

GENERAL BOARD MEETING Thursday, September 18, 2025 6:30 P.M. Hon. Victor Edwards

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order at 6:51pm by Chair V. Edwards
- Roll Call Attendance/Sign-in Sheet taken by 1st Vice Chair M. Hardin-Cordero

II. Adopt Agenda

- Motion to adopt the agenda made by W. Alexander. Seconded by D. McIntosh-Brown.
- Agenda adopted by all members present.

III. Adopt Minutes (06/18/25)

- Motion to adopt the minutes made by
- Minutes adopted by all members present.

IV. Presentation/Update/Discussion:

- Update on: DSNY Pilot Containerization Program, given by: Assistant Commissioner Jonathan Viguers – DSNY
- Slides shared on screen and over Zoom
- Review the CB9 Pilot program and its success (14 schools & 10 blocks)
- CB9 has now adopted new mode of collection: Empire bins assigned to building with 31_+ units and the bldg. mgr has keys.
- New Pilot in Brooklyn Community District 2 (Fort Greene/Clinton Hill) – pilot has adjusted based off of feedback from MCB9: Residents will have options of containers for the pilot duration.
- Reminders:
 - Please do not double park next to bins (cannot collect trash)
 - DSNY responsible for cleaning the bin, Property owner must clean 18” around bin
 - All trash must be in bins, do not use neighbors

V. Reports:

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

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- New Member Orientation went well, however, was sparsely attended.
- Attendance is necessary to conduct CB meetings

- Chair, 1st Vice Chair and 2nd Vice Chair have been attending subcommittee meetings during September.
- Chair and Co-Chairs of HLUZ committee met with Dept of City Planning virtually to discuss 1727 Amsterdam; discussion included affordability, impact on neighbors and next steps implementing the ULURP process.
- CB9 office Telephones lines are down and will take time to repair. Will inquire about using a temporary cell phone in the meantime.
- ****Upcoming**** Health Fair September 27 at Denny Farrell Riverbank Park
- ****Upcoming**** Street naming honoring the late politician Bill Perkins is scheduled for Saturday, October 4, 2025. The location will be at the Duke Ellington Circle, at the intersection of 110th Street and 5th Avenue in Harlem, and will be designated "Honorable Bill Perkins Way"
- Subcommittee – please ask your public members to fill out a ‘Public Member’ form
- “A Rose Grew in Harlem” Community Mural on Old Bway designed by local residents – sponsored by the Youth Justice Network & Tayshana Chicken Murphy depicting the struggles in our community and young people that turned their lives around. (across from old CB9 office)

2. Treasurer.....Hon. Deirdre McIntosh-Brown

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Time to review for FY27 statement – possible townhall on October 3. Request that Chairs discuss with their committees.

3. District Manager.....Eutha Prince

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- The DOHMH is hosting a Community Resource Fair Monday , September 22 at 12:30pm. IDNYC signup, Job recruitment, and more.
- African America Day Parade on Sunday September 21
- CB9 is looking for volunteers to assist with tabling at upcoming Health Fair

4. WHDC.....Hon. Patricia Watler-Johnson, and Hon. Barry Weinberg

- The report is included in the distributed meeting packet
- Happy Hispanic Heritage Month
- Remembrance of Lloyd Williams – CEO of Harlem Week. Rest in Peace.
- Board met June 25 and August 6. Next meeting planned for Saturday September 20.
- New Board member – Reverend Georgiette Morgann-Thomas.
- Community Benefits Grants will be updated after September board meeting.
- Successful Summer Youth/Teen Internships.

- WHDC hired new employee Fredson Sossavi – Special Projects Coordinator.
- Angela Fernandez, Esq WHDC Board member → New position as Executive Director of the Lawyers Alliance for New York.
- Back to School event (Mural) with the NYPD 26th Precinct Community Affairs on August 28th.
- West Harlem Older Adult Alliance, Inc. hosted summer excursions
- new we act plays Gatekeepers Collective
- Farewell Uptown Night Market
- West Harlem Older Adults Alliance held two events over summer.

5. NYPD 26th Precinct; Detective Lewis

- Backpack giveaway with CB9 and WHDC. 500+ bookbags given out filled with school supplies.
- In collaboration with 30th precinct, Quality of Life Rollout - Police teams to address neighborhood concerns. Two teams working different shifts (10am - 6pm, 4pm to 12 midnight). Can address crosswalks, illegal parking, parties, etc. Contact Detective Lewis at (917) 679-7113; 26th Precinct community affairs.

