



Executive Committee Meeting Notes

Thursday, May 14th, 2026

6:30 P.M. (Hybrid)

Chair: Hon. Victor Edwards

I. Call to Order

- Quorum achieved. The meeting was called to order at 6:43 PM by Chair Victor Edwards.

II. Attendance & Roll Call

- Roll call was conducted by Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero.

III. Adoption of the Agenda

- Motion: Made by T. Kovaleff, Seconded by J. Adewumi. Passed with no objections.

IV. Adoption of the Minutes

- Motion: Made by W. Alexander, Seconded by J. Adewumi. Passed with no objections.

V. Presentation / Updates / Discussion

Goddard Riverside Manhattanville Resource Center

Presented by Ronald (Ron) Guy, Community Outreach Specialist.

- Services Offered: Assistance with social service benefits, including HRA benefits, rental arrears, Access-A-Ride, Medicaid, and Medicare.
- Events & Initiatives: Recently hosted a Resource Fair at Manhattanville with 21 vendors; currently organizing OSHA training.
- Expansion: An office is currently under construction at 3250 Broadway (West 130th Street), with an estimated completion date of July 2026.
- Community Note: Representatives requested word-of-mouth outreach to spread awareness. Goddard Programs have served the community for over 160 years.

VI. Executive Reports

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

- 3333 Broadway Legionella Update: The latest testing showed 4 apartments tested positive for legionella (down from 17 apartments in the first round of testing). To date, only 2 towers have been tested.
- Transit Infrastructure:
 - The 137th Street Northbound Elevator is now operational, with an official ribbon-cutting scheduled for August.



- Columbia University and the MTA have reached an agreement regarding 125th Street Station improvements (escalators and elevators).
- Addressed poor platform conditions via a joint letter co-signed by Councilmember S. Abreu.
- Community Events:
 - Senior Action Forum ongoing.
 - A shred truck will be stationed in front of the District Office on Friday, May 29th.
 - A new Farmers Market will launch in St. Nicholas Park on June 6th. The market is seeking USDA funding and requested a Letter of Support (LOS) from MCB9.
- Public Safety Concerns:
 - Attended the Friends of Morningside Park meeting on May 6th to address encampments, drug use, and drug sales. The 26th Precinct will increase patrols, Mt. Sinai will conduct community outreach, and NYC Parks will increase cleanups and programming.
 - Received reports of drug users being dropped off by a bus around 5:00 AM near 147th Street and Convent Avenue on multiple occasions.

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

- The written report was included in the meeting packet.
- No new updates or budgetary shifts were reported.
- Introduced a new reimbursement form that remains separate from discretionary funds.
- Submitted a logistical request for a microphone and speaker setup.

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

- City Budget: The Mayor proposed a \$124.7 Billion budget on May 12, 2026. Negotiations with the City Council are underway, with a finalization deadline of June 30, 2026.
- The People's Money: The Participatory Budget voting cycle runs from May 6th through June 4th.
- Regulatory Compliance: Reminded building operators that registered cooling towers must strictly follow testing and regulatory guidelines.
- Grants & Operations: WHDC 2026 Community Grant applications are open. A Shred Fest flyer will be promoted via LinkNYC.

4. 125th Street BID Report (Hon. Monique Hardin-Cordero)

- Public Safety & Operations: Crime rates are on the decline. 17 officers are currently assigned to area patrols. New rodent-resistant trash receptacles are being deployed.
- Tourism & Beautification: Preparing for influxes of tourists and the FIFA World Cup; expanded public art will be visible across the corridor. Benches are being reinstalled at the 125th Plaza.
- Events & Awards: Small business mixers are continuing. Seeking nominations for the Holiday Lights Grand Marshall and Legacy Award recipients (current nominees include Fab 5 Freddy, Sherri Sheppard, and Curtis Archer).
- Area Concern: Highlighted systemic issues with homelessness, panhandling, littering, and overturned garbage bins at 125th Street and St. Nicholas Avenue.

