

Pending Committee Approval

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

Thursday, March 16, 2026 at 6:30PM

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

[Meeting Link](#)

Attendees

Committee Members Present (4)	Caesar Tobar-Acosta (Chair), Brittany Reynoso, Micole Lewis, Karen Walker
Committee Members Absent (0)	None
Community Guest	Judith Green, Xiomara Martinez, Clifton Siniah

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 PM

1. Welcome

2. Roll call

All members of the committee were present.

3. Approval of the Minutes

The February 2026 minutes were unanimously approved.

4. Chairperson's Report

Caesar spoke about different opportunities and events over the last few weeks. The deadline for SYEP was extended to March 13, which was prior to this meeting. The application for Kingsbridge Heights Community Center's Summer Bridge Internship is now open. On March 10, there was the Safer Street Rally in front of the Kingsbridge Armory. On March 13, Riverdale Neighborhood House hosted a Teen Poetry Slam event around stopping gun violence.

Caesar also did a presentation with Riverdale Neighborhood Houses on 3.6 with the Teen Program around Youth Engagement, which ended in the youth expressing needs for more career exploration, financial literacy program, mental health resources, legal support and after school trades program.

5. Unresolved Business

a. Budget

The committee discussed the budget. There was no capital budget request. For expense budget request the committee decided on the following items:

- Increased funding for Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) and Work Learn Grow (WLG)

- Increased funding for long-term child therapy such as the Changing Futures Program at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center
- Increased funding for gun violence prevention and education
- Increased funding for organizations that provide respite for at-risk youth and/or youth with developmental disability such as the Respite Program at Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

b. Youth Resource Guide

The Committee spoke about the resource guide and additional resources that each member has compiled. These fall under Legal Services, Mental Health Resources and Education. These items are to be added to the guide draft, and Caesar will add them to the map as well.

6.New Business

a. New York Yankee 2026 Youth Leadership Award

The application for this award is closed. During this time, the committee discussed and nominated 5 youth. These names have been sent to Board Chair Julie Reyes and District Manager Farrah Kule-Rubin.

b. Comeback Kid Award

The application for this award is still open. As of now, there has only been one nominee.

7.Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:54 PM

Minutes were submitted by Youth Committee Chair, Caesar Tobar-Acosta