



**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD 9
MANHATTAN**

Morningside Heights
Manhattanville
Hamilton Heights
Sugar Hill

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 15th, 2026
6:30 P.M. at The Lee C. Bollinger Forum at Columbia University**

I. Call to Order

- Roll Call Attendance/Sign-in Sheet taken by 1st Vice Chair, M. Hardin-Cordero & District Manager, Eutha Prince. Quorum was achieved.
- The meeting was called to order at 7:10 pm by Chair V. Edwards.

II. Adopt Agenda

- Motion made by W. Alexander to adopt the agenda. Seconded by J. Adewumi.
- The meeting agenda has been adopted by all members present.

III. Adopt Minutes (from 12/18/2025 meeting)

- Motion to adopt the minutes made by J. Adewumi. Seconded by W. Alexander.
- The meeting minutes from 12/18/2025 have been adopted by all members present.

IV. Reports:

Elected Officials in Attendance:

NYS Assemblyman Jordan J.G. Wright

- Jordan J.G. Wright is a dedicated public servant and the Assemblyman for New York's 70th District in Harlem. A lifelong New Yorker and resident of Central Harlem.
- <https://nyassembly.gov/mem/Jordan-J.G-Wright/>
- 125th Street - Harlem State Office Building Suite 611
- Telephone number: 2128665809
- Currently on the following committees in the NYS legislature: Aging, Banks, Economic Development, Racing, and Transportation.
- Priorities are Affordability and Accessibility Issues

NYC Councilman Yusef Salaam

- Dr. Salaam represents the following NYC District 9 areas: Morningside Heights, Manhattanville-West Harlem, Hamilton Heights-Sugar Hill, Harlem (South), Harlem (North), East Harlem (South), East Harlem (North), Upper West Side-Manhattan Valley
- <https://council.nyc.gov/yusef-salaam/>
- Office: 163 W. 125th Street, 2nd Floor (Suite 222) New York, NY 10027
- Phone: 212-678-4505
- Currently on the following in the NYC City Council: Combat Hate, Small Business, Criminal Justice, Parks, Housing, and Land Use
- Prioritizing Afterschool Funding and meals for children

- Reminding everyone of discretionary funding, engage early and get requests in.
- Thanking community for confidence in electing him

1. Chair.....Hon. Victor Edwards

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Public Hearing re: 1727 Amsterdam Avenue
- 2 confirmed cases of Legionnaires Disease at 3333 Broadway, calling for routine testing of all buildings in our district
- New Economic Development Chair assigned - Mr. Michael Gross
- New Co-Chair of Landmarks and Parks Committee assigned - Mr. Abraham Alexander
- Attended Riverside Church Toy Giveaway
 - Walter Alexander played Santa Claus
- Attended Manhattanville Holiday Celebration
- Wishing everyone a Happy and Healthy New Year
- Carolyn Thompson Community Service Award was given to Captain Cary Rose
 - Captain Rose is now at the 32nd NYPD Precinct, Officer Stumer accepts the award on his behalf.

2. Treasurer.....Hon. Felipe Castillo (Asst. Treasurer)

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Community Co-Chair Funding Requests Needed

3. District Manager.....Ms. Eutha Prince

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- NYC Parks - Free Open House Feb 15 - Feb 21 across 11 recreation centers
- Ladders for Leaders - Paid Summer Internships
- www.applications.nyc.syep.com
- NYC.gov/truckart - DSNY due by Feb 8
- HEAP - Federally Funded Program to help heat and cool homes. Apply online via HRA site

4. WHDC.....Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Memory to MLK - Give a day of service
- Next WHDC annual meeting is on Sat Feb. 7th, 2026
- Holiday Donations - 2,100 toys donated to 26th & 30th Precinct Council
- Nights of Hope Event on Dec. 10
- WHOAA - Impromptu trip to see off-broadway musical 44
- Harlem Chamber Players

5. MHCC..... Hon. Michael Gross

- Rent-stabilized apartment units being made available by Columbia University
 - Total of 8 units to be made available.

- Applicants must apply. The lottery will take place.
- Columbia still has Gates Closed on 116th Street & Broadway/Amsterdam Avenue
 - Rally to take place at the Gates on Tuesday 1/20/2026 at 12 PM.

