

**Community Board 8
Chelsea Piers Prospect Height
601 Dean Street
Brooklyn, NY 11238**

May 8, 2025

Members Present

Akua Aidoo
Isaac Andino
Peter Anekwe
Princess Benn-James
Gail Branch-Muhammad
Dian Duke
Benny Faygen
Drew Gabriel
Tamika Gibbs
Nizjoni Granville
Mohammad Hassan
Jamell Henderson
Tafari John-King
Jennifer Jordan
Frances Langley
Robert Lapointe
Dr. Sarah Lazur
Lisa Maldonado
William Meehan
Kwasi Mensah
Mimi Mitchell
Fior Ortiz-Joyner
Robert Puca
Yahya Raji
Conor Ross
Ezra Roth
Robin Smith
Lesley Steele
Dina Tate
Dana Thompson
Mark Thurton
Ryan Tucker
Briana Uwa
Kimberly Watson
Irsa Weatherspoon
Sharon Wedderburn
Robert Witherwax
Deborah Young

Members Absent/Excused

Sharon Alexis-Pierre
Barbara Cofield
Edward Delman
Taraya Pettway
Dr. Cadesa Ramharrack
Anika Roach
Meredith Staton
Declan Taintor
Esmond Turnbull
Gib Veconi
Regina Wilson

Elected Officials Present

Councilmember Chi Ossé, 36th Council District
Councilmember Crystal Hudson, 35th Council District

Elected Official Representatives

Pierre Gedeon, Mayor's Office Community Affairs Unit
Tamisha Thompson, Office of Councilmember Darlene Mealy
Karen Chambers, Office of Brooklyn District Attorney
Matt Baer, Office of Senator Zellnor Myrie
Orlando Ross, Office of Congresswoman Yvette Clark

Agency Representatives

Zin-Rui Lee, NYC Independent Budget Office
Alicia Pritchard, Brooklyn Public Library Brower Branch
Tiara McLaughlin, NYC Police Department

CB8 Staff Present

Michelle George, District Manager
Julia Neale, Community Coordinator

The regular meeting of Community Board 8 was called to order at 6:45PM by Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Chairperson. She welcomed the following new members to the Board and asked them each to briefly say something about themselves: Mr. Isaac Andino; Ms. Barbara Cofield;

Mr. Drew Gabriel; Ms. Jennifer Jordan; Ms. Lesley Steel; Mr. Declan Taintor; Ms. Dina Tate; Mr. Ryan Tucker; and Ms. Regina Wilson.

Mr. Andino stated that he has been a resident of Crown Heights for about 6 years, figuring that in an era of powerlessness, it would be great to get involved, which is why he joined the Board.

Ms. Jordan stated that she has lived in Crown Heights for the last 30 years, glad to finally be on the Board after her mom served two decades.

Ms. Steele stated that she has lived in Crown Heights for 10 years, previously living in the Bronx. She stated that she joined the Board because she realizes how important community organizing is, having done a lot of work with small non profits.

Ms. Tate introduced herself as an author and professor, having resided in Crown Heights for the last 20 plus years.

Mr. Tucker, one of the youngest members on the Board, was proud to announce that he was born and raised here in CB8, still residing in the area. He stated that he learned about the Board via the LINK kiosk a few years ago and popped into a few meetings over time, realizing that there is great value in community activism.

Chairperson Weatherspoon welcomed all new members, stating that she looks forward to working with all members, old and new. She next welcomed Mr. Charles Healy from Brooklyn Legal Services, and invited him to give an update on programs and services offered by BLS.

Brooklyn Legal Services, Consumer & Economic Advocacy Program -- Mr. Charles Healy, Senior Attorney

Mr. Healy provided a very brief overview of the services and programs offered by Brooklyn Legal Services. Divisions include:

- Bankruptcy, Consumer Debt & Taxes
- Domestic Violence & Family Law: Attorneys can assist with matters including divorce, custody, visitation, child support, orders of protection, defending against allegations of child neglect, assistance with child welfare proceedings, and other related matters.
- Education & Students' Rights: legal services to students and caregivers to ensure that students get tailored academic and social-emotional services.
- Government Benefits & Assistance: legal help to people whose financial instability stems from job loss or disability.
- Health & Disability Rights: legal help to individuals with disabilities trying to obtain disability benefits and works to restore dignity to individuals with disabilities across the city by fighting systemic barriers to the administration of life saving disability benefits.
- Housing & Foreclosure: Legal Services NYC is at the forefront of the fight to prevent evictions, preserve safe and affordable housing, and protect homeowners from scammers and foreclosures. Their dedicated advocates engage in zealous tenant representation, working citywide to defend, enforce, and further tenants' rights, as well as to preserve homeownership in gentrifying neighborhoods. Note: If you have a court date for an

existing eviction case, you must attend that hearing in housing court and will be assigned representation through NYC's Right to Counsel program in court.

