

Manhattan Community Board 9

Executive Board Meeting Minutes

Date: August 13, 2026

Time: 6:50 PM – 8:32 PM

Meeting Opening & Attendance

- **Call to Order:** Chair Victor Edwards called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM.
- **Roll Call:** Conducted by J. Martin-Green.
 - **Attendees:** V. Edwards (Chair), M. Sarci, J. Martin-Green, T. Lumley, S. Wilson, E. Prince, S. Prophete, L. Henry, M. Gross, W. Alexander, K. Lopez, D. McIntosh-Brown, S. Styles.
- **Adoption of Agenda:** Motion moved by L. Henry, seconded by W. Alexander. Passed.
- **Adoption of Minutes (from 06/11/2026):** Motion moved by J. Martin-Green, seconded by S. Wilson. Passed.

Guest Presentation: Common Justice

Presented by Sherrell Richardson, Director of Organizing (joined by Cade, Civic Engagement Team)

- **Mission & Model:** A Brooklyn-based non-profit with a strong presence in Harlem operating a 12–18 month restorative justice and violence intervention program. Works directly with survivors of violence, assists with police reporting, victim compensation, and advocacy around the Survivor's First Act.
- **Community Engagement:** Collaborating with the Office of Community Safety (Dr. Chambers) and Community Board 10 to identify the root causes of harm and promote alternative methods for violence reduction and conflict mediation.
- **Initiatives:** Planning a listening session/town hall (tentatively November 2026) to gather district feedback. Mentioned participation in the Beyond the Bars Conference and partnership efforts with the non-profit *Not Another Child*.

District Infrastructure Update

- **Riverside Drive Viaduct (W. 152nd to W. 158th Streets):** The rehabilitation project, which began in 2018, has stalled for two years. A new contractor is expected to resume operations. An amicus brief is being prepared for court submission on behalf of CB12. Within CB9 boundaries, the project currently impacts four buildings.

Chair's Report (Hon. Victor Edwards)

- **Columbia University:** Met with incoming Columbia University President Jennifer Mnookin.
- **1727 Amsterdam Avenue:** Held a town hall with 85 attendees regarding the community risk of losing healthcare services. Three attorneys are actively handling the legal matter.

- **RKO Hamilton Theatre Site (146th St. & Broadway):** Development proposal calls for an 11-story mixed-use building consisting of 99 residential apartments and a dedicated "Community Art Space."
- **National Night Out Against Crime:** Board leadership attended events with both the 26th and 30th Precincts; Eutha Prince and Victor Edwards received community recognition honors from the 30th Precinct.
- **Mink Building (Janus Properties):** Following a recent event on-site, leadership will follow up regarding concerns with gate access remaining open.
- **Board Operations:** Committee assignment updates remain underway.

Treasurer's Report (Hon. Deidre McIntosh-Brown)

- **Monthly Expenses:** Zero expenditures incurred this cycle.
- **Budget Planning:** Preparing the upcoming District Needs Statement. Budget consultation sessions with city agencies will be conducted remotely via Zoom.
- **Discretionary Allocations:** Received \$11,250 from Council Member Shaun Abreu and \$5,000 from Council Member Yusef Salaam. These funds will support recurring annual events, including the Holiday Lights program and back-to-school backpack distributions. Active requests are out to other elected officials for supplemental allocations.
- **District Facilities:** Updates pending regarding office awning replacement and security gate murals.

District Manager's Report (Eutha Prince)

- **Uptown Night Market:** Completed agency walkthroughs with coordinator Marco and the NYPD. Updated security protocols will introduce Eventbrite RSVP ticketing, added crowd-control barricades, managed checkpoints, and higher police presence.
- **Community Outreach & Events:**
 - CB9 tabling scheduled for Senator Cordell Cleare's Senior Day on Wednesday, August 19.
 - CB9 Backpack Giveaway scheduled for Wednesday, August 26.
 - Outreach took place at Marcus Garvey Park and Manhattanville Day (lanyards distributed).
- **Upcoming Schedule:** New Member Orientation set for Thursday, September 3, 2026.
- *(Note: Standard monthly committee reports were omitted for the August agenda.)*

Action Items

Item #	Description	Motion Details	Result
1	Ratification of Letter of Support (LOS): Columbia University Primary Care Research Fellowship Program funding application under HRSA.	Moved for unanimous consent by W. Alexander; seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown.	Passed (Unanimous)

2	Ratification of Letter of Support (LOS): Broadway Housing Communities (BHC) application under the NYS Supportive Housing Program (NYSSHP), SFS Bid Event EVT0000008.	Moved for unanimous consent by W. Alexander; seconded by J. Martin-Green.	Passed (Unanimous)
3	Uniformed Services & Transportation (UST): New Liquor License, Temporary Retail Permit, and 30-Day Waiver for Hamarts Hospitality LLC d/b/a Rough Draft (126 Hamilton Place).	Moved for unanimous consent by W. Alexander; seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown.	Passed (Unanimous)
4	Uniformed Services & Transportation (UST): Method of Operation Change and 30-Day Waiver for JOJACHT LLC d/b/a Lola LaMarina (703 W. 133rd Street).	Moved for unanimous consent by W. Alexander; seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown.	Passed (Unanimous)

New Business & Adjournment

- General discussion held regarding expanding general CB9 community awareness and handling upcoming calendar requests.
- **Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 PM.
- **Next Meeting:** Scheduled for Thursday, September 10, 2026.

Submitted by Solomon Prophete