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October 2025 Full Board Minutes

Meeting Date / Location	<p>The Manhattan Community Board 4 (MCB4) Full Board met at 6:30 pm on Wednesday September 30, 2025, in a hybrid format, with the majority of Board members meeting in person (with members of the public present) at Mount Sinai West – 1000 10th Avenue, and remote participation via Zoom by other members of the Board and the public.</p> <p>The meeting was accessible in person, via Zoom webinar and live streamed on YouTube. It can be viewed at: MCB4 - October 2025 - Full Board Meeting</p> <p>A third-party draft transcript of the meeting can be found by selecting the MCB4 October 2025 Full Board Meeting at: https://blockparty.studio/Archive.</p>
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Presentation	
Friends of the Highline presented on the Highline Fellows: Emerging Leaders Program	

Public Hearing	
Fiscal Year 2027 Community District 4 Statement of District Need and Budget Requests	
Miriam Fisher	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarified budget process timing and shared concerns about bus stops and lack of park bathrooms.
Kevin Collins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Encouraged community members to participate in the District Needs Survey.

Public Session	
Lisa Wager	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared updates on Fashion Institute of Technology (FIT) student accomplishments and invited community members to fabric recycling program.
Erick Sosa	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared updates on the Muhlenberg branch library and invited community members to program offerings in October.
Leiana Spooner	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared Columbus library updates and program offerings, including afterschool and adult programs.
Camille Dee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared advocacy work and legal case status of NYC Organization of Public Service Retirees and requested MCB4 support of Bill Intro on public service retiree health care.
Celines Miranda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spoke in opposition of and asked support against NYCHA demolition.
Joanna Laskas	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested community support for Coach Nelson Fernandez at Pier 40, who lost his home in a fire, and participation in a fundraiser to benefit him and his mother.
Laura Baran	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shared concerns regarding Clinton Housing Development Company.

Cynthia Bathurst	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Asked MCB4 to urge the City Council to pass Ryder’s Law to abolish horse-drawn carriages.
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Reports From Elected Officials	
Assembly Member Linda Rosenthal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared updates on new law mandating that insurance companies cover cold capping for cancer patients going into effect on January 1, 2026. ● Shared updates on advocacy efforts regarding COVID-19 and other vaccines and insurance coverage thereof. ● Introduced the Refusing the False Knowledge (RFK) Act to establish a medical communication board within the NYS Department of Health comprising medical and communication experts. ● Introduced legislation replicating the U.S. federal task force on preventive services at the state level. ● Shared updates on separation of bike and pedestrian lanes at Pier 84, parking regulations on 52nd Street, and installation of additional lights on certain blocks. ● Shared updates on flu shot day and upcoming programs, including webinar in preparation of military presence in NY, coat collection, shred day, and monthly legal clinic.
State Senator Brad Hoylman-Sigal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Echoed concern and highlighted work on vaccines in NYS. ● Shared updates on Shield Law 2.0 bill in support of gender-affirming care and advocacy efforts to counter discrimination based on gender in restroom facilities use. ● Shared update on renewal project at General Theological Seminary. ● Acknowledged potential federal shutdown. ● Shared update on landlord indicted for harassment of tenants. ● Informed public of Amtrak police harassment of gay men at restrooms per the Trump administration and efforts to address. ● Shared update on bill to cut shelter rent tax at Penn South.
Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine, presented by Yiyi Wang	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared update on casino vote rejection in Manhattan ● Invited community members to upcoming training programs (e.g., leadership, local government processes, EEOC, Conflicts of Interest Board, implicit bias, and government data portals). ● Mentioned upcoming college fair at Boricua College. ● Announced allocation of over \$55 million of capital funding across the borough.
Councilmember Gale Brewer	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Shared updates from walkthrough of Columbus Circle near the 57th street entrance for street vendors, and preparation of streets for the Thanksgiving Day parade. ● Shared updates on escalators on 58th Street and 8th Avenue subway entrance (scheduled to be opened in November), Wollman Rink application, housing and homeless issues at Harbor View, illegal car plate-and-switch issues. ● Shared updates on passage of legislation for delivery apps to protect delivery drivers (e.g., gears for safety, DOT training program, and identifying numbers), resolution to procure 9/11 materials from the Department of Investigations. ● Shared upcoming events (e.g., benefits, veteran services, fresh food for seniors, City of Forest Day, recycling, pet adoption, mammogram bus, book fair, tech day for seniors).
State Senator Liz Krueger, presented by Nate Braus	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Invited community members to attend upcoming virtual town halls (on Medicare basics and federal cuts to Medicare and Medicaid) and older adult resource fair.