- Immigration & Asylum
- LGBTQ+ Rights: legal assistance to the LGBTQ+ community and people living with HIV and AIDS in a wide range of areas. With one of the oldest and largest LGBTQ+/HIV legal practices in the city, their priority is to advocate for LGBTQ+ people facing the most significant barriers to stability and life-saving services and benefits.
- Small Business & Economic Development: legal help to worker cooperatives, non-profits, community-based organizations, self-employed individuals, and small businesses to build and retain wealth and reinvest in the community. They do this by providing free legal support and connections to organizations assisting communities of color and low-income communities in developing the necessary skills to build their own organizations.
- Veterans & Military Advocacy
- Workers' Rights: legal advice, referrals, and representation to low-income workers facing a range of problems, including loss of employment, unemployment benefits issues, unpaid wages and overtime pay, employment discrimination, medical and family leave issues, and licensing issues.

Regarding the upcoming tax lien sale, Mr. Healy stated that if you are, or know anyone that owns property in the city, if you are delinquent on taxes or municipal bills, city has the right to sell the delinquencies. The tax lien sale is the first step toward foreclosure and losing your property. However, there are ways to get your property off the list of liens that will be sold, but there is a deadline to get off the list.

Q&A:

- Where is the best place to learn more and figure out the best way to get your property removed if it is on the list? *By checking with the NYC Dept of Finance website.*
- Statement: taxes going up in the community up to 6% per year, increasing taxation that as a homeowner cannot be handled, especially those that are on fixed incomes. Concerned with major corporations that are getting tax breaks but small homeowners are not. *Shared concern.*
- Tenants don't only face threats via housing court, but landlords are also using DHCR to deregulate units, demolish properties, misclassify major improvements, etc. *People don't realize how important DHCR is as the regulatory agency over regulated housing. All tenants should be contacting DHCR whenever you have a repair, complaint, etc. as this maintains a record and helps you fight against harassment and displacement.*
- Does the legal services division support seniors that are receiving letters from OATH or other entities, regarding reverse mortgages, etc., possibly mobility limited individuals that cannot respond timely? *Yes, they assist with that. As soon as the individual contacts us, the better. If delinquencies get out of hand for property taxes or water bills, you have to act quick. Sometimes individuals can lose track of payments, so it is very important to have the assistance. Strongly encourage people to contact them in OATH cases but if*

nothing else, please respond to mandatory letters from court and OATH. Opportunity is lost when they don't respond.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Mr. Healy for the information and asked for roll call. After establishing that a quorum was present, she asked for a report from the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Brian Saunders, Chair

Mr. Saunders read the slate for the Election of Officers for CB8 for the term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027. The slate was read as follows:

Chairperson: Irsa Weatherspoon OR Anika Roach
1st Vice Chair: Gail Branch-Muhammad OR Robert Witherwax
2nd Vice Chair: Deborah Young
3rd Vice Chair: Fior Ortiz-Joyner
Secretary: Conor Ross
Treasurer: Taraya Pettway
Sergeant at Arms: Tamika Gibbs

Ms. George and the Nominating Committee members distributed ballots to all members. Ms. George reminded members that only signed ballots will be counted.

During ballot counting, Chairperson Weatherspoon invited Councilmember's Hudson and Osse to provide an update on the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan.

Councilmember Crystal Hudson, 35th Council District & Councilmember Chi Ossé, 36th Council District

Members Hudson and Ossé each read a statement regarding the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan prior to providing an update on modifications. They listed the modifications as follows:

Housing & Affordable Housing (4,600 new units, 40% affordable)

- Facilitates more than 4,600 new units of housing across Brooklyn Community Districts 3 and 8
- Will bring 1,900 new affordable units, more than has been built in the area in the entire previous decade (2014-2024) [HPD Open Data: 1,661 new construction affordable units at or below 120 AMI complete in Brooklyn CB 3 or 8 since 2014]
 - 1,000 permanently affordable units at an average of 60 AMI projected through MIH developments, including 400 deeply affordable at 40 AMI
 - 900 additional units of affordable housing as part of HPD-financed, 100% affordable development on seven public sites, including 542 Dean, 516 Bergen, 1134 Pacific, the state-owned property at 1024 Fulton Street, and the current site of the MTA Cable Shop at 1110 Atlantic Avenue

