

Mayors Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC)

October 13, 2018

Minutes

Proceedings of the Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council taken on September 29, 2018 in the Lynwood Roberts Room in City Hall, 117 W. Duval Street, Jacksonville, Florida commencing at 9:00 a.m.

Committee Members Attending

Emma Towler, Jasmine Waters, Cierra McKenzie, Haleigh Oglesby, Casey Peterson, Blain Amde, Baemnet Abetew, Hebron Assefa, Donovan Moman, Ellison Gilmer, Melba Hill, Ar'Mani Brunson, Ashley Chatmon, Marlon Griggs, Brianna Toawicha, Andrea Moran-Melendez, George Pratt, William Watson, Madaline Krawchuk, Caroline Esquierdo, Collen Mackin, Theodros Amde, August Smith, Evan Quaintance, John Fitzgerald II, Sterling Scott, Kynia McNeal, Vanessa Strive, Shelby Barrett, Emmanuel Brinkley, Monica Gupta, Kendall Kirkland, Markeyuna Stubbs, Carley Clark, Zana Harold, Jonee' Jenkins, Ki'Aira Ellis, Nathaniel Hughes, Al'asia Jenkins, Eleana Cummings, Zuri West, Breanna Leonard, Joshua Leynes, Mia Uzzell, Mikayla Walker, Adit Saxena, Vanessa Hamza, Kendall Cosper, Torren Manning, Aylssha Floyd, Kenyana McCray, Nathaniel Lunford, Mia Allen, Chelsea Quaintance, Dateshia Block, Anjolina Gutierrez, Sierra Taylor, Sadhana Mylavari, Kyra Freaney, Jordan Mills, Kalei, Tejan Sanders, Michael Esguerra.

Staff Attending

Chardae Chaney, Sylvester Pinckney, Mari Ganues, Mary Tobin, Joe Peppers, LaRaya Strong

This meeting was brought to order by Vice President Haleigh Oglesby at 9:00 a.m. Haleigh welcomed returners and newcomers to the council orientation.

After the introduction the program coordinator Chardae Chaney introduced Rebecca Zeigler from the City of Jacksonville's Training Department at 9:05. Ms. Zeigler covered the overview of Jacksonville Government. Ms. Zeigler was very energetic and provided the members with positive and intense interactions. She challenged their knowledge of city government while appealing to their interest of the unknown.

At 10:00 a.m. Chardae Chaney introduced the Honorable Mayor Lenny Curry. Mayor Curry covered the city's top initiatives/priorities which are: Public Safety, Economic Development, Neighborhoods, Youth, Health and Wellness, and Leadership and Accountability. Once the mayor shared his vision for the children and youth in the City of Jacksonville through the Kids Hope Alliance, he allowed members to ask questions and have open dialogue. The members challenged the mayor on his involvement with and buy-in for the council. The mayor assured the members that he and/or the KHA staff will be present at the meetings and will help to promote MYLAC.

The members took a break at 10:50 a.m.

The meeting resumed with Ms. Rebecca Zeigler covering leadership among teens and peers. She discussed the qualifications of a good leader in contrast to a bad leader. She was able to encourage the members to think outside of the box and hone in on leadership qualities one must possess to be a great leader. She concluded with an affirmation with the members.

At 11:30 the CEO of the Kids Hope Alliance, Joseph Peppers, and the COO, Mary Tobin, had the opportunity to speak to the members of the council. They talked about their paths to KHA and how they want to expose the council to different opportunities to support KHA. The members also posed questions to the KHA staff about their role in the community and how KHA will impact youth through their programs. Mr. Peppers and Ms. Tobin encouraged the council members to challenge policies, learn about the key people in government, and help to create policies to promote youth voice, safety, intervention, and prevention in the city of Jacksonville.

Lunch was provided for the members at 12:00.

At 12:30 p.m. Katrina Taylor, Director of the Behavioral Health Department for Duval County Public Schools, addressed the members on the partnership that was created last year with MYLAC. She briefly covered the Mental Health Conference that was hosted by the two programs, and explained how this year will be greater and more impactful. She also reviewed different statistics about mental health and wellness and provided strategies for coping with stress. She stated that her department will continue to attend MYLAC meetings to plan for the next Mental Health Conference.

At 2:00 p.m., LaRaya Strong, Training Specialist for KHA, presented Cultural Competency Training. She encouraged engagement of the members by providing various energizers and activities. She covered the topics of Culture, Mental Models, and Self-Awareness. LaRaya will attend the next meeting to complete the training by helping youth to manage their own mental models and champion cultural competency in others.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and the meeting was adjourned at 4:03 p.m.

Next Meeting

Next Meeting for MYLAC is at noon on October 13, 2018, at City Hall in the Lynwood Roberts Room.