

**Taunton Youth Commission
City Council Chambers
15 Summer Street, Taunton MA 02780**

**January 12, 2023 - 6:00pm
MEETING MINUTES**

CALL TO ORDER – Kaitlyn Johanson called to order the meeting of the Taunton Youth Commission (TYC) at 6:05pm on January 12th at Taunton City Hall, City Council Chambers

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INVOCATION

ROLL CALL – Melissa Oliveira conducted roll call.

Attendees: Mayor Shaunna O’Connell, Chair – Kaitlyn Johanson, Vice-Chair – Dayna Mbugua, Jillian Joyce, Officer LaPlante, Mrs. Stephanie Hoye, Melissa Oliveira, Jayden Lopes, Laylani Silva, Lilee Rodrigues, Isaiah Windle, Condoleeza Dwuye

Absent: Roman Davis, Nathan Machado, Mark Santos

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES – Motion to accept the minutes from December 8, 2022 **Lilee/Laylani MSC**

COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE CHAIR

- Appointment of Kaitlyn Johanson as Chair
- Appointment of Dayna Mbugua as Vice-Chair
- Appointment of Isaiah Windle as Public Relations Committee Chair
- Appointment of Laylani Silva as Special Projects Committee Chair

REPORTS OF OFFICERS - NONE

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Public Relations Chair Isaiah Windle’s report of social media progress – now that we have an email address, we can start an Instagram and a Facebook account. Carry to next meeting

APPOINTMENTS

- Nominations for Treasurer carried to next meeting
- Motion to appoint Lilee Rodrigues as Secretary **Dayna/Isaiah MSC**

- Appointment of Condoleezza Dwuye as Student Relations Committee Chair pending official swearing in by Taunton City Clerk – Motion to appoint Condoleezza **Lilee/Dayna MSC**

AGENDA COMMUNICATIONS - NONE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- Access to Taunton Youth Commission email – Melissa, Isaiah, Kaitlyn, Lilee, and Officer LaPlante will have log in access. Lilee will be the one to respond to emails as the Secretary. Any emails that pertain to a specific committee will be forwarded to the chair, and if no chair, it will be forwarded to Kaitlyn.

NEW BUSINESS

- Discussion of student application process – **update email for applications to youthcommission@taunton-ma.gov on the application, website, and social media.** When applications come in, Melissa to send to other adult mentors. All applications will be reviewed and approved by the adult mentors.
 - How to spread the word about filling open seats: Word of mouth, student referrals, Taunton high student council and **Isaiah will bring it up to Ms.Dermody.**
 - The Mayor's worthy cause is setting up an account for TYC.
 - New logo – **Lilee will come up with a few ideas that include city of Taunton, red, white, blue like liberty and union flag.**
 - **Mayor O'Connell will get Condee a blue folder.**
- Future Event Ideas:
 - Volunteer with council on aging
 - Hold forum at school to find out what the youth needs
 - Dayna – help the youth be able to visit colleges, and complete applications
 - TASC – maybe we could help those that were not in program?
 - Girls Inc, Boys and Girls Club, or YMCA may know of kids that could use this
 - Come up with a short list of realistic colleges to visit, possibility to use Taunton police van that holds 20, focus on students that this could really help
- Chair motion to form College Tour Committee **Lilee/Laylani MSC**

- Motion to appoint Dayna as chair to College Tour Committee **Lilee/Laylani MSC**
Motion to appoint Condee, Lilee, Laylani, Kaityn to College Tour Committee
Isaiah/Dayna MSC

NEXT MEETING – Thursday, February 9th at 6:00pm

ADJOURNMENT Motion to adjourn at 6:59pm **Isaiah/Lilee MSC**

Respectfully Submitted, Lilee Rodrigues/Melissa Oliveira (Secretary/Secretary Mentor)