MINUTES OF A REGULAR BOARD MEETING
OF BROOKLYN COMMUNITY BOARD 14
October 19, 2026

A meeting of Brooklyn Community Board 14 was held on Monday, October 19, 2026, at the East Midwood Jewish Center, 1625 Ocean Avenue.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Sahibzada Shabir Ahmad	Yvette Clairjeane	Nodica Johnson	Ornella Parker
Waqil Ahmed	Elizabeth Denys	Kirsti Jutila	Nora Peña
Carissa Alphonso	Lisa Derrick	Kellen Khelefu	Susan Phillip
Gregory Alvarez	Beatrix Eckert-Chu	Donald Loggins	Barden Prisant
Heshy Augenbaum	Roisin Ford	Sasha Maslouski	Joel Siegel
Christopher Bromson	Jerrell Gray	Yemisi Nassirou	Abraham Treff
Karl-Henry Cesar	Moussa Hassoun	Ephraim Nierenberg	Deborah Valentin
Florencia Chang-Ageda	Mordechai Husarsky	Aasma Nuzzi	Alana Wilson

DISTRICT OFFICE
Shawn Campbell, District Manager
Patricia Olender, Community Coordinator

BOROUGH HALL
Alicia Rey Miller, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso

CITY COUNCIL
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 Assembly Member Robert Carroll (44th AD)

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

NYPD
Det. Scott Nuzzi, Community Affairs, 70th Police Precinct

I. CALL TO ORDER:
Chair Jerrell Gray called the board meeting to order at 7:05 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 September 14, 2026 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 thanked the YMCA for their recognition and thanked board members who attended the YMCA gala and supported the Y though this event. She noted that without the YMCA's donation of space, the Youth Resource Fair would not be possible.

Ms. Campbell reported on the conclusion of 18 agency budget consultations. She also reported on several meetings and events she attended in addition to all CB14 Committee meeting, including the IBX Community Advisory Board meeting. She reported that the IBX Environmental Impact study was wrapping up and that updates can be found on the CB14 website's projects page. The DM also attended FDC's Destination Newkirk meeting and spoke about ongoing efforts to turn Newkirk Plaza into a Pedestrian Plaza. The DM also attended a BVSJ shelter CAB and the Department of City Planning's Town Hall. She encouraged the assembly to join her at the upcoming Department for the Aging Town Hall on October 28.

The DM updated the assembly on the CUNY Graduate Center's plans to convene a Community Board summit. This event will be held in early February. Ms. Campbell expressed her enthusiasm and belief that this could be the beginning of very valuable support for Community Boards citywide.

IV. CHAIR REPORT – Jerrell Gray:
The Chair welcomed the assembly and acknowledged recent holidays.

On Wednesday, October 7, 2026, at 7:00 PM, a public hearing was held at the Brooklyn Community Board 14 Office regarding Uniform Land Use Review Procedure (ULURP) Application Nos. C210395ZMK and N210396ZRK for the site located at East 14th Street and Locust Avenue in Midwood, Brooklyn. The application is for a Zoning Map Amendment from M1-1 and R5 to R7A and a Zoning Text Amendment to designate a Mandatory Inclusionary Housing (MIH) area in order to facilitate a new nine-story mixed use development with 229 units, 57 affordable per MIH and 13,880 square feet of ground floor community facility space. The purpose of the hearing was to receive public testimony from community members concerning the application submitted to the Department of City Planning by E 14th Realty Holdings LLC. The applicant was present at the hearing and represented by Richard Lobel. CB14 received written testimony from one community resident in opposition of the application, which was read into the record.

The recommendation from the public hearing was to approve this application with conditions of determining the sanitation set-out location in consultation with the Community Board and a consideration for community space.

On a motion, duly made, it was:
RESOLVED 35-1-0 to approve.

Prior to the ULURP hearing, Board Member Kirsti Jutila provided an overview of the 2025 Housing Charter Revisions, including an explanation of the Expedited Land Use Review Procedure known as ELURP, and the Affordable Housing Appeals Board. The presentation was recorded and is available on the CB14 website. The chair noted that the information was extremely useful and provided a clear overview of how these charter revisions could affect future housing proposals that may come before the Board. He encouraged board members and residents alike to take the time to watch the presentation, as it offers valuable context on an issue that continues to be the subject of discussion across the city.

The October Brooklyn Borough Board meeting took place on Tuesday, October 6, 2026. The Board received two presentations:

An update from the Civic Engagement Commission on The People's Money, including information on winning projects and videos highlighting community-led proposals.

A presentation from the Commission on Government Efficiency (COGE) regarding the five ballot proposals that will appear on the back of this November's ballot. The Board had questions and concerns on how these proposals may affect Community Boards, how they have been presented to the public, and the Commission's outreach efforts to educate New Yorkers about the proposed changes.

