



MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14 April 13, 2026

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, April 13, 2026, at the East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sahibzada Shabir Ahmad	Karl-Henry Cesar	Mordechai Husarsky	Nora Peña
Waqil Ahmed	Florencia Chang-Ageda	Kirsti Jutila	Susan Phillip
Carissa Alphonso	Yvette Clairjeane	Nicole Levenson Angulo	Nina Sabghir
Gregory Alvarez	Elizabeth Denys	Melissa Minnich	Gail L Smith
Hindy Bendel	Lisa Derrick	Ephraim Nierenberg	Alexa Summers
Binyomin Bendet	Joseph Dweck	Aasma Nuzzi	Abraham Treff
Davina Bholanauth	Jerrell Gray	Eric Ost	Alana Wilson
Cristopher Bromson	Moussa Hassoun	Ornella Parker	

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

Brian Grady, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph (40th CD)
Meagan Fleming-White, Office of Council Member Farah Louis (45th CD)

STATE ASSEMBLY

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

STATE SENATE

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

CONGRESS

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

I. CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Jerrell Gray called the board meeting to order at 7:03 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 March 9, 2025, board meeting were approved. 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 meetings and events in the district including Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte-Hermelyn's Women of Distinction event, at which two board members, Roisin Ford and Florencia Chang-Ageda, were honored.

DM Campbell attended Flatbush Development Corp's legislative breakfast where efforts to transfer Newkirk Plaza to DOT's Pedestrian Plaza program were discussed. She also attended legislative breakfasts for Prospect Park Alliance and Kings County Hospital.

Brooklyn District Managers met with Chief Charles Minch of NYPD's Patrol Borough Brooklyn South. DM Campbell thanked the Department of Sanitation (DSNY) for carrying out additional pre-Passover holiday trash collection. The DM attended the Community Advisory Board (CAB) meeting for Black Veterans for Social Justice's Duryea Place shelter and encouraged members of the community to participate in CABs.

The District Manager led a District Service Cabinet meeting on April 1st. She continues to work with the Future of Community Boards working group and the Mayor's Office of Mass Engagement (MOME) to improve the district needs statement process and facilitate community engagement.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Jerrell Gray:

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

The Chair thanked the Youth Services, Education, and Libraries committee and co-chairs for organizing the Youth Resource Fair and noted increased community representation and student turnout.

The Chair announced that the District Office had been notified of a fire that impacted several local businesses on Avenue H. NYC Small Business Services and Islamic Relief USA will be providing emergency assistance to affected businesses.

The Chair reported on his attendance at the FDC Legislative Breakfast and other community gatherings including a press conference on the restoration of the Ocean Ave and Parkside Ave perimeter of Prospect Park and the 70th Precinct Community Council meeting on March 25th. He reported that Board Member Florencia Chang-Ageda attended the March 2nd Brookdale Community Advisory Board meeting and shared her notes.

The Chair reported on the Brooklyn Borough Board meeting held on April 7th. Counsel for the Brooklyn Borough President's office gave a presentation the community board Code of Conduct and bylaws. The second presentation was on a proposed restoration of the Meadowport Arch. Borough Board will vote on that proposal at the next meeting. The Chair noted that the mayor had announced a redesign of Grand Army Plaza and public workshops will be held to collect community feedback.

The Chair attended meetings of the Flatbush Tenant Coalition and the Citywide Right to Council Movement. Chair Gray spoke about the importance of tenant issues in a district where 75% of the population are renters.

Chair Gray announced a free screening of the Emergent City documentary and a Q&A with the directors on April 16th at the district office.

He announced upcoming community events including the Church Avenue Street Fair where board members will be tabling at the event.

The Chair recognized Congressmember Yvette Clarke and invited her to address the board.

Congressmember Clarke thanked board members for their efforts to uplift and advance the community and spoke about legislative and funding developments and priorities. She encouraged community members to vote and be civically engaged.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Youth Services, Education and Libraries – Co-Chairs Eric Ost and Ornella Parker reported on the March 11th Youth Resource Fair and reflected on the impact the event has had over the past 19 years. They thanked volunteers, board members, and district office staff for making the event a success. The co-chairs also recognized the late Duane Joseph and thanked his family for attending the event. They further noted that the committee will be collecting feedback at the next committee meeting in May.

B) Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development – Co-Chair Cristopher Bromson reported on the committee meeting held on March 16th. The committee heard a presentation from the Prospect Park Alliance on recent developments and future plans.

Co-Chair Bromson noted his attendance, along with board member Karl-Henry Cesar and others, at the Brooklyn Open Spaces symposium on March 28th.

The committee heard a second presentation by NYC Small Business Services on the programs and services offered by the agency. The committee also heard a presentation on NYS Senate Bill 8821, which would allow community boards to opt in to an early Friday sanitation set out time. Co-Chair Bromson asked for a motion allowing Community Board 14 to opt in to early trash set out on Fridays. Discussion ensued.

On a motion, duly made, it was:

RESOLVED (30-1-0) to allow for an earlier DSNY set out time on Fridays in the community district (Addendum 1).

