

Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)

October 26, 2019

Minutes

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on October 26, 2019 in the Multipurpose Room of Kids Hope Alliance, 1095 A Philip Randolph Blvd, Jacksonville, Florida commencing at 8:30 a.m.

Committee Members Attending

Tobi Arubuola, Alice Baker, Downsly Brice, Armenay Chakour, Hayden Collins, Eleana Cummings, Cameron Demery, Mary Dubuisson, Onyekachi Egemonu, Martin Folsom, Elijah Foreman, Dyana Foster, Mona Freeman, Grant Goodwyne, Alaya Green, Brandon Griggs, Devonna Harrison, Brooke Hawkins, Arquan Joseph, Joe Kennerson, Gokul Madathil, Colleen Mackin, Kynia McNeal, La'Mirakle Price, Evan Quiantance, Nidhi Patel, Aarchan Saxena, Adit Saxena, De'Michael Sterling, Daniela Valderrama, Rodney Wells

Staff Attending

Heather Bogarty, Mari Ganues, Aszloyn Wakefield

At 8:32 AM, Brandon Griggs, Secretary 2018-2019. MYLAC members reviewed the agenda. Brandon Griggs made the correction to the agenda that Donald Horner would not be presenting. The meeting agenda was accepted with the noted changes by general consensus

At 8:33 AM, The September Meeting minutes were reviewed and accepted

At 8:37 AM, Mrs. Wakefield gave an overview of Robert's Rules of Order and communicated the importance of using them to run the MYLAC meetings efficiently and with order. Mrs. Wakefield allowed opportunities for members to practice making motions.

At 8:57 AM, Brandon Griggs guided the members through reading the By-laws and making changes:

Elijah Foreman made a motion to add 10th grade students as eligible to for MYLAC membership. The motion was second by DeMichael Sterling and the motion passed.

Nidhi Patel made a motion that MYAC members shall be eligible to serve up to three, one-year terms, unless they are selected as a Junior or Senior. It was second by Alice Baker. The motion passed

Elijah Foreman made a motion that all new MYLAC members shall apply by June every year as members who are Seniors graduate. The motion was second by Joe Kennerson and the motion passed.

Gokul Madathil made a motion to delete Article IV, Section E, Sub-section D as it is addressed in Sub-section E. The motion was second by Eleana Cummings.

Dowensly Brice made a motion that members should give at least 24-hour notice to MYLAC staff and any chairman for which he/she is member of. The motion was second by Salma Soubai. The motion passed.

Joe Kennerson mad a motion that the Attendance Policy for members should read that members having two or more unexcused absences will have their continuance as a MYLAC member reviewed by committee chairmen and MYLAC advisors. The motion was second by Tobi Arubuola. The motion passed.

Alaya Green made a motion that MYLAC members may resign at any time and should provide a written notice of resignation providing copies for Chairmen and the MYLAC Advisors. The motion was second by Pehris Fennell. The motion passed.

Aarchan Saxena made a motion that MYLAC membership may be terminated if a member acquires two absences (excused or unexcused) and will be referred for termination to the Chairmen, Ambassador, and the MYLAC Advisors. The motion was second by Mona Freeman. The motion passed.

Alaya Green mad a motion that each member shall be responsible for reporting a drop in his/her grades below the required C letter grade. The motion was second by DeMichael Sterling and the motion passed.

Brooke Hawkins made a motion that MYLAC members will vote from the list of applicants to fill a vacant position. The motion was second by Eleana Cummings. The motion passed.

Alaya Green mad a motion that election of officers will occur by the first meeting of the year, not orientation, or on a date determined by the advisor. The motion was second by Arquan Joseph. The motion passed

Daniela Valderrama mad a motion that any member wishing to run for office will send an email to the MYLAC Advisor stating his/her "Intent to Run" and the position within 48 hours of the first meeting. The motion was second by Jaira Lunsford. The motion passed.

Grant Goodwyne mad a motion to add the office of Ambassador (14) to the list of officers. The motion was second by DeMichael Sterling. The motion passed.

Hayden Collins made a motion that a candidate running to become chairman of a committee or a council ambassador does not have to give a formal speech in front of the entire MYLAC body. The motion was second by Mona Freeman. The motion passed.

Elijah Foreman made a motion that each committee shall choose its chair, co-chair, and secretary through volunteer or democratic vote. Arquan Joseph second the motion and the motion passed.

Dowensly Brice made a motion that each candidate for council ambassador will present a speech to the council group for which he/she wishes to represent. The motion was second by Pehris Fennell and the motion passed.

Gokul Madathil made a motion that all other candidates running for office will make a 3-minute max presentation to the full council, even if running opposed. The motion was second by Joe Kennerson and the motion passed.

