



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

Morningside Heights
Manhattanville
Hamilton Heights
Sugar Hill

GENERAL BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Thursday, June 18th, 2025

6:30 P.M. at City College of NY - N.A.C.

I. Call to Order

- Roll Call Attendance/Sign-in Sheet taken by Vice Chair, M. Hardin-Cordero & District Manager, Eutha Prince.
- The meeting was called to attention at 6:42 pm by Chair V. Edwards
- The meeting was called to order at 7:11 pm by Chair V. Edwards

II. Adopt Agenda

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

III. Adopt Minutes (from 5/15/2025 meeting)

- Motion to adopt the minutes made by S. Wilson. Seconded by T. Kovaleff.
- The meeting minutes from 5/15/2025 have been adopted by all members present.

IV. Presentation/Update/Discussion:

- Presentation on: Rat Contraceptive Pilot Program (MCB9), given by: Caroline Bragdon, Director, Neighborhood Interventions/Pest Control-DOHMH
 - Slides were shared on screen and over Zoom
 - Local Law (approved by NY City Council), legislation states that the pilot must be in a rat mitigation zone (of at least 20 blocks)
 - Manhattan Community Board 9 met the criteria
 - Working within 40 pilot blocks (133rd-155th Street between Riverside Dr. and Bradhurst)
 - Starting in May 2025 and running until May 2026.
 - Only using contraceptive products - testing out all 3 products available
 - Are the rats consuming it? What works best?
 - Staff will be wearing Health Department Gear
 - Looking at trash conditions and around the Empire bins
 - Using remote sensors in the dispenser stations (tamper-resistant)
 - Prioritizing locations with high rat activity
 - QR code stickers are placed on all the contraceptive stations, so members of the community can obtain more information
 - In contact with the District Office. Open to talk to members of the community. 1st pilot project of its kind in a large urban area

- Email Ratportal@health.nyc.gov or cbragdon@health.nyc.gov
- Keeping the press to a minimum during this research study

V. Introduction of New Members of the Board

- Chair Edwards is holding introductions until the end because of the lengthy agenda
- Hon. Alexander Abraham Ximenes - housing and landmarks
- Hon. Marquis Bell - from Morningside Heights, tech consulting at Google (Manhattan Country School)
- Hon. Cameron Clarke - resident of Harlem, grew up in Jersey City. worried about gentrification, at Columbia Medical School. Working for WEACT.
- Hon. Dejon Delpino - resident of West 150th Street, litigation attorney

VI. Reports:

1. Chair..... Hon. Victor Edwards
 - The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
 - Attendance in person is needed to conduct community board business
 - Attended a committee meeting with only the co-chairs attending and no members.
 - Review bylaws requiring attendance
 - 18 new board members have joined CB9
 - Committee Assignments - new members have been asked for feedback
 - ULURP - proposal trying to remove Community Boards from providing feedback and input
 - Toured a potential new Community Arts Space on 147th Street & Broadway (former church space), currently owned by Columbia
 - Opening of newly renovated Dog Run on 142nd Street and Riverside Drive
 - Opening of New Seafood Cafe/Kiosk in Morningside Park (113th Street)
 - The Chair is open to feedback, good or bad
 - Thanked former co-chairs of the housing and land use committee - they will stay on as public members
 - Thanked the district manager and office staff
2. Treasurer..... Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown
 - The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
3. District Manager..... Ms. Eutha Prince
 - The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
 - The board will be on hiatus during the summer months
 - The office will be open Monday through Friday from 10 am-6 pm
4. WHDC..... Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson
 - The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
 - Recognizing Charles B. Rangel and his 46 years of service to Harlem.
 - Next WHDC meeting on June 25th, 2025
 - The application deadline for grants is June 20th, 2025.
 - West Harlem Adult Alliance - trip to Yankee Stadium
 - Recognizing Judge Milton Tingling Jr. and his family
 - Happy Juneteenth!
 - Together in Harlem event on Sat. June 21st.
 - Multicultural Festival on Sat. June 21st.

