some of the buildings have received Temporary Certificates of Occupancy.

- C) Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development – Co-Chairs Christopher Bromson and Deborah Valentin** announced that the committee will hold its next meeting on January 21<sup>st</sup> and they shared the agenda.

Co-Chair Bromson also announced that the Mayor’s Office of Climate and Environmental Justice has launched a questionnaire to inform the City’s first Environmental Justice Plan.

- D) Community Safety – Co-Chairs Hindy Bendel and Florencia Chang-Ageda** reiterated the joint meeting with the Human Services Committee on January 29<sup>th</sup>. Co-Chair Chang-Ageda reported on the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct’s holiday party in December and announced that the next Community Council meeting will be held on Wednesday January 28<sup>th</sup>. Co-Chair Bendel noted that the 70<sup>th</sup> Precinct marked the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary remembrance for Officer Hennessy.

- E) Transportation – Co-Chairs Binyomin Bendet and Moussa Hassoun** announced that the committee will hold its next meeting on February 5 and previewed the agenda.

Co-Chair Bendet reported on the Department of Transportation’s (DOT) requesting for a letter supporting the installation of an Automated Public Toilet by Prospect Park. The DOT presented on the proposed Automated Public Toilet installation at a committee meeting in November. Following CB14’s procedures for letters of comment raised during committee meetings, the co-chairs provided an overview of the committee meeting before opening the floor to comments and questions.

Discussion ensued.

**On a motion, duly made, it was:**

**RESOLVED 31-1-0 to provide a letter of support to DOT for the Automated Public Toilet installation by Prospect Park. (Addendum 1)**

- F) Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chairs Ornella Parker and Eric Ost** reported on the January 8<sup>th</sup> committee meeting. The committee heard a presentation by the Independent Budget Office on how to find and interpret school budget information. They also heard a brief presentation and call for volunteers from the New York City Public Library Action Network about their campaign for library funding.

Co-Chair Ost announced that the Community Education Council for District 22 will be hosting the NYC schools Chancellor Kamar Samuels at PS 217 on February 12<sup>th</sup>.

Co-Chair Parker reported on ongoing planning for the Youth Resource Fair that took place during the committee meeting. The event will take place on March 11<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-6:30PM. She reiterated the need for volunteers

## **VII. PUBLIC SESSION**

1. Antonia Bramble and Juana Flores, Brooklyn Public Library, shared information about programs and services available at the Brooklyn Public Library. They announced that the Center for Brooklyn History is hosting a program on Community Boards on Wednesday, January 21<sup>st</sup>.
2. Brit Byrd, Office of Brooklyn Borough President, reminded attendees that applications for Brooklyn Community Boards are open until February 6<sup>th</sup>. He shared information about additional events and services provided by the Borough President’s office.
3. Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assembly Member Robert Carroll, shared information about events and services provided by the assembly member’s office.
4. David Kupfenberg, Passengers United, shared information about neighborhood transportation advocacy around the Brooklyn Bus Network redesign.

5. Nancy Lulu, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, shared information about services provided by the district attorney's office. She thanked the board for its recognition.
6. 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.
7. Roslyn Salas, New York City Small Business Resource Network and Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce, shared information about support for small businesses.
8. Meagan Fleming-White, Office of Councilmember Farah Louis, shared information about events and services provided by the council member's office. She also provided community updates and noted that the office is fielding suggestions for Participatory Budgeting proposals.
9. Ali Boivab, Department of Consumer and Worker Protection, shared information about the NYC free tax preparation program for individuals and small businesses.
10. Kadeem Phillip, Brooklyn Dreams Charter School, shared information about school programs and enrollment.
11. Venus Scantlebury, Civilian Complaint Review Board, announced that applications are currently open for CCRB's 2026 Youth Advisory Council.
12. Tyesha Allen, Office of Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte Hermelyn, shared information about events and services provided by the assembly member'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

**ZOHRAN MAMDANI**  
Mayor

**ANTONIO REYNOSO**  
Borough President

**KARL-HENRY CESAR**  
Chair

**SHAWN CAMPBELL**  
District Manager

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**ERIC OST**  
First Vice-Chair

**DEBORAH VALENTIN**  
Second Vice-Chair

**ORNELLA PARKER**  
Third Vice-Chair

**FLORENCIA CHANG-AGEDA**  
Secretary

**BINYOMIN BENDET**  
Member-at-Large

**MOUSSA HASSOUN**  
Member-at-Large

**ALVIN M. BERK**  
Chairman Emeritus

January 14, 2026

Keith Bray  
Brooklyn Borough Commissioner  
Department of Transportation  
16 Court Street, Ste 1620  
Brooklyn, NY 11201

Dear Commissioner Bray,

On November 6, 2025, the Department of Transportation presented a proposal to install an automatic public toilet to be placed at Park Circle (aka Machete Circle). The installation will be on the sidewalk at the southeastern bend, near the tennis courts and entrance to the Parade Ground. It will be open from 8am-8pm, is self-cleaning between uses and will be additionally serviced at least twice a day. DOT represented that the Department of Parks and Recreation and the Prospect Park Alliance are in support of the public toilet at this location.

At its January 12, 2026, regular monthly meeting, Community Board 14 members voted to approve this letter of support.

Thank you,

Shawn Campbell  
District Manager

cc: Karl-Henry Cesar, Chair  
Moussa Hassoun, Co-Chair, Transportation Committee  
Binyomin Bendet, Co-Chair, Transportation Committee