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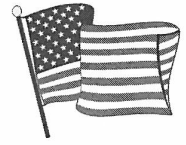
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Joseph Russo
Chairperson

Matthew Cruz
District Manager

Youth and Education

March 23, 2026

Present: Angela Torres, Stephanie Woods, Herman Guy

Absent: J. Thomas

Guests: E. Newsome

The agenda included a review of the applications for the Yankee Youth Scholarship. The committee examined each application submitted and discussed thoroughly prior to making their selections. After discussion, the team agreed that the following 5 candidates should be selected:

Cielo John
Eliana Mayi
Esha Deoraj
Felicia White
Nicholas Mirpuri

DM Cruz stated that he would inform the schools which candidates were selected. Our committee agreed that we will provide certificates for the other students who applied and give it to them at a future date.

Chair Torres thanked DM Cruz for his extensive work in getting the word out there to local schools. The committee discussed possible strategies to encourage participation during next year application season.

Erica Newsome presented an overview of a new public high school-SHA- that wants to open in District 8. She requested the committee to consider drafting a letter of support. Upon discussion, the team decided that a letter of support would not be appropriate until they had secured a space definitively within CB 10. Once this process is completed, the committee agreed to revisit this issue.

Chair Torres mentioned that she recently represented CB 10 Youth and Education at a meeting with the new Chancellor Kamar Samuels held at PS 304. She reported that the chancellor allowed for questions and provided answers regarding NYC public schools.