- As a result of these additional commitments to 100% affordable housing on public sites, approximately 40% of all units enabled by AAMUP will be affordable
- Secures hundreds of thousands of dollars in expense funding for full-time tenant and legal assistance services in the District 35 and District 36 district offices for four years
- Allocates new highly competitive citywide resources in Central Brooklyn, including [Partners in Preservation](#) (*tenant organizing support*), [Homeownership Help Desk/HomeFix 2.0](#) (*counseling and repair services for homeowners*), and Anti-Harassment Tenant Program (*protect tenants from landlord harassment*)

Streets & Public Realm Improvements (\$215 million)

- Secures \$100 million for full redesigns and upgrades of six major open spaces, including Underhill Plaza/Lowry Triangle, Dean Playground, and James Forten Playground in Community District 8
- Receives a \$115 million capital commitment from the City for a comprehensive redesign of Atlantic Avenue — includes a traffic study to begin in 2025 for Atlantic Avenue between Flatbush and Bedford, immediate safety improvement projects (SIPs) at key intersections along Atlantic and surrounding areas, and bike infrastructure improvements along Dean, Bergen, and/or Pacific after the results of the traffic study are revealed and in conjunction with the MTA’s soon-to-be unveiled Brooklyn Bus Network redesign changes
- Establishes a brand-new zoning tool to incentivize public space development in residential areas by providing a density bonus to any lots 30,000 square feet or larger in the rezoning area that add publicly-accessible open space, which will be subject to community review

Economic Development & Light Manufacturing

- Secures \$500,000 to study the re-activation process of the Bedford Atlantic Armory
- Secures a commitment from DCP to revise the mixed-use incentive via a Follow-Up Corrective Action that will be completed before the end of the year to match the Gowanus Mix to support light industrial, arts, and cultural space — as has been demanded by CB8 for nearly a decade
- Ensures existing light industrial spaces (including 1000 Dean Street) remain space for light industrial, arts, and small business

Q&A:

- *The advocacy for Option 3 has been heard loud and clear, but they have been very intentional about the type of AMI achieved to catch more of the families. Option 3 limits you to 40% AMI but option 1, the plan would serve the black families that make about the 50% AMI.*
- 40% sounds low today, but most people’s income is not keeping up. For example, 10 years ago, 60% made a lot of sense, but today, the 40% makes more sense to help those that need it most. The Board committed to option 3 as a more meaningful approach, and a

reminder was given by the speaker that it is an average of 40, so there will be some more and some less. They also reminded everyone that AMI has been increasing by roughly 10% each year for the last 10 years. *AMI is based on the five boroughs plus counties outside of NYC. That's why she (CM Hudson) did the framework plan for her district and the Atlantic Avenue corridor specifically. The people most likely to be displaced are the ones in the 50% to 60% AMI.*

- There is a big difference between gross and net pay, and so the 40% makes more sense. *We disagree.*
- What about use group restrictions? *There is a mixed use incentive, and they were able to get what was confirmed in Gowanus rezoning, but it will be a follow-up action and not included in the council vote. A letter of confirmation is coming from DCP but has not been received yet.*
- Clarify improvements to Dean and Bergen Streets bike lanes. Will Nostrand Avenue be included in the A/C train improvements? *In the immediacy, we will be seeking SIPs, or immediate safety improvements, which will include painting bike lanes on Bergen/Dean green and possible adding plastic bollards on some streets, and for Atlantic, some of the corridor improvements are underway inclusive of bulb outs and corner widening.*
- 80% of tenants representing themselves in court lose versus 30% of those with legal representation. It is great that money has been confirmed for in council office advice but nothing beats an attorney when facing a judge. *It was an unrealistic ask and never likely going to happen as the funding for this is expense not capital. It would be impossible to ask for money just to go to our communities.*
- It makes no sense to seek Option 1 only when City of Yes allowed the mapping of Option 3 alone. *Respectful disagreement since they believe Option 1 captures more black families.*

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked Councilmembers Hudson and Ossé for the update and opened the public hearing on the evening. The council asked the Board to reaffirm its support for AAMUP given the additional information.

There was significant confusion as the public hearing action item was to revoke support for the neighborhood rezoning. Responding to a “what if” question, the councilmembers explained that if the Board does not support the plan, no one wins. They stated that while they would love to stand with the Board on its three hard demands, they will not be in office forever and the Board would lose its opportunity to move forward with what was presented. In this scenario, all city investments will be lost while developers continue developing the corridor.

