



Brooklyn Borough Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2026
[Livestream via Webex](#)

Meeting was called to order at 6:20 p.m. Quorum at 20.

Community Boards: Gina Barros (CB1), Anthony Buissereth (CB3), Robert Camacho (CB4), Alice Lowman (CB5), Julio Pena (CB7), Irsa Weatherspoon (CB8), Fred Baptiste (CB9), Jeanny Hernandez (CB13), Karl-Henry Cesar (CB14), Theresa Scavo (CB15), Margaret Brewer, (CB 16), Trisha Louison (CB17).

Council members: Isabella Kaufman Sites, Daniel Heredia (45- Louis), Ayanna Williams (Mealy-41), Michael Lambert (Banks- 42), Matthew Malloy (Haniff- 39), Nancy Roden (Carr-50).

Borough President's Office: Carol-Ann Church (Community Boards Director), Spencer Williams (Land Use Director).

Approval of the Agenda: Cesar/Scavo, passed unanimously.

Approval of the Minutes of March 3, 2026: Request to amend in section "**Borough Hall & Board Member Updates** to read

- CB 14: Wednesday March 11th- Annual Youth Resource fair with CBOs and other organizations. For High School aged youth and family. Event's from 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm.

Motion to allow the amendment: Cesar/Scavo

Motion to approve the minutes: Cesar/Scavo, passed; 19 -0-1

Borough Hall & Board Member Updates

- Updates
 - Chair Cesar (CB 14) reminded the Borough Board of the annual Youth Resource Fair hosted by CB 14 on March 11at the Flatbush Y from 3:00 – 6:30pm.
 - Introduced Jerrell Gray as the incoming chair of CB 14

- Requested SUNY Downstate - have a representative at Borough Board
 - They are not doing great civic engagement
 - If they don't want to come - they need to go to each CB
- Meeting minutes are missing from the website

Chairs Brewer and Robert Camacho arrive

- Chair Baptiste (CB 9):
 - reminded the Borough Board of the upcoming Parks and Rec - Open Parks Conference (March 28) at Prospect Park. Hoping that all boards will participate
 - Supports CB 14 request that SUNY Downstate engages, we need to advocate to strengthen healthcare in the area
- Borough Hall updates:
 - DFTA partnering with BP +BPL to host a hiring hall for older adults on March 11 from 12-3 at Central Library
 - Free Tax Prep Mondays and Wednesdays until April 18, Call 347.682.5606. Assistance available in Kreyol, Spanish and Chinese
- Women's History Month Celebration Call for Nominations, "Leading the Change: Women Shaping Sustainable Future. Nominations are due March 16. Recognition event at Center for Fiction on March 30.

Communications & Reports

Community Outreach Team, represented by Paul Dagliolo and Kalila Kong, provided an overview of customer assistance programs. Their website offers a wealth of information to assist customers needing help to pay their bills, upgrades to energy efficient equipment, rebates for upgrades, special services for older adults, customers impacted by domestic violence and persons with life support medical equipment.

Financial Assistance

- Financial Assistance Advisor recommends programs to customers to help them better manage their energy costs. ConEd.com/billhelp
- Energy Affordability Program – discounts for customers who receive government assistance coned.com/EAP or visit a Walk In Center
 - Self-Enrollment - EAP@coned.com
- EEAP - Enhanced Energy Affordability Program. ConEd.NYCCAP.com. Phone 877-400-2501
- Clean Energy – Energy Efficient Savings and Rebates

Clean Energy

- Clean Heat: conEd.com/AirSource or conEd.com/geothermal
- Weather Ready: conEd.com/WeatherReady
- Smart Thermostats: conEd.com/SmartThermostat
- Smart Usage Rewards: conEd.com/SmartUsage
- SmartCharge New York: conEd.com/SmartCharge
- NYSEDA Empower+: NYSEDA.ny.gov/Empower
- Questions? Contact the Residential Program Team: Homerebares@coned.com

Rebates

- Clean Heat /Geothermal energy - rebates
- Life support system
- Phone Assistance
- Senior Direct Line
- Resource Direct Line

Special Services

- Life support equipment and medical Emergency customers – ensure equipment remains powered during an outage 1-877-582-6633 or visit conEd.com/SpecialService
- Customers experiencing domestic violence can opt out of contract with abusers: conEd.com/SpecialServices
- Dedicated assistance for older adults
- Senior Direct Line - for persons 62 and older 800-404-9097 Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 5:00 pm

Question and Answer

Con Ed engages in an annual email campaign to inform their customers of the programs and services. The website is accessible for people with poor vision; it translates into 12 most spoken languages in the City and soon all flyers will be available in those 12 languages. Customers can get bills in braille and larger print on their bills.

Other Business

Change meeting time

Ms. Church informed the board that one or two of the other boroughs host their borough board meetings in the morning. Was that something Brooklyn would like to explore as an option? The board had no interest in moving to daytime meetings.

The office is distributing a hard copy of the award-winning Brooklyn Comprehensive Plan to community board and council members. Council members and or their representatives in attendance can pick up their copy tonight. Community boards' copies are being delivered by their liaisons.

Term limits

Members called for another discussion on community board term limits. The impacts will put pressure operational pressure on the district managers and borough hall operations.

- Boards will need more funding – consistently under resourced
- Improve membership training
- Need better methods for selecting members
 - New members are not devoted to the community -
- Other agencies use boards as dumping ground - sending matters to CBs knowing they lack capacity to undertake
- Board should have a workshop on developing membership

Code of Conduct

Borough Hall has created a Code of Conduct and by laws template to provide boards a guideline for managing meetings and members. The document will be shared soon.

Board member Recognition

Borough President Reynoso will be hosting an event that will seek both to learn from and honor members with terms expiring in 2027 or who have served prior to 2019 and chose to step off this year. Event will be April 29, 2026. Invitations will be sent out shortly.

Motion to Adjourn at 7:56pm. **Next meeting April 7, 2026**

2026 Meeting Schedule

May 5 | June 2