

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

Thursday, February 12, 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
Other Board Members	Julie Reyes (Board Chair), Debby Allen

The meeting was called to order at 6:37 pm.

- 1. Welcome**
- 2. Roll call**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes**

The September 15, 2025 and November 15, 2025 minutes were approved unanimously.

**4. Chairperson's Report**

Due to President's Day, the committee has preponed their meeting to February 12th. Caesar highlighted the Wave Hill internships as presented upon in the Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs committee in January. Caesar also spoke about Just Us! A Brooklyn and Bronx based gender-responsive diversion demonstration project for young people, and Sistas and Brothas United's informational session on February 16, 2026 at 2PM for high school students.

**5. Unresolved Business**

**a. Vice Chair**

Brittany Reynoso has been named the vice chair of the Youth Committee. While this is not an item that needed a vote, there were no objections at the time.

**b. Budget**

Caesar shared some of the context of previous items that the Youth Committee has asked for funding, namely around workforce development and the Summer Youth Employment program. The Youth Committee and Debby Allen highlighted a few other areas that we might want to consider including: Safety and crime reduction, mentorship programs, tutoring programs.

Furthermore, some of the topics are part of larger conversations with other committees such as HHSS, Parks & Recreation, Education, Libraries & Cultural Affairs, and Public Safety.

The committee has agreed to return to this topic in March when we would need to decide on the items.

**c. Youth Resource Guide**

Caesar showed what resources they had pulled for the guide including the map where all these resources are located.

Some of the questions that came up during this were around the target audience for the guide, the languages that this guide would be translated into and who we can work on.

The committee has been asked to compile their resources into the document for the next meeting.

**6. New Business**

**a. New York Yankee 2026 Youth Leadership Award**

The committee was informed about the award. In March, the committee will meet to vote on the recipients of the award.

**b. Comeback Kid Award**

The committee reviewed the application for the Comeback Kid Award and the press release. No changes were made.

**7. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM

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