- West Harlem walking tour on Saturday, June 28th.
5. UMEZ..... Hon. Rev. Georgiette Morgan-Thomas
 - No update given at this time
 6. MBPO..... Mr. Shawn Brannon, Community Liaison for CB9/CB10
 - <https://www.manhattanbp.nyc.gov/>
 - Interest-free loan from the Hebrew Society
 - Encouraging the Rent Guidelines Board to vote for a Rent Freeze on 6/25.
 - Happy Belated Father's Day
 - Contact Mr. Brannon with any questions at 917-923-3374

VII. Public Session/Public Hearing:

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each Speaker

- Naomi Goldberg and Miriam Grill - Dances for a Variable Population
 - <https://www.dvpnyc.org/>
 - Provide dance education classes
 - Community Building
 - Grants Tomb - performance event on Sat. 6/21
- George Bruce Library - Janelle Carter Bowman
 - Kicking off Summer Activities
 - Event on Fri. 6/20
 - Sat 6/21 at 2 pm - free public reading party
 - Teen event on 6/27
 - Cooling space and free internet
 - Visit the website for events and resources
 - <https://www.nypl.org/locations/george-bruce>
- Riverview Towers - Ms. Genevieve “Ginny” Eason (139th and Riverside Drive)
 - Riverview Towers board requesting that the Romantic Depot on 138th Street and Broadway change or dim the windows
 - Store is open from 11 am - 1 am
 - Gates are down in the morning, and the windows are exposed when students travel back home from school
- Barry Weinberg, Public Member of Housing and Land Use
 - Senate Bill (Sen. Cleare) and Assembly Bill (Sen. Jackson)- update statute to go through ULURP
- Dr. Clayton Sanford, former community board member
 - Moving to California
 - Wanted to share what he learned as a CB member
 - blog.claytonstanford.com
- Samantha Lowe, Director of Community Engagement - Councilman Saalam's Office
 - <https://council.nyc.gov/district-9/>
 - HPD inspections
 - Work with NYPD to collaboratively
 - Phone: 212-678-4505 Email: slowe@council.nyc.gov
 - In the NYS Building on the 2nd Floor

- Tiffany Brown - NYC Mayor's Office
 - <https://www.nyc.gov/office-of-the-mayor/news.page>
 - Addressing Scaffolding
 - Mayor is working with NYPD Commissioner Tisch - NYPD seized and destroyed over 3,000 firearms
 - Series - "Faith in your Borough" - Will be in Harlem at the Schomburg Center on 5/29 from 10 am -12pm
- Evelyn Collado - Comptroller's Office
 - <https://comptroller.nyc.gov/>
 - Emergency Response Act
 - Only 38% of all schools have been tested for asbestos
 - Bus Systems
 - Measuring Speed, On-time, Reliability
 - Poor performance
 - Contract Primer
 - Provide the public with information about workflows
 - Review of Key entities
 - List of public resources
 - OpenStreet Program
- Skye Embre - Councilman Abreu's Office
 - <https://council.nyc.gov/district-7/>
 - Contact 212-928-9614
 - DSNY Powerwash Sidewalks
 - Protecting DA Office
 - Shredding Event
 - D.O.B Q/A event by Appointment only
- Lucas Pasquina - State Senator Cleare's Office
 - Senior Resource Guide
 - Small Business Resource Guide
 - Letter to Rent guidelines board to freeze rents
 - 22 elected officials will sign-on
 - Contact the office for more information
 - Senior Job Fair Saturday from 1-4 pm at Riverbank State Park 679 Riverside Drive - bring resume
 - 2 petitions
 - Rent freeze, signed on by MBP
 - Plaza on 110th Street and Lenox Ave. - build a statue for Malcolm X
 - 212-222-7315; pasquina@nysenate.gov
- Nomination Committee
 - Liz Eastman, Juan Colmenares, Laquita Henry, Signe Mortensen, Maritta Dunn, Lydia Gerson
 - Candidates Night to take place on Thursday, May 29th, 2025
 - Election Night to take place on Thursday, June 18th, 2025

