

**(Pending Committee Approval)**

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

Monday, November 17, 2025 at 6:30PM

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

**Attendees**

Committee Members Present (2)	Caesar Tobar-Acosta (Chair), Brittany Reynoso
Committee Members Absent (2)	Micole Lewis, Karen Walker
Guests	Sienna Scarpa

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 PM.

**1. Welcome**

**2. Roll call**

**3. Approval of the September 15 2025 Minutes**

As there was not a quorum, this was not put to a vote. There was a note to correct the spelling of Brittany's name, which will be reflected in the next minute meetings

**4. Chairperson's Report**

Due to Diwali, there was no meeting in October. Caesar has informed the committee that John Yanong has had to step down from the Youth Committee.

**5. Old Business: Committee Goals and Outcomes**

The committee spoke about the community goals and the outcomes that they aim to achieve. Those include goals around: civic engagement and participation, meeting youth where they are and fostering a space for youth to engage in. This includes the creation of the Youth Resource Guide and hosting two meetings where youth can give direct feedback on the form.

Members of the committee were asked to work on the Youth Resource Guide separately and to bring back information regarding education, mental health services, legal services and youth leadership opportunities.

#### **6. New Business: Vice Chair**

The request for each committee is that a vice-chair is to be appointed. While a quorum is not needed for the appointment of the vice-chair, the committee believed it best that members of the committee be present to discuss their availability and to understand the responsibilities associated with being the vice-chair.

#### **7. New Business: Budget**

Caesar had explained the budget request, and how in previous years, there has been the ask to increase SYEP funding. They had also mentioned how there are some items that while are used by youth - such as schools and parks - do not fall under the scope of DYCD; if we wanted to make suggestions with these budget items, we should bring them up to their respective committee.

#### **8. Upcoming Speakers and Venue**

Caesar and Brittany spoke about some potential speakers, including DYCD to speak about SYEP. Additionally, Caesar is to look into using Kingsbridge Heights Community Center as a possible venue for an upcoming meeting.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

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