VII. Committee Reports



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- Arts & Culture (T. Lumley):
 - Reviewed presentations by potential grant applicants. Announced an upcoming performance this Saturday (7:00 PM – 9:00 PM) at Riverbank State Park. Noted funding requests from Emory Porter, a part-time promotions vacancy at NYCKidsFest, and ongoing events at Jackie Robinson Park.
- Youth, Education, and Libraries (S. Wilson):
 - Community Craftwork is seeking organizational support but was not yet ready to present.
- Economic Development (J. Adewumi):
 - Outlined a community needs assessment overview to build a Small Business Directory. West Harlem Piers discussion focused on ongoing ferry infrastructure work. Organizing a Small Business Conference. Discussed setting up a "FAN zone" viewing area for a game during the Multicultural Festival to tie into regional FIFA activities.
- Health (C. Clarke):
 - Discussed the "No More 24" campaign supporting healthcare and home health aide workers. Promoted the upcoming Health Conference at Columbia University on Saturday, May 30th (10:00 AM – 5:00 PM).
- Housing (M. Sarci) :
 - The Housing Coalition generated two letters of support for Columbia Union. An HPD hearing was held to evaluate and compare the 2018 Land Use Agreement (LDA) against the current finalized version.
 - Noted a 30-day appeals period regarding a Board of Standards and Appeals (BSA) ruling allowing 14 extra floors at 620 West 153rd Street. NYCHA will attend the June meeting to discuss RAD/PACT.
- Landmarks Preservation and Planning (LPP) (K. Lopez):
 - Hosted an LPP event. Discussed safety updates for Morningside Park and is drafting a formal resolution addressing lighting, security cameras, resources, and signage.
- Senior Action (W. Alexander):
 - Hosted a successful Resource Fair.
 - Currently evaluating a "Medicaid for All" resolution.
- Strategic Planning (C. Johnson):
 - The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 19th.
- Cannabis Task Force (S. Styles):
 - The Community Grant Application for Reinvestment is due May 21st (forwarded to the mailing list via Eutha for Bro/Sis or Goddard Riverside).
 - Reviewed a prospective dispensary applicant for 1342 Amsterdam Avenue and examined NYCOCM regulatory changes for medical cannabis.
- LGBTQ+ Task Force (J. Martin-Green):
 - Reviewed the Ali Forte upcoming site in CB9 (Convent Avenue and 144th Street). Street naming discussions have been tabled until June.
- Uniform Services and Transportation (S. Prophete):
 - Evaluated the Sammy's Law Resolution for CB9, drafted a Letter of Recommendation to Columbia University regarding utilization of the Fairway lot for KIPP School parking, and reviewed the CB9 Safety Survey.

VIII. Action Items & Voting Outcomes

A. Agenda-Listed Action Items



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#	Item Description	Outcome / Action Taken
1	Reso re: Support of Heritage Health and Housing, Inc. NYS Main Street Grant Program-2026	Tabled until the June 11th meeting.
2	LOS: Harlem Co-op and HDHC/HDC Preservation	Presented by M. Sarci. Approved by Unanimous Consent (L. Henry / C. Clarke). Moves to the General Board.
3	LOS: Barnard College 620 West 116th Street - Gas Outage	Presented by M. Gross (noting a gas outage lasting nearly a year). Approved by Unanimous Consent (C. Clarke / M. Sarci). Moves to the General Board.
4	LOS: Columbia University 542 West 112th Street - Relocation	Presented by M. Gross regarding tenant relocations. Approved by Unanimous Consent (C. Clarke / M. Sarci). Moves to the General Board.
5	Micheladas Restaurant Bar Inc - 1734 Amsterdam Ave	Tabled (New Liquor License Applications). The establishment did not appear before the UST Committee.
6	Pollos Juquila 2 LLC - 429 West 125th Street	Tabled (New Liquor License Applications). The establishment did not appear before the UST Committee.



7-13	Renewal & Sidewalk Cafe Applications: At The Wallace , Uptown Bourbon , Baylander Cafe , Dinosaur BBQ (Renewal & Corp Change) , Community Food & Juice , Sipsteria.	Approved en masse by Unanimous Consent (C. Clarke / M. Sarci). Moves to the General Board.
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B. Non-Agenda / Table-Introduced Action Items

- "No More 24" Home Care Workers Resolution
 - Context: Introduced by C. Clarke in support of City Intro 303 and NYS legislation to end 24-hour shifts, mandate pay for full shifts, and set minimum wage standards. Executive Board ratification required ahead of the 5/15 voting deadline.
 - Outcome: Approved by Unanimous Consent (J. Martin-Green / D. Hardeman). Moves to the General Board for full ratification.
- Letter of Support: New Cannabis Dispensary (1342 Amsterdam Avenue)
 - Context: Presented by S. Styles and Legacy Operator Randy Vazquez (located between 125th & 126th St). The presenter shared a comprehensive security plan and expressed a commitment to youth education.
 - Outcome: Approved by Unanimous Consent (J. Martin-Green / W. Alexander). Moves to the General Board.
- Medical Cannabis Regulation Resolution (NYCOCM Section 113)
 - Context: Presented by M. Hardin-Cordero & S. Styles. Public comment due 5/25 regarding state updates (reducing renewal times, expanding caregiver eligibility, expanding access, and boosting affordability). The task force recommends supporting changes while urging stronger equity provisions.
 - Outcome: Approved to move to General Board with one (1) abstention. (Cannabis Task Force to meet further on 5/18).
- Sammy's Law Resolution
 - Context: Presented by S. Prophete & F. Castillo called for lowering speed limits to 20 MPH throughout the district. There were concerns that vehicles moving to slow could create idling and pollution issues.
 - Outcome: Approved via Roll Call Vote (8-Yes; 6-Abstain; 1-No). Moves forward to the General Board Meeting.
- Farmers Market Letter of Support (Judith Desiree)
 - Context: Request for a letter to be sent out by District Manager, Eutha Prince regarding the St. Nicholas Park market.
 - Outcome: Approved by Unanimous Consent (F. Castillo / W. Alexander).

IX. New Business

- Volunteers are actively needed to help support the upcoming Saturday community event at Riverbank State Park starting at 6:30 PM.



X. Old Business

- None raised.

XI. Adjournment

- Motion to adjourn made by Chair Victor Edwards. The meeting officially adjourned at 9:14 PM.

Please Note: The next MCB9 Executive Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 11, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at the Board Office, 3295 Broadway, NYC 10027.