6. MBPO.....Mr. Porfirio Figueroa

- <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/>
- Shawn Brannon - now Personal Asst. to Controller, Mark Levine
- New Community Affairs Rep
- Community Board Portal opens on Friday at 5 PM
 - Re Apply - new process
- Sunday Feb 22nd at Lincoln Center - Brad Hoylman-Sigal Ceremonial Swearing In

V. Public Session/Public Hearing:

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- Barry Weinberg - former CB9 Chair and CB9 resident
 - Testify about 1727 Amsterdam Ave
 - Allowed to submit testimony until 1/29
 - 620 West 153rd Street by cemetery
 - Owner seeking zoning variance
- Outreach Durot - Upper West Side/Manhattan
 - <https://www.dorotusa.org/>
 - Friendships for older adults
 - Reduce social loneliness
 - On-site, over the phone, or via Zoom Programs
 - Neighbor Support
 - Friendly Visits at Home
 - From 104th Street - 125th Street
- West Harlem Progressive Democrats - Niles
 - Youth Mental Health Forum
 - Get health professionals together
 - Suicide Rates going up
 - Bring awareness to the issue
 - Lost generation of kids that are having difficulty interacting
- Lydia Gerson
 - Madylon playing at Teatro Latea in LES
 - Letting community know about a play running downtown about abortion
 - <https://newyorktheaterfestival.com/madylon/>
- Janelle Carter Bowman - George Bruce Library
 - <https://www.nypl.org/locations/george-bruce>
 - Contact: georgebruce@nypl.org
 - New Victory Theater (free tickets available)
 - Tax Time Assistance at the Library
- Cameron Clarke - CB9 Member and Resident
 - NYS Nurses Strike

- City Hospital are charging 4 times as much
- Please Support Nurses
- Send email, sign pledge
- Lucas Pasquina - Senator Cleare's Office
 - Big Kwanza Event, handed out toys
 - Senator's Town Hall Event tomorrow 1/16/2026
 - King Towers - MLK celebration
 - Contact 2122227315 for more information
- Claire Botnick - Assemblymember Micah Lasher's Office
 - <https://assembly.state.ny.us/mem/Micah-C-Lasher/>
 - Working with City and State Agencies
 - Legislative Session has begun
 - CDC Data Driven Vaccine Recommendations
 - ICE Agents cannot be around places of worship or health care facilities
 - E-waste Recycling event at St. Gregory on Sat 1/17 from 10-2pm
 - Senior Tech Support at their Office
 - Benefits Assistant visits once a month, available to all
 - Call 212-866-3970 to make an appointment
- Gabriela Carela - Councilman Abreu's Office
 - Shaun Abreu appointed new City Council Majority Leader
 - Trash Containerization
 - 155th Street Bike Lane
 - Issues with Viaduct
 - Community Resource Event at Morningside Library
 - Mammogram Event on 2/4- 212-928-6814
 - Ask building management to test all towers at 3333 Broadway

VI. Action Items:

1. Letter of Concern re: Fire Fatalities

- Presented by Health Committee
- Recently 13 elderly community members died.
- Focus on Fire prevention
- Hold landlords accountable
- Several friendly amendments were made
- Motion to table the letter so that all amendments can be included by Chair Edwards.
Seconded by J. Martin-Green.

2. Letter of Support re: Columbia University Tenants' Union

- Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by J. Scherer
- Letter of support passes with one abstention (P. Caldwell)

3. Letter of Support for Urban Futures

- Need of new tools and technology
- Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by L. Gerson
- Letter of support passes with no objections

Renewal Liquor License Application(s):

4. Reso re: Toast 125 aka Toast Uptown - 3157 Broadway (between Tiemann & La Salle St);
5. Reso re: Arts and Crafts Beer Parlor - 1135 Amsterdam Ave. @116th St.;
6. Reso re: Efthia Rest Inc. aka Tom's Restaurant - 2880 Broadway (btw W 113th & W 114thSt.);
7. Reso re: 1600 Amsterdam Harlem Group LLC aka Fumo:1600 Amsterdam Avenue (W.139thSt.);

Class Change Permit Application:

8. Reso re: Cafe Massawa - 3153 Broadway (Corner of W. 125th St)
 - Items #4,#5,#6,#7, #8 were Presented by S. Prophete
 - Supported by UST Committee
 - No objection(s) from NYPD 26th/30th Precincts
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero
 - Renewal Liquor License Applications #4,#5,#6,#7 passed , there were no stated objections.
 - Class Change Permit Application #8 passed, there were no stated objections.
 - Noted Abstentions: H. Jason, P. Caldwell

VII. Old Business

- Mayor Mamdani - City Council Speaker, Majority Leader, DOT Head - Automatic Public Toilet
 - Aiming to install ~500 modular APTs throughout the city

VIII. New Business

- Resolution re: 125th Street Exit Ramp
 - More information required from Amtrak, NYS DOT, and other stakeholders

IX. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by J. Martin-Green and seconded by W. Alexander
- The meeting was adjourned by Chair V. Edwards at 8:46 PM.

Please note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, February 18th, 2026

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete (Secretary MCB9)

