



# BRONX COMMUNITY BOARD 8

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## YOUTH COMMITTEE MINUTES PENDING COMMITTEE APPROVAL

### OFFICERS:

#### Vice Chairperson

Bob Bender

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### COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

#### Aging

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#### Law, Rules & Ethics

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#### Parks & Recreation

Rosemary Ginty

#### Public Safety

Edward Green

#### Traffic & Transportation

Daniel Padernacht

#### Youth

Julia Gomez

DATE: Thursday February 4, 2021

TIME: 7:30 PM

PLACE: Zoom Meeting

#### Attendees

Julia Gomez – Youth Committee

Sergio Villaverde – Youth Committee

Ramdat Singh – Youth Committee Member

David Gellman – Community Board 8 member

Derwin Greene – Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Gavin Simmons – Community Member

Lena Simmons – Community Member

Tabatha Gadsden – MMCC

Mariana Miller-D'Alessandro

Eliomar Lopez – Community Member

Deshawn Brown – Marbel Hill Community Center

Dasia – Fort Independence Community Center

Tiffany Ortiz – Isla

Eleanor Geagan – Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Nancy Nunez – Riverdale

Phoebe D – Riverdale Neighborhood House

Kevin Belmont – Beacon 8 MMCC

Veleniss Inoa – Hood Meditation

Marilex Santana-Tavarez – Bronx District Attorney's Office

1. Introduction of Committee Members and Guests
2. Approval of Youth Committee Minutes: January 5, 2021 - approved
3. Chairperson's Report
4. Addressing the digital divide
  - Boosting existing signals at tax funded locations to create more access
  - Technological support – creating documents, submitting documents
  - Old technology or phones as primary access points
  - Map of current wi-fi access
  - Philanthropy in the tech world – T-Mobile, optimum, MTA
  - DOE college access for all
5. Budget priorities
  - Fiscal Year 2022: DYCD responded that these services are already funded and incorporated in existing programs. Committee asked that the request be resubmitted and clarified that this is a request for additional money and that due to COVID this request is even more critical
  - Budget request for FY 2023 (starting July 1, 2022) – Increasing funding for CB 8 non-educational programs, summer job and career opportunities
6. Yankee Leadership Award

7. New Business
  - a. August Wilson Art Competition: the competition asks students to draw or design an August Wilson-themed envelope and submit a digital image of it to be judged by a panel of experts. The top three judge's picks will be announced in a Feb. 25 virtual ceremony and presented with awards.

Details:  
Competition begins Feb. 1, 2021  
Deadline: for submissions is Feb. 18  
Date of virtual event: Feb. 25, 2021 (RSVP to amy.n.gibbs@usps.gov for Zoom link)  
Open to all New York and Connecticut high school-aged residents (13-19 years old)  
The envelope competition: Rules and regulations:  
By participating, students agree to have their work displayed on USPS social media platforms and at a virtual ceremony on Feb. 25, 2021.  
Digital submissions can be emailed to AugustArt2021@USPS.gov (photos of the envelopes or digital files of the designs).  
Designs must look like a mailable envelope and incorporate a stamp and room for address into the design (no real addresses please).
  - b. Teen Council Spring Applications Open: applications are due Thursday, February 11, 2021 by 11:59 PM. The Bronx Museum is seeking teens (ages 14-19) for this four-month virtual paid internship. Explore the arts, be part of a museum, collaborate with your peers, and improve your resume.
8. Old Business
9. Community Membership explanation and call for interest
9. Question and answer session
9. Update on current programs offered by the community centers in community board 8
10. Adjournment