



FY 2026 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING

BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN

**NYC HEALTH + HOSPITALS | WOODHULL
760 BROADWAY
DELORES E. JACKSON AUDITORIUM – 3RD FLOOR
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11206**

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026 • 6 PM

FORMAT – IN-PERSON

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**Call to Order - 6 PM**

**DR. PATRICIA MARTHONE  
Brooklyn City Council Representative  
To the Board of Directors**

■ **Opening Remarks**

**DR. MITCHELL KATZ, President & CEO**

■ **Report on the  
Health System**

**ANDREA COHEN, ESQ, Moderator  
General Counsel**

■ **Invitation To the  
Public to Participate  
in Accordance With  
Rules**



## **SPEAKERS' ADVISORY**

**WELCOME TO THE NEW YORK CITY HEALTH + HOSPITALS FISCAL YEAR 2026 ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.**

**THIS IS THE FOURTH MEETING IN A SERIES OF FIVE MEETINGS CONDUCTED ANNUALLY IN EACH OF THE CITY'S BOROUGHES. THE PURPOSE OF THE ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETINGS IS TO PROVIDE AN OVERVIEW OF THE PLANS / PROGRAMS AND TO AFFORD THE PUBLIC THE OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE ORAL/WRITTEN TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE SYSTEM'S SERVICE DELIVERY. PUBLIC TESTIMONY [ORAL/WRITTEN] WILL BE TRANSCRIBED AND FORWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION.**

**THE PANEL, CONSISTING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IS HERE TO *LISTEN* TO THE COMMENTS MADE BY THE PUBLIC.**



**REGISTERED SPEAKERS ARE ALLOTTED FIVE MINUTES SPEAKING TIME -- THE ELECTRONIC TIMER WILL SIGNAL WHEN TIME HAS EXPIRED.**

**TRANSFER OF TIME FROM ONE SPEAKER TO ANOTHER IS PROHIBITED.**

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**THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING YOUR VIEWS**



**NYC Health + Hospitals**  
**Fiscal Year 2026 Annual Public Meeting - Brooklyn**  
**Tuesday, May 19, 2026**  
**Report by Dr. Mitchell Katz, President and CEO**

Good evening, I'm Dr. Mitch Katz, and I'm a practicing primary care doctor and the President and CEO of NYC Health + Hospitals. I am proud and honored to lead this institution for the ninth year. I am also lucky to work with thousands of dedicated nurses, doctors, social workers, and employees who ensure that New Yorkers received the high-quality care they deserve. Some of those folks are in the room today. I'm also proud to serve the new administration under Mayor Mamdani.

I want to thank Woodhull Hospital for hosting us today, our Board Members who are here, the staff who organized this meeting, and the team here tonight who will ensure that your words are captured for all our leadership to hear.

Thank you to the audience members speaking this evening. Your presence here demonstrates how much you care about New York City's public health care system, the quality of health care in your neighborhood, and the community both inside and outside of our facilities. I appreciate your time and look forward to hearing what you have to say.

At NYC Health + Hospitals, our goal is care for New York City without exception. And we strive to do that every day.

Before we begin tonight's meeting, I do want to highlight some of our achievements from this past year.

- Our beloved Elmhurst Hospital CEO Helen Arteaga Landaverde was tapped by Mayor Mamdani to be his Deputy Mayor for Health and Human Services. We are excited for Helen and wish her all the best in this new role.
- NYC Health + Hospitals continues to play an important role not just in our facilities delivering high quality care, but also

through the two major snowstorms we experienced this past winter. In addition to participating in the City's Warming Center initiative through our 11 hospitals, we activated WARM -- Winter Access, Relief and Medical -- ambulettes and mobile units. The units provide clinical consultations, as well as distribute essential supplies including blankets, warm clothing, socks, warm meals, and water to unsheltered New Yorkers. The units also assisted individuals to a warm place of their choosing, like a shelter or warming center.

- We have the most patients in primary care than ever before in the recorded history of our System. In fiscal year 2025, there were 459,000 patients in primary care, surpassing the last high in 2015 when we had 453,000.
- We were recognized by U.S. News & World Report for having the best hospitals and long-term care facilities. The publication also highlighted five of our hospitals as "High Performing for Uncomplicated Pregnancies" for 2025-2026.
- For the first time, 70% of patients in primary care have their type 2 diabetes under control, measured by an A1C below 8.0%. In 2024, we screened nearly 60,000 patients for colorectal cancer using an at-home FIT test – a 12% increase over 2023.
- Innovation and expansion remain a priority. We became the first health care System in New York to offer a VNOTES hysterectomy, a minimally invasive technique that provides a range of patient benefits.
- Our nurses earned several awards and recognitions, including the Pathway to Excellence with Distinction. Our nurse professional development initiatives also contributed to a nurse turnover rate of just 7.3% in 2025, well below the national average of 16.4%.
- This year, our Housing for Health program housed hundreds of people; our medical respite program served more than 300 individuals; and we opened additional housing on the NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull campus, adding 93 new units. Our Bridge to Home program – an innovative support model for patients with severe mental illness who are ready for discharge but lack stable housing – is now fully utilized.
- In behavioral health we continue to expand support for both patients and staff, from our new Critical Time Intervention

program to our Social Work Licensure Training program. These initiatives address critical needs.

- Finally, after more than three years of round-the-clock operations providing housing and services to asylum seekers, we closed our arrival center and all of our humanitarian centers last year. We helped 140,000+ people at our humanitarian centers and 155k+ people through the arrival center.

