

Pending Committee Approval

Minutes of the Youth Committee Meeting

Bronx Community Board 8

Monday, December 16, 2024, 6:30pm

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

Recording: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R7GmX3e1lcs>

Attendees

Committee	Caesar Tobar - Acosta (Vice Chair), Ramdat Singh (Chair) Kevin Wade <u>Absent:</u> Karen Walker
Community Board 8	Constance Barnes-Watson (CB8)
Guests	Eleanor Geagan (KHCC), Xiomara Martinez, Juliana Sepetgui

The meeting was called to order at 6:33 pm.

Amend Agenda

The committee amended the agenda to add Housing Solutions of New York- Connections to Care: Building Resilience in Youth Program as agenda item 4 and Discussion of FY 2027 Priorities as agenda item 6.

With a motion by Caesar, seconded by Kevin, the amended agenda was unanimously approved.

1 Introduction of Committee Members and Guests

2. Approval of November Meeting Minutes

Motion by Kevin, seconded by Caesar, the minutes were unanimously approved.

3. Chairperson's Report

The chair thanked Caesar for leading the November meeting and the committee members for continuing the work in his absence.

Some City Council laws were passed in November and some bills being proposed. [Resolution 0095-2024](#), also known as Faith Based Curriculum passed. [Into 0087- 2024](#), the Administration of Children Services (ACS) and the Department of Probation are required to report juvenile justice statistics. [Int. 1077-2024](#) is a bill requiring ACS to provide luggage to youth entering, exiting, or transitioning out of the foster care system.

The NYC Ladders for Leaders Program application is now open. This program will allow participants to have a paid internship. This program is open to youth 16-21 years old.

<https://www.nyc.gov/site/dycd/services/jobs-internships/nyc-ladders-for-leaders.page>. The Kindergarten application is now open and the deadline is January 24, 2025.

The Chair is in conversation with Sylvia Alexander, Chair of Education, Libraries and Cultural Affairs (ELCA) for a joint meeting between ELCA and Youth in the new year. Lastly, Theory 9 will host its annual Holiday Joy Fest on Friday, December 20, from 6-9pm. Those wishing for a toy must RSVP at wearetheory9@gmail.com.

4. Housing Solutions of New York- Connections to Care: Building Resilience in Youth Program

Juliana Sepertgui presented on the Building Resilience in Youth Program, which is focused on educating on mental health, stress strategies, mental health strategies, and connecting youth to services they might need. BRY Program is for ages 12-21, for youth that are living in the Bronx or enrolled in a Bronx school.

5. Criteria for Comeback Kid Award

The committee decided to keep the name the same for continuity purposes. The committee also decided to keep the criteria for the award the same.

6. Discussion of FY 2027 Priorities

The committee looked over the expense budget requests for FY 25 and FY 26. The committee was advised to come prepared with budget request items for FY 27 for the February meeting.

7. Youth Handbook

The committee discussed the content of the youth handbook. The committee decided that we will explore the division of the handbook into three sections education, legal services, and special needs, and other sections maybe added in the future depending on other programs.

8. Old Business

Spring Fair- The Committee needs to decide on whether this should be tabled since we have FY 27 requests and a potential joint committee meeting with ELCA.

9. New Business

No new business was raised during this time.

10. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:43 pm.