Nidhi Patel made a motion that the MYLAC advisor will project the names of all candidates after they have completed their presentations. The MYLAC members will write in the names of their chosen candidate. The motion was second by Aarchan Saxena and the motion passed.

Alaya Green made a motion that the candidates name must be written in pen. The motion was second by DeMichael Sterling and the motion passed.

Dowensly made the motion that the advisor and a last year's officer (if not running for office) will count the ballots. If an officer is unavailable the newly elected Keeper of the Door will assist with the count. The motion was second by Hayden Collins. There was discussion and the motion was revised to read that a non-running member will assist with the count. The motion was second Alaya Green.

Section I had been deleted and the Rodney Wells made the motion to add Section I with amended verbiage to state that "if the intention is unclear or there is a question regarding the integrity of the ballot as deemed by the advisor, the advisor will contact the member who filled it out. The motion was second by Alaya Green. There was additional discussion and the motion passed.

Daniela Valderrama made a motion to accept the duties of the president as described in the draft copy of the By-laws. The motion was second by Salma Soubai and the motion passed.

Pehris Fennell made a motion to accept the duties of the ambassadors as described in the draft copy of the By-laws. The motion was second by Alaya Green and the motion passed.

Alaya Green made a motion to accept the duties of the Parliamentarian as described in the Draft Copy of the By-laws with the noted correction "meetings are conducted according to the documents." The motion was second by Brooke Hawkins and the motion passed.

Hayden Collins made the motion to accept the duties of the Keeper of the Door as described in the draft copy of the By-laws. The motion was second by Elijah Foreman and the motion passed.

Alaya Green made the motion to accept the revised list of committees (Mental Health, Census 2020, MYLAC Platform issue and Sub-committees (Finance, Media Relations, and By-laws) and the responsibility of each chairman. The motion was second by Alice Baker. There was discussion and the motion passed.

Eleana Cummings made the motion to accept that the chairman of a committee shall have the right to recommend dismissal of a member from a committee after the chairman has had discussion with the Advisor and the advisor has heard from the member. The motion was second by Pehris Fennell.

Gokul Madathil made a motion that Officers and members are allowed two absences through the entire MYLAC year. The motion was second by Joe Kennerson. There was discussion and the motion was revised to reflect the attendance policy should be three absences, excused or unexcused and as much as possible when a member is going to be late or leave early, he/she should notify the MYLAC advisor in advance. The following sections should also reflect three absences instead of two: Article IV, Section E, sub-section F and Article IV, Section F, sub-section B-i. The motion was second by Mona Freeman and the motion passed.

At 9:51 AM members took a 15-minute break

10:05 AM

The following members made presentations for an office:

Parliamentarian- Devonna Harrison (unopposed)

Keeper of the Door- Alice Baker and Brooke Hawkins

Secretary- Nidhi Patel (opposer withdrew)

Vice President- Arquan Joseph, Salma Soubai, Rodney Wells

President- Brandon Griggs, Torren Manning, Alay Green

The names of the candidates were projected, members received their ballots, and casted their votes. Ballots were collected and counted by KHA staff.

10:48 AM Mrs. Wakefield projected each members' council district and members separated by district to elect their Ambassador.

Ambassadors of the following districts were announced:

District 1- Mona Freeman	District 8- TBA (District 12) only 2 members
District 2- Evan Quaintance	District 9- Mary Dubuisson
District 3- Eleana Cummings District 13	District 10- Joe Kennerson
District 4- Tamara Sonera	District 11- Tobi Arubuola

District 5-TBA	District 12- District 8
District 6- TBA	District 13- No members (see District 3)
District 7- Cameron Demery	District 14- DeMichael Sterling

11:30 AM members signed up for and met in their Committee groups to elect/select the **Chairman**, **Co-Chairman**, **Secretary**, begin initial planning and to suggest a name of on-line program for the Juvenile Justice program of KHA.

Mental Health Summit	Census 2020	MYLAC Focus Issue
Tobi Arubuola	La'Mirakle Price/Pehris Fennell	Eleana Cumming
Elijah Foreman	DeMichael Sterling	Evan Quaintance
Gokul Madathil	Dowensly Jean Brice	Brooke Hawkins

12:20 PM New Business was shared- There may be an opportunity for select MYLAC members to be a part of a TedX Youth Summit. Details are coming soon.

2019-2020 officers were announced

President- Alaya Green
Vice President- Rodney Wells
Secretary- Nidhi Patel
Parliamentarian- Devonna Harrison
Keeper of the Door- Brooke Hawkins

12:30 PM Meeting adjourned