

**Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting
Bronx Community Board 8**

Monday, March 17, 2025, 6:30pm

Location: Bronx Community Board 8 Office, 5676 Riverdale Ave Bronx, NY 10471

YouTube Recording: <https://youtu.be/wuTozkgDkuY?si=6u4jEAR4HOELJYOL>

Attendees

Committee	<u>Present:</u> (2) Ramdat Singh (Chair) Caesar Tobar Acosta (Vice Chair) <u>Absent:</u> (2) Karen Walker (Zoom), Kevin Wade
Community Board 8	Sylvia Alexander
Guests	Senator Robert Jackson, Johanna Garcia (Senator Jackson’s Office), Dario Quinsac (Senator Jackson’s Office), Osvaly Jimenez, Arisbel Villa (LINC NYC), Alexander Betancourt (NYC DYCD)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm.

1 Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

2. Approval of December 2024 and February 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

A quorum was not present, so the minutes could not be approved. The minutes will be tabled for the March meeting.

3. Chairperson’s Report

Welcome everyone to tonight’s youth committee meeting. [Summer Rising applications](#) deadline is March 28th. Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) application deadline has been extended to March 14th.

4. Presentation by NYS Senator Robert Jackson on S134/A118- [“Solutions, not Suspensions”](#)

Senator Robert Jackson, with his Chief of Staff Johanna Garcia and Senior Advisor Dario Quinsac, presented on the [“Solutions, not Suspensions” bill](#) (A118/S134). S134 amends the NYS School Conduct code to make suspensions a last resort, not a first response to disciplinary infractions, to include the usage of restorative practices such as peer-to-peer mediation, counseling, and parent conferences. The bill will reduce the maximum length of a suspension and will require that students who are suspended receive academic instruction and the opportunity to earn credit, complete assignments, and take exams. The bill will prohibit suspensions for minor infractions, such as tardiness, dress code violations, or insubordination. Senator Jackson and his team asked the committee for support from the committee, the committee will explore a resolution for this bill.

5. Presentation by NYC Department of Youth & Community Development (DYCD) on DYCD Programs in Community District 8

DYCD presented on the various programs in Community District 8. Some of DYCD's partners include the Mosholu Montefiore Community Center (MMCC), Good Shephard Services, Kingsbridge Heights Community Center (KHCC) and providers in the district schools.

6. New York Yankees 2025 Youth Leadership Award

The committee reviewed the applications and selected 5 nominees to recommend to the New York Yankees Award Committee.

7. Discussion of FY 2027 Priorities

The committee will finalize its budget priorities at the April meeting.

8. Old Business

No Old Business was raised during this time.

9. New Business

No new business was raised during this time.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.