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**Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes**  
**Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:30 PM**  
**Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson**

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, December 9, 2025 both in-person at the district office and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Youth and Education Committee meeting: Frank Franz, Gail Irby, Laura James, Julio Jimenez, Magdamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Gladys Sotomayor, Porscha Wilson, Annette Wright (virtual), and Angelina Zervos (virtual).

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Discussion on the Bronx Community Board 6 Program Evaluation and Consultation Proposal from Dr. Sonia James Wilson**

The Youth and Education Committee continued a conversation from the fall regarding the direction of the Youth and Education Committee and the need for an analysis of the education programs funded by the Department of Youth and Community Development (DYCD) in the district. To assess the performance of these DYCD-funded programs, District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett submitted a Freedom of Information Law (FOIL) request to obtain the relevant program data and metrics. He received the requested information; however, interpreting the data has proven difficult due to a lack of standardization in the city's evaluation process. The programs are assessed using varied metrics and scoring systems, making comparative analysis challenging for someone without a background in program evaluation.

To address this, District Manager Rafael Moure-Punnett has asked Dr. Sonia James Wilson, previous consultant to the Youth and Education Committee, to assist with the analysis. Given her extensive experience in program evaluation and interpreting complex evaluations, he believes she can provide the necessary expertise to analyze the data. Dr. Wilson's proposal aims to: analyze existing data by systematically reviewing the FOIL data on after-school, educational, and recreational youth programs funded by the Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) within the non-profits in Bronx Community 6's district (excluding K-12 public schools); interpret varied performance metrics to identify high-performing programs and establish key best practices that can be shared across the district to improve general teaching and learning outcomes; and structure the analysis and future data collection efforts to align with the mandate.

The proposal's goal is to move beyond simply reading the inconsistent city data to create actionable insights that will allow the Board to better interact with these programs, potentially through joint forums or committee presentations. The Youth and Education Committee determined that they would

allow Dr. Wilson the opportunity to discuss the remaining portion of the proposal, particularly the scope of work and potential budget appropriates, at their next meeting.

- **Discussion on the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Toy Giveaway and Holiday Party Event**

Committee Chairperson Laura James summarized the event's expenditures as of date. She estimates that there's approximately \$750 in surplus. She proposed three potential uses for these unspent Community Board funds: hosting the annual holiday party for staff and board members; purchasing additional gifts, potentially for the adults; or reverting the funds back into next year's budget. Additionally, Chairperson James reviewed the event logistics, discussing RSVPs, the toy distribution policy, book donations, and volunteer needs. Finally, also expressed gratitude to the Belmont Improvement District for their financial donation towards the event.