VIII. Elections Committee - 2025 Board Elections, Chaired by Hon. LaQuita Henry, Chair, Election Committee:

- Voting will begin at 7:15 pm. Please check your email.
- Paper Ballots are available in the back
- Cut-off time for voting will be 8:15 pm
- Expecting to complete by 8:45 pm
- Will announce the results afterwards
 - Voting results
 - Chair - V. Edwards
 - 1st Vice Chair - M. Hardin Cordero
 - 2nd Vice Chair - J. Martin-Green
 - Treasurer - D. McIntosh-Brown
 - Assistant Treasurer - F. Castillo
 - Secretary - S. Prophete
 - Assistant Secretary - S. Wilson

IX. Action Items:

1. LOS re: Intro No. 1096-2024 Retirees' Vested Health Insurance Coverage;
 - Presented by L. Henry
 - Supported in Committee
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by D. Hardeman, seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown
 - Letter of support passes, there were no stated objections
2. LOS re: Heritage Health and Housing, Inc. NYS Main Street Grant Program;
 - Presented by L. Henry
 - Supported in Committee
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by J. Martin Green, seconded by Ilana Mercado
 - Letter of support passes, there were no stated objections
3. Reso re: Reestablishment of the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (GISS) in Manhattan Community Board No. 9
 - Presented by L. Henry
 - Supported in Committee
 - To be sent to Columbia University and the NY City Council Members
 - Support Climate Change Research
 - NASA would like to stay in this community
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by T. Kovaleff
 - 3 abstentions - Caldwell, Davis, Gerson; Resolution passes.

4. Reso re: CU Document Existing and Future Campus Sources and Levels of Electromagnetic Fields (EMF) and Wireless Microwave Exposure;
 - Presented by L. Henry
 - Smart Cities Program
 - Ask CU to study the impact of Microwave technologies on
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by T. Kovaleff, seconded by I. Mercado
 - Resolution passes, there were no stated objections
5. Reso re: 110th Street Cathedral Parkway Protected Bike Lane;
 - Presented by A. Adams
 - Supported by the Committee
 - Motion for unanimous consent was rejected on the floor, roll call vote taken
 - YES - 30 ; NO - 2 ; ABSTAIN - 4
 - Resolution passes
6. Reso re: Broadway Billiards (3248 Broadway) – Quality of Life Concerns;
 - Presented by A. Adams
 - Supported by the Committee
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by J. Martin Green.
 - Abstain - Cameron Clarke
 - Resolution passes, there were no stated objections
7. LOS re: Kennedy Radio Dispatcher at 3696 Broadway (corner of W. 153rd St.);
 - Presented by S. Prophete
 - Supported by the Committee
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by V. Savage
 - Letter of Support passes, there were no stated objections
8. LOS re: St. Nicholas Park Playground at W. 133rd St. & Chloe Day School
 - Presented by H. Jason
 - Joint effort for funding with CB10
 - Asking elected officials
 - Friendly amendments made to the LOS
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent made by W. Alexander, seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown
 - Letter of Support passes, there were no stated objections

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

9. Reso re: Clove Indian Restaurant Inc. – 1592 Amsterdam Ave. (bet. W. 138th St. and W. 139th St);
10. Reso re: Taqueria SanPedro – 3662 Broadway (bet. W. 151st St & W. 152nd St);
11. Reso re: Sofrito – 679 Riverside Drive (W. 145th St.);

12. Reso re: La Casita Taqueria Restaurant Corp. – 1484 Amsterdam Ave. (bet. (bet. W. 133rd St & W. 134th St.);

13. Reso re: Manhattanville Market – 3229 Broadway (bet. W. 129th & W. 130th St.)

14. Reso re: Cordial (Restaurant) – 3448 Broadway, Store #5 (bet. W. 140th & W. 141st St.);

- Motion for Unanimous Consent for items 9-14 made by W. Alexander, seconded by J. Martin-Green
- Abstain - P. Caldwell, H. Jason
- Resolutions 9-14 all pass

X. Old Business

- None brought up at this time.

XI. New Business

- The Baylander Ship is back at the pier on 125th and 12th Avenue.

XII. Adjourn

- Motion to adjourn made by M. Dunn and seconded by M. Hardin-Cordero
- The meeting was adjourned by Chair V. Edwards at 9:16 PM.

Please note: The next General Board Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 18th, 2025

Respectfully submitted by Solomon Prophete (Secretary MCB9)