



Manhattan Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, April 16, 2026

Location: Columbia University Lee Bollinger Forum

Presiding: Hon. Victor Edwards, Chair

I. Call to Order & Opening

- Meeting Called to Order: 6:46pm
 - Attendance: Quorum was achieved; Roll Call conducted by Chair Victor Edwards & Vice Chair Monique Hardin-Cordero.
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II. Presentations/Updates/Discussion

DSNY update temporary removal of Select Empire Bins by Jonathan Viguers

Presented by: Jonathan Viguers, Asst. Commissioner

- Milling & Paving Update: 100 bins removed (repositioned onto sidewalks) for couple weeks starting April 17 and April 18th for DOT work. Residents must use black trash bags during this time.
- Affected Areas:
 - W. 152 St (Riverside to St. Nicholas Pl)
 - W 153rd St (Riverside to St. Nicholas Pl)
 - Morningside Drive (Amsterdam to Central Pkwy (110th))
 - W. 123rd St (Broadway to Morningside Ave)
 - W. 121st St (Broadway to Morningside Avenue)
 - W. 116th St (Amsterdam to Morningside)
- Impacted Institutions: IS 210, PS 125, PS 36, The Cathedral School, Columbia University
- New Regulation: Starting June 1, buildings with 1–9 units must transition to NYC Bins.

Presentation on MCB9's Housing and Supportive Services Analysis by Arnav Sahai – NYC Community Planning Fellow.

Highlights:

- Presented a CB9 Emergency and Resource Guide
 - Housing Affordability and Equity in Manhattan CB9 overview:
 - 125% Affordability Gap – 70% residents priced out of neighborhood
 - 3.5 times more supportive housing in CB9 than elsewhere in NYC
 - 400-500 deeply affordable units still needed
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III. Reports from Elected Officials & Offices

WHDC - Pat Watler Johnson

- Honoring Mr. Curtis L. Archer – Harlem Community Leader

- Huge Win for 125th Street Elevator Lobby – Columbia and MTA have come to an agreement to pay for and build elevators at the 125th Street!

Morningside Heights Community Coalition – Michael Palma

NYS Assembly (Jordan Wright, District 70): Noted he would continue to look into the circumstances surrounding 1727 Amsterdam and he is inclined to take a stance with Assemblyman Al Taylor.

Manhattan Borough President’s Office (Brad Holyman): Niles Robinson (introduced by Portfolio Figueroa)

- Relaunch NYC Volunteer corps
- CB appointment review ongoing
- Co-sponsored Youth Summer Resource Fair
- Uptown Film Tour – restore Marquee Theatre

Assembly Member Micah Lasher:

- MTA & Columbia Elevator Project success & upcoming Press Conference – HUGE thank you to MHCC for collaboration
- Department of Buildings rep in office Friday April 17
- SNAP application help April 29
- Senior Tax Support May 15

NYC Mayor’s Office: O.V. Lattimore – Office of Mass Engagement:

- Introduction of new team that combines the Public Engagement Unit with Community Affairs, goal is to push for larger civic participation.

Council Member Yusef Salaam: Fran Collimore & Samantha Lowe (Dir of community engagement)

- Every First Wednesday of the Month – Veteran’s “Get the benefits you deserve”
- Along with Mayor Mamdani – opened the City’s first Outpost Therapeutic housing unit – 104 units. Medically Vulnerable people of Rikers island will have opportunities for specialized care.

IV. Public Session Highlights:

WHCR Harlem Community Radio 90.3 FM Presented by Keziah Sullivan (aka Keziah Glow)

- Operated by City College of New York - Community & Student led
- Celebrating 40th anniversary

CB9 member Walter Alexander: Senior Resource Fair Announcement for May 8th!

Harlem One Stop: Jennifer Beiser & Jordan Bert McGregor: Organizing 442 storefront businesses, applying for SBS Avenue grant from NYC

CB9 Member Lydia Gerson: concern over City Council “veto-proof” Buffer-Zone bill

Riverside Park Conservatory: Summer on The Hudson!

Riverside Hawks: Alicia Barksdale announcing Summer Camp Enrollment! Weekly in July \$250/wk

CB9 Member Tina Lumley: CB9 Arts & Culture Youth Committee Youth Arts Showcase May 16th at Riverbank State Park

V. Action Items:

1. Ratification of Letter of Support re: The Grant Application to revitalize the East Gym and Auditorium at P.S. 125, aka The Ralph Bunche School. Unanimous consent; motion passes
2. Ratification of Letter of Support re: The NYC Open Streets proposal submitted by KIPP School in West Harlem. Unanimous consent; motion passes
3. Reso re: Hudson River Community Sailing's expansion to West Harlem Piers. Unanimous consent; motion passes
4. Reso In Opposition of Intro 0001-2026 and Intro 0175-2026: Buffer Zone Bills. Unanimous consent; motion passes
5. Letter of Support re: 27 Hamilton Terrace. Unanimous consent; motion passes
6. Letter of Request re: Proposed Speed Limit Reductions in Manhattan Community District No. 9. Rollcall performed, motion passes

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

7. Reso re: La Flor De Broadway, LLC – 3395 Broadway (Corner of W. 138th St.)*
8. Reso re: Loui Amsterdam Inc. – 3147 Broadway (Corner of LaSalle St.)*
9. Reso re: Good Luck Harlem Corp (aka Briciola) – 398B W. 145th St., Store 8 (Corner of W. 145th St.)*

*All 3 passed by Unanimous consent minus 2 abstentions

Corporate Change Applications:

10. Reso re: Mire Star Restaurant Corp. – 3640 Broadway
11. Reso re: El Nuevo Capri Restaurant – 3379 Broadway, Store 6

*Both passed by Unanimous consent

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned: 8:58 PM
- Next Meeting: Thursday, May 21, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.
- Location: Lee C. Bollinger Forum, Columbia University.