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**Youth and Education Committee Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 6:30 PM  
Laura James, Youth and Education Committee Chairperson**

The Youth and Education Committee met on Tuesday, May 12, 2026, both in-person and via Zoom Video Communications. The following Board Members attended the Youth and Education Committee meeting: Evonne Capers, Nicole Carter, **Gail Irby**, Maria Garcia, **Laura James**, Julio Jimenez, Madamary Marcano, Reggie Powell, Carmen Rivera, **Carol Robinson**, **Gladys Sotomayor**, and Annette Wright.

The Youth and Education Committee discussed the following information:

- **Informational Presentation from the NYPD Options Youth Program**

The Youth and Education Committee received a presentation from NYPD representatives regarding the Options youth program, an initiative that combines modern technology with the principles of neighborhood policing to help youth ages 12–19 navigate and overcome challenges they may face in their communities. Program representatives highlighted efforts to engage young people through mentorship, homework assistance, and creative activities, including virtual reality-based programming. Representatives explained that the curriculum focuses on developing emotional intelligence, promoting conflict de-escalation, and using virtual reality scenarios to simulate real-life situations and encourage positive decision-making. They also shared their experiences working with youth and emphasized the importance of keeping young people engaged, connected, and off the streets amid concerns about increasing gang violence in the neighborhood. The Youth and Education Committee expressed appreciation for the program and discussed opportunities for collaboration with local schools and community organizations, including outreach initiatives, participation in back-to-school events, and distributing program information through newsletters. Officers and program representatives also reaffirmed their commitment to community engagement, school presentations, emotional intelligence workshops, and building trust with youth and families throughout the district.

- **Discussion of the Funding Proposal for the 48th Precinct National Night Out**

The Youth and Education Committee reviewed a revised National Night Out funding proposal from the 48th Precinct Community Council. The proposal, totaling \$1,916, covers various event activities and attractions. During the review, the committee discussed reimbursement procedures, liability concerns regarding attractions like bounce houses and pony rides, and the potential for purchasing reusable equipment for future events. Following the discussion, a motion to approve the funding was made by Laura James and seconded by Carol Robinson. The motion passed unanimously, and the proposal will now proceed to a vote at the next Community Board meeting.

