



BROOKLYN BOROUGH BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, April 1, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Brooklyn Borough Hall
209 Joralemon Street, Brooklyn, NY 11201

And Via

[Webex Livestream](#)

AGENDA

Welcome & Roll Call

Roll call was conducted at 6:13 p.m. There were 19 members present, and it was determined that quorum had been met.

Community Boards: Gina Barros, Rosemary Espinal (CB1), Anthony Buissereth (CB3), Robert Camacho (CB4), Alice Lowman (CB5), Irsa Weatherspoon (CB8), Fred Baptiste (CB9), Josephine Beckmann (CB10), Marnee Elias-Pavia (CB11), Jeany Hernandez (CB13), Karl-Henry Cesar (CB14), Theresa Scavo (CB15), Deborah Williams (CB 16), Trisha Louison (CB 17)

Online: Jeffrey Sanoff CB 13, Dealice Fuller CB 1

Council Members: Angela Yang (Restler-33), Victoria Peters (Gutierrez 34), Michelle Beatty (Osse-36), Samori Toure (Nurse -37), Matthew Malloy (Hanif-39), (Ayanna Njeri Williams (Mealy 41), Dedra Cheatham (Banks 42), Anna Firsova (Zhuang-43).

Borough President's Office: Corina Lozada (General Counsel), Carol-Ann Church, (Community Boards Unit), Martin Fitzpatrick (IT).

Approval of the Agenda

Motioned by Chair Scavo and seconded by Chair Baptiste, passed by consensus.

Approval of the Minutes

Meeting held on 04.01.2025, Chair Scavo requested an amendment to add them to the attendee list. There were no objections to the amendments and the minutes passed by consensus motioned by Chair Scavo and seconded by Chair Baptiste.

Borough Hall & Board Member Updates

Chair Camacho queried aspects of the employee bargaining agreement regarding compensation for overtime and requested a copy of the agreement.

Chair Baptiste - Downstate continues to take testimony regarding the proposed closure of the hospital. The deadline has been extended sixty (60) days, please continue to express support for maintaining the institution in the committee.

CB9 was able to get Department of Finance (DOF) to facilitate a community presentation on the upcoming tax liens.

Chair Lowman invited members to visit CB 5 YouTube channel and shared a flyer with a QR coded that links to 311.

Rep Hernandez (CB13) : Invited members to come down to Coney Island to participate in the Blessing of the Palms on Palm Sunday (April 13).

On April 22, at Restoration Plaza from 12:00 noon - 8:00 p.m., CM Osse will host a tax lien assistance session.

Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business

Communications & Reports

PRESENTATION

FloodNet NYC is a collaborative program among the Mayor's Office of Climate and Environmental Justice, CUNY and NYU universities. The program aims to develop widespread, real-time urban flood monitoring in New York City. The initiative in conjunction with the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) places sensors throughout the city. The sensors collect data about flood risk to be used to build flood resilience. The data is accessible to residents, community-based organizations, government agencies and researchers. FloodNet is actively seeking community input for sensor locations.

Any organization wanting a presentation should contact Veroneque Ignance, Community Engagement Manager - Veroneque.Ignance@brooklyn.cuny.edu.

The presentation was facilitated by: Polly Pierone, *Project Manager*; Brett Branco, *Brooklyn College, Principal Investigator*; Hayley Elszasz, *Climate Science Advisor*

Project information can be found on www.floodnet.nyc. including the location of existing sensors.

PUBLIC HEARING

Prospect Park Alliance represented by Jillian Pagano and XXX presented four (4) proposals, for recommendations to the Landmarks Preservation Commission and the Public Design Commission. The proposals were reviewed by Community Boards 6,7,8,9 and 14 prior to being presented to the Borough Board.

i. **Lincoln Road Playground Restoration**

Proposal to restore the 20, 000 square foot Lincoln Road Playground to include new play equipment and climbing structures, a water play area, new safety surfacing, shaded seating areas, an accessible sensory planter, and renovated pathways surrounding the playground.

ii. **Fallkill Falls Pathway Improvements**

Proposal to add new lighting and a handrail along a woodland pathway that connects Center Drive at the Nethermead Lawn to the Long Meadow Ballfields along the Fallkill Falls.

iii. **Picnic House Reconstruction**

Proposal to repair the historic 1920s Picnic House, including restoring exterior and interior stonework, brickwork and windows; and updating interior lighting, finishes and electrical wiring.

iv. **Wayfinding in the Vale**

Proposal to create a comprehensive master plan for a new signage system in the park that will provide wayfinding, stewardship and interpretive signage to improve access and the visitor experience.

Chair called for a roll call to prove quorum. Quorum was established.

Motion: Chair Baptiste moved to recommend that the Borough Board offer no objection to the four proposed capital projects presented by Prospect Park Alliance; seconded by Rep. Malloy. **Passes 8-0-3**

Other Business

- i. Expiration of Open Meetings Law Hybrid Provision
Is the sunset date still in effect? No further discussion, but the board requested the item remain on the agenda
- ii. Borough Board's Bylaws Committee
The committee met on March 24, and conducted an initial review of the document
 1. Fred Baptiste, CB9 was selected as chairperson
 2. Feasibility of suspending members with poor attendance
 3. Ability of all members to vote on items that have borough wide impact such as Prospect Park Alliance proposals

4. Updating the language throughout the document
5. Commitment to having draft ready for June meeting

Adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

City Council Members and Board representatives are required for quorum to conduct business. Please ensure your entity is represented.

2025 Meeting Schedule

June 3 | September 2 | October 7 | November 4 | December 2

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