



Executive Committee Meeting Notes
Thursday, June 11, 2026
6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

Chair: Hon. Victor Edwards

I. Call to Order

- Quorum achieved. The meeting was called to attention at 6:40 PM by Chair Victor Edwards. Meeting called to order at 7:15pm by Chair Edwards.

II. Attendance & Roll Call

- Roll call was conducted by Hon. John Martin-Green.

III. Presentation / Updates / Discussion

Presentation by Department of Social Services (DSS) / Department of Human Services (DHS) and Highland Park regarding the Mildred Family Residence; given by Yuri S. Sanchez, Asst. Deputy Commissioner, Intergovernmental & Legislative Affairs - DSS; Timothy Thayer, Assistant Commissioner – DHS; William Ruiz, Keith Wright – Highland Park

- Located on 147th & 148th street and Amsterdam avenue – previously Childs Memorial
- Safe, stable temporary housing for women and children while they work towards permanent housing. Expected stay approximately 6 months/180 days. 15 social services employees on site.
- 125 units – mostly studios
- Fred – head security – 30+ security officers 24 hours. 200 cameras. Curfew is 9pm/11pm
- *Some follow up is needed as previous discussions between the Alma realty group and CB9 have not been honored in light of this new relationship with Mildred Family Residence.

Presentation by Michael Preston on Harlem Rocket – High Speed Boat Tours

- Updates on improvements and additions; including “test” tours that were successful. Will be offering Cultural and Sunset tours
- Awaiting funds from Department of Transportation.
- Requesting LOS to the NYC Economic Development Corporation (EDC)

Discussion on: MCB9 Partnership and Support of the 2026 Children’s March for Justice:

a tribute to the historic Silent Parade of 1917 originally held on July 28, 1917; given by YEL Committee, and Chair.



IV. Executive Reports

1. Chair's Report (Hon. Victor Edwards)

- **Multicultural Festival**

CB9 representatives attended the annual Multicultural Festival at Jackie Robinson Park, organized by Board Member Joyce Adewumi, celebrating the city's diverse cultures. The group looks forward to the second part of the festival on St. Nicholas Avenue.

- **CCNY Fencing/Gate**

Concerns were raised with CCNY officials about temporary fencing and gates at St. Nicholas Avenue and 140th Street, particularly the obstacles they create for wheelchair users, pedestrians, and parents with strollers. CB9 will continue following up on the issue.

- **Hudson River Community Sailing (HRCS)**

CB9 is working with Hudson River Community Sailing to bring instructional sailing programs for local youth to the West Harlem Piers. Discussions are also underway with youth organizations and Columbia University to support the program.

- **Riverside Drive Viaduct Construction**

Construction on the Riverside Drive viaduct between 152nd and 158th Streets has been stalled for nearly a year, creating significant inconveniences for residents and reducing parking. A rally is planned for June 13 to protest the ongoing conditions.

- **The Gatekeeper Collective**

The Gatekeeper Collective hosted "Harlem Renaissance 2.0," honoring Black SGLBTQ+ figures from the Harlem Renaissance. Banners featuring these cultural icons have been installed along 125th Street as both a tribute and an educational resource for the community.

- **Welcome and Welcome Back**

A warm welcome was extended to new CB9 Board Members and returning members. The Executive Committee and Board staff look forward to working together to improve conditions throughout the district.

2. Treasurer's Report (Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown)

- The written report was included in the meeting packet.
- FY28 Community District Needs deadline Monday Nov 2.

3. District Manager's Report (Ms. Eutha Prince)

- Early Voting June 13 – June 21. Actual Voting Day is June 23rd. CEC will provide interpretation services.
- Senator Cordell Cleare and The Black, Puerto Rican, Asian Caucus, celebrating Juneteenth, are inviting you to join them for a flag raising ceremony on Juneteenth. That will be held on June 19th at 9am at the Adam Clayton Powell Jr. State Office Building Plaza, 163 West 125th Street
- Manhattan DA's office, NYC Dept of Aging, and Senator Cordell Cleare in honor of World Elder Abuse awareness day holding third annual resource fair On June 18th.



V. Action Items & Voting Outcomes

A. Agenda-Listed Action Items

<u>#</u>	<u>Item Description</u>	<u>Outcome / Action Taken</u>
1	Reso re: Support of Heritage Health and Housing, Inc. NYS Main Street Grant Program-2026	Placed on June 18 th General Board Meeting Agenda
2	LOS: Columbia University and KIPP School – use of Fairway Parking	Friendly Amendment to include CB9 residents. Approved by Unanimous Consent. Moves to the General Board.
3	Letter RE: The Getaway 151 (743 Riverside Drive). Structural issues.	Approved by Unanimous Consent (T. Lumley). Moves to the General Board.
4	Reso: The development of a ferry landing and service at West Harlem Piers	Presented by M. Gross Approved by Unanimous Consent (D. McIntosh-Brown, D. Hardemann) Moves to the General Board.
5	Letter RE: Deed Theft Prevention	Approved by Unanimous Consent. Moves to the General Board.
11	LOS: Broadway Presbyterian Church, 601 West 114 th Street – new ramp and stairs addition.	Approved by Unanimous Consent (T. Lumley, S. Styles). Moves to the General Board.
12	Reso re: Co-Naming of Pedestrian Walkway (bet. Amsterdam Ave. & LaSalle St.) "In honor of Orsby "Butch" Wroten	Moves to GB with stipulations



13	Reso re: Support of Pedestrian Safety Improvements along Amsterdam Ave. (bet 135th & 139th Sts)	Board was unable to approve this resolution.
14	LOS: Harlem Rockets Boat Tours	Approved by Unanimous Consent (one abstention). Moves to the General Board.
15	LOS: Urban Research Institute	Approved by Unanimous Consent (one abstention). Moves to the General Board.
*6-10	Renewal & Sidewalk Cafe Applications: Amanecer Restaurant & Lounge, The Vale Public House, Harlem Public, Sipsteria LLC, Bus Stop Diner	Approved en masse by Unanimous Consent (one abstention). Moves to the General Board.

B. Non-Agenda / Table-Introduced Action Items

- S. Styles updates Cannabis Task Force Meeting: Chemical and Pharmaceutical applications of cannabis – Presentation from Dr. Hinton.
 - Recommendations to part Part 113 of the Office of Cannabis Management re: the age of, getting, or buying, or picking up cannabis prescription for someone else.

VI. New Business

- None

VII. Old Business

- None raised.

VIII. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Chair Victor Edwards. The meeting officially adjourned at ~9:30 PM.

Please Note: The next MCB9 Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 13, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board Office, 3295 Broadway, NYC 10027.