### **BROOKLYN NEWS & HIGHLIGHTS**

I would be remiss if I did not specifically highlight our Brooklyn facilities accomplishments. NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County, South Brooklyn Health, Woodhull, our Gotham Health sites, and NYC Health + Hospitals/McKinney have contributed to our extraordinary year, too.

#### **We should start with our host:**

- NYC Health + Hospitals/Woodhull partnered with the New York Public Library and Deloitte to provide books and reading sessions for pediatric patients. The pediatric practice will also receive new children's furniture, bookshelves, and additional books.
- The hospital also connects patients and their families to food through Farm to People and Cancer Care Food Pantry.
- This past January the Mayor and Woodhull announced the launch of a new Transitional Aged Youth Program, which serves youth aged 16 to 24 with complete wrap around services to support their mental health, primary care, as well as vocational needs.
- The hospital has also established a new psychiatry residency program starting with four residents from NYU and Downstate.
- Woodhull has enhanced its patient follow-up, contacting those discharged from its Psychiatric Emergency rooms and Inpatient units to ensure compliance and adherence to appointments.
- The hospital has also launched a Perinatal Mental Health program embedded in its OBGYN practices to support pregnant women for up to one year postnatal for their mental health needs. This complements the new specialized Women's Mental

Health Ambulatory program for women in all stages of their reproductive cycle, which can affect their mental health.

- NYC Health + Hospital's Bridge to Home (BTH) program is scheduled to launch in October 2026. The second such program will be located close to the hospital, and will embed outpatient clinic services to adults 18+ with active treatment and rehabilitative services all designed to improve and sustain readiness for supportive housing.
- The nurses here have been recognized with an AORN Center of Excellence in Surgical Safety and Go Clear designation.
- Woodhull's Internal Medicine service now offers a tele-stroke service, and it will also add new residents in primary care.
- Finally, the hospital's achieved the American Heart Association 2025 Gold Plus with target: Type 2 Diabetes honor roll. Its Adult Primary Care hypertension control rate will be featured nationally by the Joint Commission as a best practice.

**NYC Health + Hospitals/Kings County had a good year, too.**

- The hospital successfully aced its trauma re-verification survey by the American College of Surgeons
- Kings County received \$6 million in capital funding from the Borough President to expand the hospital's trauma services. This funding, with an additional \$5 Million from the City Council, will support the expansion of trauma footprint with the construction of two (2) additional trauma bays for a total of 4 bays.
- The hospital is establishing a pediatric residency program.
- It was among a very small list whose inpatient rehabilitation service had zero preventable readmissions, according to data from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid.
- For excellence in patient care, nursing practice, and creation of a healthy work environment, nurses on two units at the hospital received Beacon Awards for Excellence.

- The hospital announced the opening of the Advocacy, Care and Engagement Center – the ACE program, which is a new clinical practice that specializes in providing a coordinated system response to evaluate and treat children suspected of child abuse and neglect.
- And in January this past year, Kings County launched “Kings Cares,” which seeks to strengthen the response to domestic and gender-based violence by ensuring survivors received compassionate specialized forensic follow-up care.

**NYC Health + Hospitals/South Brooklyn Health had a great year too.**

- The hospital achieved a B Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grade from the Leapfrog Group.
- South Brooklyn Health is now Thrombectomy-Capable Stroke Center Certified. It is recognized for meeting high standards for endovascular thrombectomy and providing post-procedural care.
- Like our other sites, South Brooklyn Health has received numerous awards, include the 2025 Pathway to Excellence Designated Hospital from the American Nurses Credentialing Center, and US News Best Hospitals for Maternity Care.
- South Brooklyn Health Nurses garnered two Silver Beacon awards for excellence in care, and the ED nurses won a Lantern Award from the Emergency Nurses Association.
- And the American Heart Association recognized the hospital’s efforts to control patients’ blood pressure, Type 2 diabetes, and cholesterol.
- South Brooklyn Health has a newly renovated Oncology and Infusion Center. The renovation added eight exam rooms and four infusion bays. It also increased staff and broadened the services available to strengthen collaboration across oncology, medicine, and surgery services for patients.

**Our NYC Health + Hospitals/Gotham Health sites have achieved much this year.**

- The East New York and Cumberland site's behavioral health spaces have been renovated to increase patient access.

**And finally, our nursing home, NYC Health + Hospitals/McKinney, continues to be a leader.**

- McKinney ranks #11 out of more than 600 nursing homes in New York State by Newsweek's 2026 Best Nursing Homes list, and it was designated as high performing in long-term care and short-term rehabilitation by U.S. News & World Report.
- It has maintained its 5-star CMS rating in staffing, quality, health inspections and overall. It's the only nursing home in New York City to achieve these top ratings in the last year.
- Last summer the facility completed a large rooftop solar panel installation, which has an annual projected energy savings of more than \$350,000.
- Finally, McKinney recently introduced Virtual Reality (VR) as a therapeutic tool to improve resident mood, reduce anxiety, and support for new residents to transition to their new home.

NYC Health + Hospitals is dedicated to our community, and we could not do it without all of you. Thank you for being here tonight and for your support of our essential public health care System.

Now let's proceed to the main purpose of tonight's meeting - to hear from you, members of our community. Your input is so important to the future success of NYC Health + Hospitals.

I will now turn to our General Counsel to outline the proceedings for tonight's meeting.