Approved at the 10/20/26 YBCC meeting

DUTCHESS COUNTY YOUTH BOARD AND COORDINATING COUNCIL
Meeting Minutes – September 15, 2026

Present: Jaime Hyla, Brittany Kochie, Karen Marder, Brandon Wolfe, Juliana Corbett, Doreen Clifford, Karmen Smallwood, Lucas Argow, Lori Mikus, Jessica Wexler, Katie Cariello

Agenda Item	Discussion
Approval of Minutes for May 2026	The vote was pushed to the October meeting as there was not a quorum.
Approval of Minutes for June 2026	The vote was pushed to the October meeting as there was not a quorum.
Welcome	YBCC members were asked to introduce themselves and provide their "why" for joining the YBCC. Jaime Hyla provided a presentation regarding an overview of the YBCC including the bylaws and committees. The full presentation will be shared with the board via email.
Programs Analyst	The Youth Programs Analyst provided an overview of the Proposals Committee as well as informing the board that the application for Youth Team Sports is now open.
Path to Promise	The Assistant Commissioner of Youth Services provided a brief overview of the Path to Promise initiative for our new board members. The Assistant Commissioner asked Karen Marder to briefly discuss the Wallace Foundation advancing opportunities for adolescence. Through the Wallace Foundation they have created the idea of advancing opportunities for adolescents. This is a five-year grant through the Poughkeepsie Children's Cabinet; this area was a recipient of one of the grants throughout the entire country. It is a way to create cradle to career success for youth, focusing on the 10–14-year-old youth. The Community Schools initiative was discussed. Gully Stanford was asked to speak about BOCES' role in supporting Community Schools with their COSERs. The Youth Summit was highlighted and explained for members who were not aware. Youth Summit is the culmination of the Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP). This year, the summit included a financial literacy life game which was very well-received by the youth.

	Jaime spoke about Universal Childcare. Dutchess County is announcing a Fatherhood initiative. There are a group of five men who have developed a retreat. Help father engage with their children, also learn about legal rights as well as responsibilities, visitation and child support.
YBCC Chairman Vote	The vote was pushed to the October meeting as there was not a quorum.
Announcements	CPCA-5k Walk/Run Sunday, September 21st at 9am in Beacon CPCA-Paws & Pours for Prevention Saturday, September 26th at Benmarl Winery Dutchess Pride will be restarting their teen art club.
	Motion to adjourn meeting at 5:45pm.

Submitted by Juliana Corbett, Program Assistant