6. Manhattan Borough President's Office - Shawn Brannen, Community Liason

- Appreciate CB9 District Office for collaboration during the summer
- MBP Community Board Leadership training season October 20th through October 24 to learn about local government processes. (This includes EEO, COIB training)
- MBP directed over \$55 million in capital funding across Manhattan: cultural institutions, schools, housing and social service.
- LGBTQ+ Business Summit at John Jay College on September 19 10am to 4pm
- African American Day Parade Sunday, September 20
- Happy Hispanic Heritage Month - celebrating at Sugar Hill Children's Museum on September 25.
- Shawn Brannen and staff can be contacted at 431 West 125th Street at Constituent Services Office or at (917) 923-3374

VI. Public Session/Public Hearing:

1. Public Session – 3 minutes each speaker

- Tiffany Khan: Concerned Citizens for a Better Harlem & West Harlem Community Preservation Organization. Rally on October 11 RE:1727 Amsterdam

Contact abetter1727@gmail.com for additional information.

- Janelle Carter Bowman: George Bruce Library. Fall Programming Announcement. Contact georgebruce@nypl.org for additional information.
- Signe Mortensen: Co-Naming 138th Street and Amsterdam Avenue after late CB9 member and Community Leader April Tyler. Needs signatures for the petition.
- Ira Gershenhorn: Morningside Lights Procession Saturday September 20. Additionally, exit 12 northbound off West Highway has been closed for over 2 months.
- Cameron Clarke: Legionnaire's Hearing with City Council on September 19 at 10am. Will discuss two bills. Encouraging testimony.
- Walter Alexander: RKO theatre - residences and restoration plans. Met in July to discuss future plans.

2. Elected Officials – 2 questions each

- **Councilman Shaun Abreu - Gabriella Carela; District Director**
 - Commonground festival Morningside Park on Saturday, September 20. Family Fun Day and "Soul" movie screening at Jacob Schiff playground on Saturday September 20. Sunday September 21 - E waste and recycling event
 - Saturday September 27: Emma Bowen Community Health fair at Denny Farrell Riverside Park.
 - Sunday September 28: pet adoption event
 - October 24th: Free Mammogram event at District office
 - Contact at district7@council.nyc.gov or (212) 928-6814
- **Councilman Yusef Salaam - Sara Goliath; Executive Assistant**
 - Councilman override Mayor's veto of a bill in favor of supporting small businesses and street vendors. This decriminalizes street vending.
 - Legionnaires disease hearing September 19 at 10am.
 - Recognize two leaders:
 - -Edward Plummer at 114th Street and Adam Clayton Powell Boulevard (September 20th at 2pm)
 - Bill Perkins Way at 110th and 5th Avenue on October 4th at 12:30pm
 - October 30th is the deadline for new co-naming for the year
- **Assembly Member Michael Lasher - Jaime Perez; Community Engagement Specialist**
 - Assembly District 69 - Quality of Life Survey: 33% concerned about E-bikes
 - Summer interns walked every block in district noting graffiti. Did not count Murals or Art. All 140 incidents of graffiti (mostly on Broadway and

Amsterdam) were reported to 311. The city will reach out to business/home owners and remove the graffiti within 35 days.

- Contact at District office at (212) 866-3970 or Jaime Directly at (623) 219-7069

VII. Action Items:

- 1. Ratification of LOS re: IBREA Foundation and the Harlem Brain Expansion Proposal;**
 - Motion for Unanimous Consent by Walter Alexander, Seconded by Patricia Caldwell. Passes, no abstentions.
- 2. Ratification of Reso re: Legionnaires' Disease – Cooling Towers**
 - Friendly Amendments suggested by Patricia Caldwell. Motion for Unanimous Consent by Walter Alexander, Seconded by Lydia Gerson. Passes

Renewal Liquor License Applications:

- 3. Shake Shack – 2957 Broadway (W 116th St.)**
Class Change or Alteration Application(s):
- 4. Beer Run – 3604A Broadway (W 148th & 149th St.)**
 - #3 and #4 are voted on together. No violations or concerns from 26th Precinct. Unanimous Consent by Walter Alexander and seconded by Lydia Gerson. Heather Jason and Patricia Caldwell Abstained. Passes

Dining Out Applications:

**The establishments below all have sidewalk cafes, all applied through DOT*

- 5. Harlem Public - 3612 Broadway (W. 149th Street) *has sidewalk cafe & street cafe**
 - Roll call vote initiated. 23 yes, 8 abstain, 1 no. Passes.
- 6. Mofongo de Valle - 3340 Broadway (W. 135th Street)**
- 7. The Craftsman - 3155 Broadway (btw La Salle & Tiemann Place)**
- 8. Clove Indian Restaurant - 1592 Amsterdam Avenue (W. 139th Street)**
- 9. Kuro Kuma Coffee - 121 La Salle Street (Broadway) -2-**
 - #6, #7, #8, #9 voted on together as Unanimous consent. Walter Alexander Requested Unanimous Consent, Seconded by Lydia Gerson

VIII. Old Business

IX. New Business

X. Adjourn

Please Note: Next General Board Meeting will be held on, Thursday, October 16, 2025 at 6:30 P.M.