C) Human Services – Co-Chairs Yvette Clairjeane and Karl-Henry Cesar announced the upcoming committee meeting on April 20th. The committee will hear a presentation on foster programs offered by Mercy First. The second agenda item will be planning for the annual Nonprofit Roundtable. The Nonprofit Roundtable will be held on Tuesday May 19th with keynote speaker Jose Dobles, Vice President of Programs at the Citizens Committee for New York City.

Co-Chair Cesar announced that Carmel Depression and Anxiety Wellness Foundation will hold a Walk/Race fundraiser on April 18th. He also announced that ConEd has expanded their energy affordability program.

D) Community Safety – Co-Chairs Florencia Chang-Ageda and Hindy Bendel announced a committee meeting on April 27th. The committee will hear a presentation on cure violence programs and a report on the 70th Precinct Community Council’s Legislative Breakfast.

The co-chairs noted that, on April 17th, the 70th Precinct Community Council will hold a legislative breakfast, at which efforts towards a new precinct house will be discussed. Co-Chair Chang-Ageda announced that the 70th Precinct’s Community Council meeting will be held on April 29th at the Adapt Community Network Center. She further noted that Brookdale will be having their June 1st CAB meeting in person and has invited members of the community to attend.

Co-Chair Bendel congratulated Co-Chair Chang-Ageda on her recognition as a Woman of Distinction.

E) Housing and Land Use – Co-Chairs Gregory Alvarez and Melissa Minnich reported on the March 30th committee meeting. The committee heard a presentation by CAMBA Ventures on non-profit housing development. The committee also heard a presentation by Annie Larkin, Fund for the City of New York Planning Fellow, on the potential impacts of City of Yes on the district. Additionally, CB14 Community Coordinator Sarah Sklaw gave a presentation on resources and support available for tenants.

Co-Chair Minnich reminded attendees of the Emergent City screening on April 16th. She also announced that the Civic Engagement Commission is holding workshops on how community boards can deepen and expand community engagement.

F) Transportation – Co-Chairs Binyomin Bendet and Moussa Hassoun reported on the March 26th committee meeting. The MTA provided an update on the Interborough Express (IBX) project. DOT presented on Coney Island Avenue school safety improvements. Co-Chair Hassoun thanked committee member Nora Peña for co-chairing the meeting in his absence.

The Chairs announced an upcoming committee meeting on May 14th. The committee will hear a presentation on low traffic neighborhoods and DOT will give an update on the Beverly Road Bridge project.

VI. AD HOC COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A) Transition Committee – Co-Chairs Ornella Parker and Nicole Lebson Angulo thanked members who took the survey. They noted support for a mentorship program pairing new board members with senior board members as well as social events bringing together members. Considering interest in tabling at community events, board members will be tabling at the Church Ave Street Fair on May 3rd. The co-chairs have created a survey of additional community events at which members can table. They also announced an upcoming meeting, date to be confirmed.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Paurcha Edwards, Office of State Senator Zellnor Myrie, shared information about events and services provided by the senator’s office, including a Summer Legislative Assistants Program honoring Duane Joseph.
2. David Kupferberg, Passengers United, spoke about opposition to bus stop balancing as part of the Brooklyn Bus Network Redesign.
3. Brit Byrd, Office of the Brooklyn Borough President, shared information about upcoming events and services provided by the borough president’s office.
4. Rakhi Bhattacharya, Brooklyn Public Library, shared information about programs and services available at the Brooklyn Public Library.

5. Eli Slavin, Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clarke, shared information about events and services provided by the congresswoman's office.
6. Jessica Kane, Church-Flatbush Community Alliance, noted that the Church Avenue Street Fair is taking place on May 3rd and shared information about a mural project.
7. Brian Grady, Office of Council Member Rita Joseph, shared information about events and services provided by the council member's office.
8. Noam Abrahams, Office of State Senator Sam Sutton, thanked the board for their support for early trash set out on Fridays and shared information about events and services provided by the senator's office.
9. Shanisha Dixon-Tyrell, Shanisha's Changing Lives Inc., shared information about an upcoming financial literacy event.
10. Nancy Lulu, Office of Kings County District Attorney Eric Gonzalez, shared information about upcoming events provided by the district attorney's office.
11. Meagan Fleming-White, Office of Council Member Farah Louis, shared information about events and services provided by the council member's office.
12. Mike Golfarb, community member, reminded attendees to register to vote.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 P.M.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.



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FLATBUSH–MIDWOOD COMMUNITY DISTRICT
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ALVIN M. BERK
Chairman Emeritus

To: Gregory Anderson, Commissioner, DSNY

From: Jerrell Gray, Chair, Brooklyn Community Board 14

Date: April 28, 2026

Re: Friday set out times in BK 14

cc: BK14 Superintendent Robert McKenna
DSNY Community Affairs
Elected officials representing CD14

At the regular monthly meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14, held on April 13th, an overwhelming majority of members voted in support of a 3:00 pm set out time on Fridays in the district. This change to the set-out time will accommodate religious practices and will assist the many older community members who expressed concern about taking garbage out in the dark during winter months.

Thank you for assuring that BK14 and DSNY Enforcement are advised and do not issue set out violations in Community District 14 after 3:00 pm on Fridays. We understand that all other proper disposal rules including containerization, will continue to apply.