Mr. Meehan made a motion to support the Atlantic Avenue Mixed Use Plan given that the council was able to secure some of what the Board had asked for given its last letter and April 14th press release. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and carried with a final vote of 36 in favor, 2 opposed.

Housing & Land Use Committee – Ms. Sharon Wedderburn, Chair; Ms. Princess Benn, Vice Chair

1. LPC Application for a Certificate of Appropriateness (CofA), 149 Prospect Place (Prospect Heights Historic District)

Ms. Hannah Kamaie made a presentation for 149 Prospect Place, seeking a Certificate of Appropriateness. Their plan is to create a private roof deck measuring 555 sq ft, accessible from the top (4th) floor of the building through a skydoor to ensure a low profile at the roof level. The deck will be finished with ipe hardwood decking installed directly over sistered wood roof joists with a waterproofing membrane beneath to ensure a minimal profile and will be surrounded by a powder-coated steel handrail on all sides, measuring a total of 48" high. To ensure minimal visibility of the handrail from the street, the railing will be recessed at the front of the building (6-12ft) and the rear (6ft).

A small rectangular mechanical zone is proposed, which will contain 4 condenser units measuring 47" to the top of the unit (this height includes the requisite stand). This zone will be accessible via a hatch which will also provide natural daylight to the interior stairwell of the building. This area will be surrounded by the same powder coated steel handrail, and will measure 100 square feet. They erected wooden mock-ups of the railings and the condenser units to reflect this proposed plan and took photos from all possible vantage points at the street level.

Prospect Heights Neighborhood Development Council (PHNDC) raised several concerns about the project, including that the railings will be more than minimally visible from both Prospect Place and Carlton Avenue and the bulkhead will be very visible from Carlton Avenue. The neighborhood organization understands that it has been LPC policy that rooftop additions not be visible from any public thoroughfare in an historic district. They recommended that the originally proposed Skydoor access be restored, as it would then not be visible from Carlton Avenue, and further recommended the following: that the condensers be moved further back, closer to the Skydoor, so that they are not visible from Prospect Place; the railing on the east side be moved further west and that on the south further north, so they are not visible from Prospect Place; the railing on the north side be moved south, so that it is not visible from Carlton Avenue.

PHNDC and several committee members expressed concern following the COA for 273 Park Place, that this is the second application seen this year for a multi-family conversion of a row house to use the rooftop for outdoor space. It was reiterated that these conversions are not a desired precedent for the Historic District to be degraded by non-historic structures visible from protected views in service of investment returns.

The committee voted 12 in favor, 8 opposed, with 2 abstentions to support the Certificate of Appropriateness for the rooftop bulkhead with the desire that the applicant seek, and LPC approve, the desired roofhatch/skydoor (see photo). The committee hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

The applicant informed the Board that they have received approval for the sky roof. The top foot or so of the railing is slightly visible from the side façade of the property. No bulkhead is currently necessary since the sky door has been approved. They are now seeking approval for small amount of railing visible from the non-dominant façade.

Mr. Puca made a motion to support the application for the recently approved sky roof and door with the partially visible railing from the non-dominant side of the building. The motion was seconded by Mr. Lapointe and failed to carry with a final vote of 18 in favor, 13 opposed, with 7 abstentions.

Ms. Mitchell made a motion to withhold support of the application for a certificate of appropriateness, keeping with the committee's initial recommendation. She explained that her motion was not just looking at the railing but the ripple effects as explained by the neighborhood organization. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mensah. Mr. Witherwax added a friendly amendment to motion for the certificate of appropriateness, stating that the motion should be to withhold support for the application unless the railing is moved back to the point of invisibility. The amendment was accepted and the motion carried unanimously with 36 in favor.

Parks, Youth & Education – Ms. Kim Watson, Chair

The Parks, Youth & Education Committee met on Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at Brower Park Library. The committee heard a presentation from Detective Dave Williams of the 77th Precinct, who is seeking to rename the handball courts at Lincoln Terrace Park in honor of Mr. Christopher Ross.

Det. Williams informed the committee that he had been working with the District office, family of Mr. Ross, and the community for almost a year to have the handball courts at Lincoln Terrace Park renamed in honor of Christopher Ross. He explained that Mr. Ross was shot and killed by a stray bullet in Lincoln Terrace Park in August of 2020, doing what he loved doing and enjoyed teaching others to do, which was playing handball.

