

North Carolina Youth Advisory Meeting Minutes
Thursday, August 18 – 1:00pm
Cornelius Town Hall in Cornelius, NC and Virtually via Zoom

Members Present: *Tara Sanchez, Rebby Kern, Felisa Hunter, Ameya Kandula, Olivia Cody, Asmita Malakar, Andrew Reynolds, Morgan Dawkins, Chailee Swaner-Augustin, Gabby Mendoza, Ramie Mack, Shakira Clarke, Sharnee White, Adrian Parra*

Members Absent: *Matthew Cox, The Honorable Frederick Davis, Savannah Goveia, Brendon Zheng*

Other Guest: *Anaja McClinton, Candace Settle, John Anderson, Lindsey Small*

Meeting was called to order by Council Chair Tara Sanchez at 1:02 pm

Welcome and Call to Order: Chair Tara Sanchez welcomed everyone. Chair read the Ethics Statement. There is no conflict of interest.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Tara Sanchez to approve minutes as written. Rebby Kern was the first to approve of minutes, Felisa Hunter second the approval.

Swearing in of New Members: New members were sworn in by Judge Ashleigh Parker Dunston.

Lake Norman Teen Council Presentation: Advisors John Anderson and Lindsey Small gave an update on their council. Their council was able to meet and do volunteer work during COVID. They expressed that their numbers have decreased during COVID when meeting virtually.

State Office Update: Anaja McClinton, SYC Coordinator, gave an update on the advisor retreat held in Fayetteville, NC. Conversations at the Advisor Retreat were had about attendance, guest speakers for the upcoming year, and how to keep students engaged after COVID. Advisors would like for the State Office and Youth Advisory Council to help with guest speakers and advertising State Youth Council. Rocky Mount Area Youth Council advisor mentioned that she would like to have guest speakers who target gang violence, bullying, diversity, equity, and inclusion.

Committee Discussion: The council discussed the various committees that the board has. Regarding the Fundraising committee, it was discussed how beneficial the committee is to help support councils that are hosting conferences. A new committee was created, the collegiate committee. This committee will be used to help bring resources to State Youth Councils regarding colleges and universities across North Carolina.

New Business/Old Business: Discussion was had about creating a resource for colleges and scholarships for State Youth Councils, SAT Coaching and partnering with CFNC to attend council meetings.

2022-2023 State Youth Council Conference Schedule (all conferences will be in person)

1. Leadership Day Conference: Saturday October 8, 2022
2. Mini Grant Conference: November 4 – 6, 2022, hosted by Rocky Mount Area Youth Council
3. Teambuilding/Leadership Conference: January 13 – 15, 2022, hosted by Raleigh Youth Council
4. Service-Learning Day: Saturday March 18, 2022, hosted by State Office in Raleigh, NC
5. Spring Convention: April 14 – 16, 2023, hosted by Wilson Youth Council

Note: These dates are tentative and are subject to change.

The next meeting the Youth Advisory Council will be approving Mini Grants.

- a. January 26, 2022, 1:00pm, TBA (Approve Mini Grants)

Mini Grant Application: The Mini Grant application will be released on Monday, August 22, 2022 and will close on September 30, 2022. The Council reviewed and approved of the Mini Grant application.

Adjourn: *Adjournment at 1:52 pm.* – Submitted by Anaja McClinton
