

**THE CITY OF NEW YORK
COMMUNITY BOARD # 17
4112 FARRAGUT ROAD
BROOKLYN, NEW YORK 11210**

Minutes of April 12, 2023

YOUTH/EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

<u>PRESENT:</u>	<u>ABSENT:</u>	<u>EXCUSED:</u>	<u>GUEST:</u>
Gail Grandison Hastick	Natasha Duncan	Barrington Barrett	Rolanda
Joan Bakiriddin	Dovid L. Halon	Patricia Reddock	Sheldon
Tanisha Buffaloe	Jasmin Hoyt		
Timothy Davis	Ozni Lewis		
Rose Graham	Samantha Lawrence		
Monica McKain-Brown	Trisha Louison		
Muline Mickle	Edith Mark		
Jorge Tait	Cheryl Saunders		
	Kamara Swaby		
	Hesilati Tuerxur		
	Lisebethsa Morency		
	Donovan Whitter		
	Ivor Wood		

The Youth Committee Meeting was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 7:30 p.m. virtually, via WebEx.

Ms. Gail Grandison called the meeting to order 7:40 pm and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

Everyone introduced themselves.

Ms. Grandison stated that they do not have quorum as of yet, she will continue to the next item on the agenda.

Notes

The meeting discussed upcoming events, programs, and initiatives focused on youth and education, including small business conference, spring extravaganza, health fair, parenting conference, college access program, tax preparation services, and the need for more time to complete taxes; they also discussed the importance of safe spaces for kids and partnering with community organizations, while facing challenges in securing a venue for a spelling bee event and considering providing spelling bee words ahead of time to students.

- The meeting is called to order by Gail Grandison, Chair of the Youth and Education Committee.
- Gail Grandison reminds attendees about meeting norms and encourages participation and respect for each other's opinions.

- Gail Grandison discusses upcoming events, including a small business conference, a spring extravaganza, a health fair, and a parenting conference. She also mentions the Brooklyn bus network redesign and the introduction of bike sharing programs in the community.
- The YWCA Brooklyn is a women's organization focused on eliminating racism and empowering women and girls.
- They offer permanent low-income housing for women, with over 300 units available.
- They have programs such as college access and leadership development for high school girls, as well as an ESOL program for immigrant women.
- The organization discussed their upcoming tax preparation services and the need for more time to complete taxes.
- They mentioned wanting to move to a new vendor and expand their services beyond their current community.
- They discussed their college access program, including the application process, academic requirements, and support services provided to students. They also mentioned their persistence model to ensure students graduate on time and have job opportunities after graduation.
- The meeting discussed the importance of getting kids off the streets and providing them with safe spaces.
- There was a discussion about partnering with organizations that cater to the community and provide resources for youth.
- Mentoring programs and initiatives to support girls in education were also mentioned.
- The second speaker, Ms. Bernard, who runs a modeling agency, couldn't attend the meeting due to illness.
- Ms. Grandison is having difficulty securing space for the spelling bee event and has been waiting for a response from SUNY Downstate since last year.
- The possibility of using Alliance Tabernacle as a venue for the event was discussed, but concerns were raised about space limitations and comfort for attendees.
- The committee discussed scheduling an event related to wills and generational wealth, with the proposed date being May 20th.
- There was a discussion about whether or not to provide the spelling bee words to the students ahead of time, with differing opinions on the matter.

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Action items

- Contact the YWCA for more information and materials about their programs and services [0:05:00](#)
- Find a location for the spelling bee event on May 13th [0:06:39](#)
- Attend the transportation meetings to learn more about the Brooklyn bus network redesign and bike share programs [0:08:02](#)
- Consider giving out community board certificates for civil engagement or community service [0:12:36](#)
- Send information about upcoming events to board members [0:13:12](#)
- Explore opportunities for the organization's girls to gain experience in photography and communications (Rolanda Hastick, Gail Grandison) [0:14:21](#)
- Support upcoming events hosted by elected officials in the community [0:15:15](#)
- Send information about the YWCA programs to board members and explore ways to collaborate [0:18:04](#)
- Schedule a visit to the YWCA building for a tour [0:26:26](#)
- Explore the possibility of referring families to other housing resources if the YWCA building is not suitable [0:29:21](#)
- Consider the YWCA as a potential housing option for single adults, including college-age individuals [0:30:07](#)
- Schedule a time to take a tour of the new vendor's location (Gail Grandison) [0:34:55](#)
- Provide contact information for further discussion and collaboration (Rolanda Hastick) [0:37:57](#)
- Discuss potential collaboration with the organization for social media help and newsletter support (Gail Grandison) [0:42:14](#)

- Connect with Detective Barry and discuss potential collaboration opportunities[0:50:07](#)
- Gather information about Black Women for Black Girls mentorship program[0:51:57](#)
- Reach out to Pastor Lines to discuss partnership with Leadership Academy[0:53:23](#)
- Explore the possibility of hosting a youth Expo in Brooklyn in 2025[0:54:13](#)
- Obtain connections for the program in the Bronx[0:57:00](#)
- Share program information with constituents in the Bronx[0:57:32](#)
- Revisit the decision to give students the spelling bee words ahead of time and gather opinions on it.[1:13:19](#)

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