Det. Williams presented the committee a petition signed by over 500 neighborhood residents and users of Lincoln Terrace Park. He further explained that Christopher Ross was known as a peacemaker in the community and beloved by all, which is why he is seeking to name the handball courts in his honor. This would acknowledge Christopher Ross' contributions to the community in the form of a plaque on the handball court for others to know that the court is named in his honor.

The committee voted unanimously with 9 in favor to support the renaming efforts in honor of Christopher Ross, and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

There were no questions or comments on the item. Mr. Henderson made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Young and carried unanimously with 34 in favor.

The next Parks, Youth & Education Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 3, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Brower Park Library, 155 Brooklyn Avenue (next to Brooklyn Children's Museum at corner of St. Marks Avenue). NYC Parks Dept. will present updated design plans for St. Marks Playground.

SLA and Sidewalk Café Review Committee (SLAC) – Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon, Chair; Mr. Robert Witherwax, Vice Chair

The SLAC committee met on Monday, May 5, 2025 at Crown Heights Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation. The committee discussed the following applications:

1. New Liquor License Applications

a. **Griddle Cakes LLC, dba Breakfast by Salt Cure**, 581 Vanderbilt Ave – Full license

Details include:

- i. Breakfast cafe that will be licensed to operate from 8AM to 10PM daily, but that would likely close by 3PM daily
- ii. 12 tables with a separate bar with 14 seats
- iii. Licensed backyard with dimensions of 12x12 with 11 tables and 22 seats

The committee voted 15 in favor to support the application as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

There were no questions or comments on the item. Ms. Duke made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Ms. Mitchell and carried with a final vote of 34 in favor with 1 abstention.

b. **Café Imael**, 1090 St Johns Place – Beer/wine/cider license

Details include:

- i. Live music on occasion
- ii. Hours of operation from Noon to midnight Friday thru Sunday; Noon to 11PM Monday thru Thursday
- iii. 3 tables with 20 seats with a separate bar with 3-4 seats. Max capacity 25-30
- iv. Applied for a Dining Out application that would add 18 tables with 36 seats with a dimension of 40x8 and same hours of operation

The committee voted 13 in favor to support the application as presented and hopes the full Board supports its recommendation.

There were no questions or comments on the item. Mr. Ross made a motion to support the committee's recommendation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Anekwe and carried with a final vote of 34 in favor with 1 abstention.

2. Dining Out Applications

A. **Approved as presented:**

b. **Ozakaya**, 635 Vanderbilt Avenue

Sidewalk (dimensions: 8'x20'; hardware: 3 tables with 6 seats)

Roadway (dimensions: 8'x20'; hardware: 4 tables with 8 seats)

c. **The Crabby Shack**, 613 Franklin Avenue

- i. Sidewalk (dimensions: 6'x37.5'; hardware: 10 tables with 20 seats)

d. **Zaytoons**, 594 Vanderbilt Avenue

- i. Sidewalk (dimensions on Vanderbilt Ave: 9.5'x14.5'; dimensions on St. Marks Ave: 6.5'x26.5'; hardware: 7 tables and 32 seats between the two)

- e. Nacho Macho Taco, 417 Prospect Place
 - i. Sidewalk (dimensions on Grand Ave: 10;x20'; hardware: 7 tables with 14 chairs; dimensions on Prospect Pl: 5'x10'; hardware: 2 tables with 4 chairs)
- f. BK99, 99 Rogers Avenue
 - i. Sidewalk (dimensions 9'x 6; and 18' x 10' number of seats unclear)

B. Dining Out applications approved with modifications:

- g. Café Imael, 1090 St Johns Place (sidewalk café)
 - i. Sidewalk: Approved w Modification
 - 1. 12 tables, in footprint of prior outdoor café

There were no questions or comments on the item. Ms. Mitchell made a motion to support the committee's recommendation on all 9 applications. The motion was seconded by Ms. Ortiz-Joyner and carried unanimously with 33 in favor.

Nominating Committee – Mr. Brian Saunders, Chair

Mr. Saunders provided the results of the election for CB8 officers for the term July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2027:

Chairperson: Ms. Irsa Weatherspoon
 First Vice Chair: Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad
 Second Vice-Chair: Ms. Deborah Young
 Third Vice-Chair: Ms. Fior Ortiz-Joyner
 Secretary: Mr. Conor Ross
 Treasurer: Ms. Taraya Pettway
 Sergeant-At-Arms: Ms. Tamika Gibbs

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked the Nominating Committee for their great work and congratulated and welcomed the new officers.

