



Manhattan Community Board 9 General Board Meeting Minutes

Date: Thursday, May 21, 2026

Location: Columbia University Lee Bollinger Forum

Presiding: Hon. Victor Edwards, Chair

I. Call to Order & Opening

- Meeting Called to Order: 6:44pm
- Attendance: Quorum was achieved at 6:51pm;
- Roll Call conducted by Chair Victor Edwards & Vice Chair Monique Hardin-Cordero.
- Agenda Adopted and Minutes adopted.

II. Presentations/Updates/Discussion

P.A.L.A.N.T.E.

Presented by: Elsia Vasquez

- Formed Tenants Associates
- Legal Services
- Bodega Friday's - Health Screens, Food Pantry
- Rehabilitation on Rent Controlled Apartments (long time residents and community leaders)
- Special Thanks to CB9 members Signe Mortensen and Barry Weinberg
- Secured 248 rent reductions; 18 succession rights; 1429 walk-in clients

MCB9 Quality of Life Discussion with Capt. Collin Johnson, Commanding Officer, 30th Pct

- Working collaboratively with 26th Precinct
- Kind considerate police force - community minded

III. Reports from CB9, Elected Officials & Offices

NYS Assembly (Jordan Wright, District 70):

Our sincere condolences to Assemblymember Wright on the passing of his mother

Albany - Budgets

Chair's Report: Included in packet

District Manager Report: Included in packet
WHDC - Barry Weinberg

- Grant Application FY27 Deadline June 5th at 5pm
- Summer Youth Program - Apply at Boys & Girls
- WHDC hiring grant writer
- CB9 has Affordable Housing Fund

Morningside Heights Community Coalition – Michael Palma

- Columbia University affordable apartments - 8 additional units rent stabilized apartments
- Community Solutions Forum: Issues in Morningside Heights, small business survival and Housing. June 13, 12pm - 6pm @ Broadway Presbyterian 112 Street & Broadway.

Manhattan Borough President's Office Brad Holyman: Niles Robinson

- Trump admin may NOT access health records of NYC Families
- MTA presentation Elevator Lobby at 125th & B'way
- Immigrant Welcome Center at Northern Manhattan office (125th Street)
- Exhibit with MOCA - Chinatown throughout the ages.

Council Member Shaun Abreu: Gabriela Carela

- Addressing the tragedy caused by drunk driver on 109th Street.
- Co-Signed letter to MTA about hazardous 125th street 1 train platform
- Honored BroSis for contributions to NYC

Council Member Yusef Salaam: Franzette Collymore

- Sponsor Legislation to protect small businesses construction relief (i.e. long term projects affecting store traffic)- bill 0799
- Bill 0370 - Juvenile interrogation protections - requires a mental health professional be present when juvenile is questioned by police
- Bill 0719 - Police Firearm discharge accountability - requires drug and alcohol testing.
- Bill 0366 June 11 - Charles B Rangel Day in NYC

IV. Public Session Highlights:

- CB9 Member Cameron Clark : COPA bill
- Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance: June 1 open studios open exhibitions
- Hamilton Grange Library - Isaac Serow: Summer at the Library! Big summer book club for kids, teens and adults!
June 22 at 4pm summer kick off - dry ice discovery
June 25 at 4pm new canaan nature center - critters and live animals
Aug 17 Delacorte Theater Book Author & Special Guests
- CB9 Member Alex - Tax on luxury home - need to tax ALL homes over 5 mil and all pied de terre - thank you to Mayor Mamdani; \$55k per family annually affects

healthcare coverage

- CB9 Member Joyce Adewumi - Multicultural Festival June 6 & June 20
- Community Craft Works (non profit in-school program): Leon Barrera, offers in-school credits and certifications. Woodwork or CAD design
- Centro cultural dominicano - Lasandro Ramos ; Thank you to CB9 and Shaun Abreu - Street re-naming after founder Dr. Marilu Galvan at 145th Street & Riverside Drive.
- CB9 Member Maritta Dunn - West Harlem Piers - As Chairperson, Dunn headed a special committee to build piers up and bring commerce and projects.

V. Action Items:

1. Ratification of Letter of Resolution re: Int. 0303-2026, the "No More 24" Act; **Passed in Exec*
2. Letter of Commitment re: UGF Turnkey Marketing & Promotion Project - ? tabled
3. LOS re: Harlem Co-op and HDFC/HDC Preservation - **motion passes unanimous consent*
4. LOS re: Barnard College 620 West 116th Street - Gas Outage - **motion passes unanimous consent*
5. LOS re: Columbia University 542 West 112th Street Relocation - **motion passes - 0 oppose*
6. Letter of Request re: Proposed Speed Limit Reductions in Manhattan Community District No. 9 (Sammy's Law) - **tabled*
7. LOS re: AR Goat LLC, 1342 Amsterdam Ave., NYC 10027 - **motion passed*
8. Ltr. of Comment on Proposed Updates to Part 113 – Medical Cannabis Program Regulations - friendly amendment - **motion passed 1 abstain*

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

9. At The Wallace - 3612 Broadway (corner of W. 149th Street)
 10. Uptown Bourbon - 3631 Broadway (corner of W. 150th Street)
 11. Baylander Cafe LLC - West Harlem Piers
 12. Dinosaur BBQ - 2276 12th Avenue (btw. W. 125th and St. Clairs Place)
- *All pass via Unanimous Consent - 3 abstain***

Corporate Change Applications:

13. Dinosaur BBQ - 2276 12th Avenue - **Unanimous consent - 1 abstain*

Sidewalk Cafe:

14. 2896 Broadway Food Service Corp. aka Community Food & Juice - 2893 Broadway (btw 112th and 113th);
 15. 1274 Amsterdam Trattoria Inc. aka Sipsteria - 1264 Amsterdam Avenue (btw W. 122nd and W. 123rd)
- *All pass via Unanimous consent***

VI. Adjournment

- Meeting Adjourned: 9:17 PM
- Next Meeting: Thursday, June 18, 2026, at 6:30 P.M.
- Location: **North Academic Center (NAC Building) at City College, 160 Convent Avenue, 10031**