On that note, on Friday, October 23, 2026, at 1:00 PM, the NYC Office of Mass Engagement will host a webinar specifically for Community Board members on these ballot proposals, followed by a Q&A session with COGE staff. This information was shared by email. The Chair encouraged all board members to familiarize themselves with the proposals and review information from a variety of sources, to make an informed decision.

The Chair reminded the assembly that the General Election will take place on Tuesday, November 3, 2026 and that early voting will begin Saturday, October 24, 2026, and continue through Sunday, November 1, 2026.

The Chair reported on two upcoming walking tours of the South of Prospect Neighborhood Plan (SPP) study area. Board members were encouraged to attend and share with the community. The Department of City Planning established an SPP steering committee, to help guide the neighborhood planning process. He announced that Community Board 14 was given two seats and he appointed Kirsti Jutila and himself.

The Chair announced that on Thursday, November 5, CB14 will be partnering with local organization Brooklyn Level Up to host a screening of *Rabble Rousers*, a documentary about New York City's first Community Land Trust. The screening will take place at the District Office, with doors opening at 6:30 PM, followed by a Q&A and community discussion. Popcorn will be provided.

Board members have received several emails since the last board meeting, including information regarding the District Manager Evaluation Form, which will remain open through the first week of November. Board members who have not been receiving board communications should check their spam folders or contact the District Office directly to ensure all correspondence is received.

The chair concluded with an announcement that Community Board member applications are open and encouraged community members to apply.

V. TOPICAL COMMITTEES – REPORTS AND ITEMS:

A. Housing and Land Use Committee – Co-Chair Gregory Alvarez spoke about the committee’s September 23 meeting, which kicked off the committee’s SPP conversations. He encouraged the assembly to attend the November 18 meeting that will include a discussion of the Borough President’s Comprehensive Plan and how that ties into the Neighborhood Plan. Mr. Alvarez also mentioned the SPP walks and encouraged everyone to watch DCP’s September 26 virtual workshop recording, available on the CB14 website. He noted that the City Council’s vote on 1455 Coney Island Avenue was scheduled for October 20.

B. **Human Services Committee – Co-Chairs Yvette Clairjeane and Karl-Henry Cesar** spoke about their October 13 meeting with Charise Lawrence from the Department for the Aging. Ms. Lawrence spoke about DFTA programs and services. Her presentation was followed by the Human Services Committee’s SPP conversation where priorities, such as mental health services and an aging-friendly community, were discussed. Ms. Clairjeane encouraged everyone to keep providing input to their committee.

C. Community Safety Committee – Co-Chair Florencia Chang-Ageda reported on their committee meeting on October 15 where the 70th Precinct Executive Officer, the Q-Teams and Community Affairs officers attended. The Executive Officer reported on crime statistics in the precinct. It was noted that the 70th precinct had the largest drop in crime citywide. The committee also discussed the SPP through the lens of community safety.

D. Youth Services, Education and Libraries Committee – Co-Chair Ornella Parker announced the committee's upcoming meeting on November 12 where they would begin their SPP conversation as well as early planning for the Youth Resource Fair.

E. Community Environment, Cultural Affairs and Economic Development Committee – Co-Chair Christopher Bromson encouraged everyone to attend their upcoming October 27 meeting and spoke about the committee's multifaceted role in the upcoming neighborhood plan. He announced that they would be joined by Lauren Elvers-Collins from the Church Flatbush Alliance and Deborah Kirschner from the Prospect Park Alliance.

F. Transportation Committee – Co-Chair Moussa Hassoun and Mordechai Husarsky spoke about their upcoming meeting on October 22 where they would focus on transportation priorities for the SPP. They announced a DOT Halloween event on Hillel Plaza earlier the same day.

G. Transition Committee – Co-Chair Ornella Parker gave the Transition Committee's final report as this ad-hoc committee was being dissolved. The Chair thanked Ms. Parker and Nicole Lebenson Angulo for serving on the committee to ready the board for member term limits. Ms. Parker thanked the many board members who came out to street events to engage with community members about community boards.

VII. PUBLIC SESSION

1. Rakhi Bhattarcharya and Jay Taubman, Brooklyn Public Library, announced several library programs and services.
2. Eli Slavin, Office of Representative Yvette Clarke, provided updates and spoke about upcoming events.
3. Kadeem Phillip, Brooklyn Dreams Charter School, provided updates and information about the school.
4. Mary Kay Seery, Office of Assembly Member Robert Carroll, spoke about upcoming events and services.
5. Tunie Siweid, IVDU, provided information about the school.
6. Alicia Rey Miller, Office of Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso, provided updates and announced that the community board application period is open.
7. Tyesha Allen, Office of Assembly Member Rodneyse Bichotte-Hermelyn, provided updates and information about upcoming events.
8. Grace Hamler, Office of Council Member Farah Louis, provided updates and information about upcoming events.

VII. ADJOURNMENT – 8:16 P.M.
There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.