



**COMMUNITY BOARD 11**  
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Education, Culture & Youth Services Committee Meeting  
 Wednesday, June 4, 2025  
 7:00 p.m.  
 Community Board 11 Office  
 1741 Colden Avenue  
 Webex Meetings  
[YouTube](#)

**MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:16 p.m.

1. Introductions
2. Review of Meeting Minutes
3. Van Cortlandt House Museum Director Margaret Holmes  
 M. Holmes has been director for a year.

The VCH

- Was built in 1748 by the Van Cortlandts, who made their money through global trade and who were also enslavers
- Oldest remaining house in the Bronx
- Was a plantation
- Located in Van Cortlandt Park (all of the Bronx was settled on Lenape land)

Programming

- Free trips for Bronx Public Schools
  - Trips can be booked through the website or one can email Margaret ([margaret@vchm.org](mailto:margaret@vchm.org))
  - 4th grade is ideal but the program is adaptable for 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12th grade
- Their educational program that highlights the rich diverse history
- Goal is to connect the past to the present especially given the history
- They invite educators to come on field trips with their class and provide feedback
- They have family programming
  - A revolutionary walk (happening soon)
  - This Man's A Spy (outdoors on the lawn)
- Herbalist Programming
- Lectures series (monthly)

Projects

Website



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- Community Advisory Committee
  - Members from all walks of life to help inform the programming to better reach the community at large
  - Meet quarterly via Zoom currently
  - Referral process but open to all
- 4. June 22 Juneteenth Event Discussion

A lot of the programming in place, we just need to raise some funds.

  - Goal is \$2500
  - Cynthia sent a google doc with notes around who she reached out to and last year's event
  - There is a flier, which can be emailed

Meeting ended at 7:54 p.m.

Minutes by D. Taylor, edited and formatted by staff.

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	Name	4-Sep	2-Oct	6-Nov	Dec	Jan	5-Feb	5-Mar	2-Apr	7-May	4-Jun
1	Alex Ellefson	na	I	I	nm	nm	I	I	I	I	I
2	Wendy Hewlett-Betts	I	R	R	nm	nm	A	E	R	E	A
3	Susan Perez, Co-chair	I	I	I	nm	nm	E	E	E	E	A
4	Dierre Taylor	na	na	na	nm	nm	I	I	I	I	I
5	Lisa Velella	I	E	I	nm	nm	A	I	R	I	I
<b>Total Is (In-person attendees):</b>		3	2	3	nm	nm	2	3	2	3	3
<b>Total present:</b>		3	3	4	nm	nm	2	3	4	3	3

**Key**

**A - Absent   E - Excused   I - In-person attendance   na - Not applicable   nm - No meeting   R - Remote attendance**