Board Reports & Business	
Adoption of Agenda and Minutes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● The Agenda was adopted unanimously. ● The September 3rd Full Board Minutes were adopted unanimously (with one amendment from member Max Goodstein to update their voting record after consultation with the Conflicts of Interest Board).
District Manager Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCB4 Office Move <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Staff will be working remotely until the new office space is ready. All mail and voice mails will be forwarded. ○ Committee meetings to take place at 353 West 30th Street. ● October Committee Schedule updates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ HHHS Committee - Tuesday, October 7th at 6:30pm for Yom Kippur ○ Budget Task Force - Tuesday, October 21st at 6:30pm ○ Nominating Committee - Wednesday, October 22nd at 6:30pm ○ All other Committees will meet at their regularly scheduled dates and times.
Chair's Report	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● MCB4 Executive Officer Elections: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Announced updates and encouraged participation in upcoming MCB4 elections for executive positions. ○ Thanked Nominating Committee led by Alice Wong, which will meet on October 22nd and will present a slate of nominees to the Full Board in November, and the vote will be held in December. ● Statement of District Needs and Budget Requests: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All committees to discuss in upcoming meetings. ○ Encouraged members to participate in and share the survey with community members. ○ Invited members to participate in Budget Task Force meetings. ○ Mentioned ribbon cutting at Muhlenberg Library and thanked Josephine Ishmon for representing MCB4 and the board's work. ○ Thanked members for joining the second new member orientation and encouraged members to express interest in future similar sessions. MCB4 affordable housing plan deepdive to come. ○ Acknowledged and thanked Jesse Bodine for MCB4 office move.
Maria Ortiz	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Announced and invited MCB4 participation in annual coat drive.

Meeting Agenda

Business License & Permits Committee (BLP)

Item 01: Letter to DOT re 70 7th Avenue – Green Blend – Application ID 20250710010002 - Sidewalk – **APPROVED**

Item 02: Letter to DOT re 239 W. 14th Street – La Nacional – Application ID 20250813010001 - Roadway – **APPROVED**

Item 03: Letter to DOT re 111 W. 17th Street – Shiraz Kitchen – Application ID 20240803010061 - Sidewalk – **APPROVED**

Item 04: Letter to DOT re 268 W. 23rd Street – Broni & Belle's Pizzeria – Application ID 20250722010001 - Sidewalk – **APPROVED**

Item 05: Letter to SLA re 239 W. 14th Street – La Nacional

Item 06: Letter to SLA re Pier 78, 455 12th Avenue – NYC Harbor Tours LLC – **APPROVED**

Item 07: Letter to SLA re 196 8th Avenue – Melting Pot NY, LLC - LWBC – **APPROVED**

Item 08: Letter to SLA re 196 8th Avenue – Melting Pot NY, LLC - WBC – **APPROVED**

- Item 09:** Letter to SLA re 250 W. 26th Street – Rawhide LLC – **APPROVED**
Item 10: Letter to SLA re 300 W. 44th Street – ICNY Times Square Owner, LP and Highgate Hotel L.P. – **APPROVED**
Item 11: Letter to SLA re 401 W. 47th Street – Three Kings Hospitality LLC – **APPROVED**
Item 12: Letter to SLA re 813 8th Avenue – Three Kingdoms BBQ LLC – **APPROVED**

Clinton / Hell’s Kitchen Land Use Committee (CHKLU)

- Item 13:** Letter to DOB re Illegal Demolition at 404 West 50th Street – **APPROVED**

Transportation Planning Committee (TPC)

- Item 14:** Letter to PANYNJ re Rehabilitation of Bridge Parapets over Lincoln Tunnel Expressway project – **APPROVED**
Item 15: Letter to PANYNJ re West 40th Street Ramps Locations – **APPROVED**
Item 16: Letter to HRPT re Pier 81-83 Traffic Circulation Improvements – **APPROVED**
Item 17: Letter to Transportation Agencies re Penn Station Public Realm – **APPROVED**
Item 18: Letter to Prime Storage re 521-537 W. 25th Street conversion to self-storage – **APPROVED**

Housing, Health & Human Services Committee (HHHS)

- Item 19:** Letter to NYC Health & Hospitals re Bridge to Home Program - Transitional Housing Facility for Persons with Serious Mental Illness at 442 W. 36th Street – **APPROVED**

New Business

None

Nothing to Report

- Waterfront, Parks & Environmental Committee (WPE)
- Arts, Culture, Education & Schools (ACES)
- Chelsea Land Use Committee (CLU)
- Cannabis Task Force (CTF)
- Executive Committee (EXEC)

See appended vote sheet for complete details for each item’s vote

Meeting Resolution	
Adjournment	Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm, appx.
Next Meeting Date and Location	6:30 pm on Wednesday, November 5, 2025 Pier 57, 25 11th Avenue, New York, NY, 10011

As recorded by Katy Stokes and Rachel Lee.