Seniors – Ms. Gail Branch-Muhammad, Chair

The next Seniors Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 4, 2025 at 6:00 PM at Crown Heights Apartments, 1055 St. John's Place (b/n Kingston and Brooklyn Aves). Live music sponsored by the Crown Heights North Association.

Economic Development Committee – Mr. Brian Saunders, Chair

The next Economic Development Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2025 at 6:15PM at Brower Park Library, 155 Brooklyn Avenue (next to Brooklyn Children's Museum at corner of St. Marks Avenue).

Veterans – Ms. Nizjoni Granville, Chairperson; Ms. Princess Benn, Vice Chair

The next meeting of the Veterans Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:30PM at Stuy-Park Houses, 77 New York Avenue (between Dean and Pacific Streets).

Environment, Sanitation, Transportation (EST) Committee – Mr. Robert Witherwax, Chair; Mr. Mark Thurton, Vice Chair

The next meeting of the EST Committee will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Crown Heights Nursing Home, 810 St. Marks Avenue (between Brooklyn and New York Aves). The committee will discuss their budget requests for FY 2027, have a presentation by DEP on flooding, and discuss the final Report of the Co-Naming Subcommittee.

Health and Human Services – Ms. Tamika Gibbs, Chair; Ms. Kim Watson, Vice Chair

The next meeting of the Health and Human Services Committee will be held virtually on Thursday, June 26, 2025 at 6:30 PM. Please note that the meeting is occurring a week after its normal scheduled date due to the Juneteenth holiday on the 19th. The meeting is virtual to accommodate the request of the invited presenter from Mount Sinai Selikoff Centers for Occupational Health.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked the committee chairs for their reports and updates and opened the floor for elected official representatives and public comments.

Mr. Orlando Ross from Congresswoman Yvette Clarke's office informed the Board that the Congresswoman is Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus. He took the opportunity to highlight some of the past events including an energy event at Brooklyn College recently. He also mentioned the Congressional App Challenge, a challenge designed to give young people an opportunity to present their apps in DC and also to get more young people involved in STEAM and STEM.

Hoping to allay growing fears regarding the number of Executive Orders coming out of the White House, Mr. Ross stated that an executive order cannot revoke the constitution. If you have concerns about ICE or any other federal office, call the member's office for assistance.

Ms. Tamesha Thompson from Councilwoman Darlene Mealy's office informed the Board that the member hosted the second of her lien sale help services earlier in the day. She reminded everyone that the lien sale list will go live on May 19th and the time is now to work to get off the list. Ms. Thompson also referenced many services provided by the member's office that can be found in the CB8 newsletter

Ms. Xinrui Lee from the Independent Budget Office informed the Board that the IBO is an independent, non-Mayoral city agency tasked with data provision and insight into government. The agency is trying to get more input from the public for issues to look into and investigate. If you have an advocacy topic or are trying to get more information on a specific issue in the city, you can contact their office. They issue 3 city-charter mandated reports yearly in conjunction with the Mayor's Executive Budget, but they also issue reports year round. The agency is staffed with about 50 analysts that have expertise on various issues.

Ms. Venus Scantlebury from the Civilian Complaint Review Board (CCRB) distributed Right to Know law pamphlets to instruct you what to do and what not to do during an encounter with police.

Chairperson Weatherspoon thanked everyone for their comments and participation. She thanked the members for electing her as Chair for another term, then adjourned the meeting at 9:30PM. The next meeting will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2025 at 6:30 PM at Weeksville Heritage Center located at 158 Buffalo Avenue, Brooklyn. All are invited to attend.

Guest Present

Xeerxeema Jordan
Cheryl Walcott
Matt Pavoni
Ermese Finnie
Karen Tar
Mohit Shewaramani
Traci Nottingham
Adrienne Grande
Julius Busech
Latisha Phillip
Shari Bell
Chanes Healay
Lula Phelps
Chris Ennette
Charlene Ennette
Alicia Pritchard
Katrina Thomas Markland
Darlene Lee
Christopher Livingston
Karen S.
Karen Lin
Marilyn Moore
Nathan Turner
Deni DeYonker
Diana Baide
Delaney Spagler
Terrance Ratliff
Rodney Seymour
Betty Davis
Nicole Laemmle
Jack Robinson
Marco Cardena
Kamlesh Scott
Sarah J.
Hannah Kamaie
Francis P.
Tiara Mslanghlin
Alan Mooiman
Frank C.