Approved at the 10/20/2026 YBCC meeting

DUTCHESS COUNTY YOUTH BOARD AND COORDINATING COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes – May 19, 2026

Present: Amy Smith, Amy Ghattas, Alexa Johnson, Doreen Clifford, Karmen Smallwood, Katie Cariello, Sabine Terranova, Rajan Alam, Olivia Clark, Juliana Corbett, Brieanna Thatcher, Amanda McGann-Watson, Jennifer Radicone, Louise McLoughlin, Lew Darrow

Agenda Item	Discussion
Approval of Minutes for April 2026	A motion was made to approve the April 21, 2026, YBCC minutes. Vote taken; Olivia Clark made a motion to approve; Brieanna Thatcher seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.
Proposals Committee	A member of the proposals committee shared with the board that the proposals committee met on May 6th to discuss the Youth Development Programming, Youth Sports and Education Opportunity Funding and Runaway and Homeless Youth Funding. The board was provided with a handout of the proposed allocations to vote on. Vote taken; Amanda McGann-Watson made a motion to approve the allocations; Amy Ghattas seconded the motion. The 2026-2027 YDP/YSEF/RHY funding recommendations were approved and will be forwarded to the Commissioner. *Katie Cariello recused herself prior to discussion and vote.
Path to Promise	Another successful YPI (Youth Police Initiative) session was held, culminating with a graduation luncheon on May 16th. This was the 12th successful session of YPI. The session was held at Poughkeepsie Middle School and 30 youth participated. This was the largest session, to date of YPI. It was also announced that the Town of Pleasant Valley will be the operators at Camp Nooteeming again, this summer. They will be bringing their Sunny Days Camp. Information about scholarships is currently being worked on. Dutchess County BOCES is working on a community wide, community schools' initiative. BOCES will partner up with community organizations such as food pantries, libraries and churches to provide a central location for the community to have access to resources.
Youth Programs Analyst	The Youth Programs Analyst took the time to discuss and announce the upcoming site visits that are planned for our YDP/YSEF/YTS funded programs. A spreadsheet will be shared with the board via email for them to sign up and come see the programs we fund in action.
	Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:40pm was made by Doni Valitutto; seconded by Olivia Clark.

Submitted by Juliana Corbett, Program Assistant