

# Manhattan Community Board 9: General Board Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Thursday, March 19, 2026

**Location:** Columbia University Lee Bollinger Forum

**Presiding:** Hon. Victor Edwards, Chair

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## I. Call to Order & Opening

- **Meeting Called to Order:** 6:46 PM.
  - **Attendance:** Quorum was achieved; Roll Call conducted by Chair Victor Edwards & Vice Chair Monique Hardin-Cordero.
  - **Agenda & Minutes:**
    - Motion to adopt agenda (J. Adewumi / M. Hardin Cordero) — **Approved.**
    - Motion to adopt minutes from 02/19/26 (T. Kovaleff / J. Adewumi) — **Approved.**
      - Addition: Letter of Support for "Rough Draft" added to the agenda.
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## II. Presentations & Updates

### West Harlem Development Corporation (WHDC) Overview

- **Presented by:** Barry Weinberg & Pat Watler Johnson
- **Key Updates:**
  - The WHDC received a final payment of \$76 million from Columbia University in 2024; Columbia is no longer obligated to provide additional funds.
  - **Financial Outlook:** \$50 million has been used for community grants. Current funds are managed via a conservative investment strategy and may be depleted by 2035 (11 years longer than originally projected).
  - **Affordable Housing Fund:** Currently holds ~\$12 million (includes investment gains).
  - **Future Plans:** WHDC is hiring a grant writer to seek external funding sources.

### DSNY: Temporary Removal of Empire Bins

- **Presented by:** Jonathan Viguers, Asst. Commissioner
- **Milling & Paving Update:** 30–35 Empire Bins will be removed on **March 27th & 28th** for DOT work.

- **Affected Areas:** W. 150th (Edgecombe to Riverside), Amsterdam (W. 145th to 154th), and St. Nicholas (153rd to Edgecombe).
- **New Regulation:** Starting June 1, buildings with 1–9 units must transition to NYC Bins.

### III. Reports from Elected Officials & Offices

- **NYS Assembly (Jordan Wright, District 70):** Noted the unanimous passing of Bill 89058 (Cooling Tower Cleaning). On-time NYS budget expected April 1st.
- **Assemblymember Micah Lasher’s Office:** Announced an ICE Preparedness Town Hall (3/25) and a DOB concerns forum (4/17).
- **NYPD 26th Precinct:** Captain Moore (Commanding Officer since Dec 1) introduced. Commended Officers Stumer and Cardenas for apprehending suspects with incendiary devices.
- **Manhattan Borough President’s Office (MBPO):** Highlighted the 15 MPH school slow zones (Sammy’s Law) and ongoing advocacy for tenants at 3333 Broadway.
- **NYC Comptroller’s Office:** Representative Shawn Brannon expressed continued support for CB9.
- **Council Member Yusef Salaam’s Office:** Liaison Franzi provided office contact info and noted upcoming Charles B. Rangel Day celebrations.

### IV. Action Items

Item	Action/Motion	Result
<b>LOS for Rough Draft</b>	Motion: C. Clarke / J. Adewumi	<b>Approved (via Unanimous Consent)</b>
<b>The New York Health Act</b>	Motion: D. Hardeman / J. Scherrer	<b>Approved (via Unanimous Consent)</b>
<b>473 United HDFC Exemption</b>	Motion: M. Sarci / S. Prophete	<b>Roll Call Vote - Passed</b> (24 - Yes; 6 - Abstain; 1 -No)
<b>145th Street Busway Resolution</b>	Study regarding Bx19 speed	<b>Roll Call Vote - Passed</b> (29 - Yes;1 - Abstain, 1-No)

<b>Renewal Liquor Licenses (Items 4-9)</b>	Jin Ramen, El Tina, The Heights, Clove, Hex & Co, The Getaway	<b>Approved (via Unanimous consent)</b>
<b>Corporate Change (The Heights)</b>	Motion: C. Clarke / M. Dunn	<b>Approved (via Unanimous Consent)</b>

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## V. Public Session Highlights

- **Public Safety:** Concerns raised regarding a dispensary in a residential area and a homeless encampment near 148th & St. Nicholas.
  - **Community Events:** \* **150th St. Block Association:** Annual Plant Sale on 5/9/2026.
    - **Zoning 101 Training:** Saturday, March 21 (11 AM – 1 PM).
    - **Public Health Forum:** April 11th at CUNY NAC Building.
  - **Immigration:** Reports of ICE activity involving fishermen at 150th Street; MBPO is monitoring.
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## VI. Adjournment

- **Meeting Adjourned:** 8:58 PM
- **Next Meeting:** Thursday, April 16, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.
- **Location:** Lee C. Bollinger Forum, Columbia University.