

North Carolina Youth Advisory Meeting Minutes

Thursday, January 26, 2023 – 1:00pm

Virtually via Microsoft Teams

Members Present: Tara Sanchez, Felisa Hunter, Ameya Kandula, Olivia Cody, Asmita Malakar, Andrew Reynolds, Chailee Swaner-Augustin, Ramie Mack, Brendon Zheng

Members Absent: Matthew Cox, The Honorable Frederick Davis, Savannah Goveia, Gabriella Mendoza, Rebby Kern, Morgan Dawkins, Shakira Clarke, Sharnee White

Other Guest: Anaja McClinton, Candace Settle, Danielle Carman

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

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

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Tara Sanchez to approve minutes as written. Regina Gavin was the first to approve of minutes, Felisa Hunter second the approval. Brendon Zheng did not approve of minutes, noting that there was a discrepancy in last meeting minutes.

Danielle Carman Gave Updates: Danielle Carman, Executive Director of the North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement, gave an update on their contributions to the prevention of Domestic Violence. Many grants were administered for domestic violence and sexual assault cases across the state of North Carolina. In the past year they worked on a new grant management system that will increase proficiency.

State Office Update: Anaja McClinton, State Youth Council Coordinator, gave an update that Waxhaw Parks and Recreation are planning to create a youth council. The State Youth Council Teambuilding Conference is scheduled for February 17 – 19, 2023, hosted by Raleigh Youth Council. Anaja expressed that the State Youth Council is in need of donations and prizes for the Olympic games during the Teambuilding Conference. At this time, no donations or additional resources have been requested so far for the Spring Convention. Awards will be sent to the Youth Advisory Council and must be reviewed and voted on by the Spring Convention, scheduled for April 21 – 23, 2023.

Committee Discussion: Olivia Cody reported on Mini-Grant Proceedings. Everything ran smoothly with impressive attention to detail and passion exuded from those in attendance leading to great discussions and different insights. Matters were handled diplomatically and in a professional manner.

Mini Grant Approval: State Youth Council suggested the appropriated amount of \$6,292. The Youth Advisory Council approved all the suggested amounts from the State Youth Council. See chart below for the amounts given to organizations.

Organization Name	County	Amount Awarded
Dunn Police Athletic and Activities League	Harnett	\$500.00
Girls for Empowerment	Pasquotank	\$300.00
Fountain of Deliverance Ministry	Cumberland	\$275.00
American Association of University Women (AAUW) Greensboro Branch	Guilford	\$500.00
Mooresville Youth Council	Iredell	\$300.00
The Sparrow's Nest Inc. dba The Black Suit Initiative	Guilford	\$500.00
ALTA Community Action Association	Wake	\$300.00
Finding Food Freedom	Wake	\$500.00
The 21 st Century Village Community Learning Center, Inc.	Johnston	\$500.00

LCL Community Services	Cumberland	\$217.00
City of Winston-Salem Youth Advisory Council	Forsyth	\$500.00
Helping All People Excel, Inc.	Vance	\$400.00
All About Melanated Excellence	Wake	\$500.00
LOVE (Ladies of Virtuous Endeavors)	Person	\$500.00
Wilson Youth Council	Wilson	\$500.00
		Totals: \$6,292

New Business/Old Business:

The meeting dates for 2023-2024 have been established. All meetings will be virtual until otherwise noted

- a. March 30, 2023, 1:00 pm TBA (Approved SYC Awards)
- b. August 17, 2023, 1:00 pm TBA
- c. January 25, 2024, 1:00 pm TBA (Approve Mini Grant applications)
- d. March 28, 2024, 1:00 pm TBA (Approve SYC Awards)

Lady Cardinal Mentorship Program, Applications open until February 24th for high school females, rising Sophomores, Juniors, and Seniors:

<https://ncadmin.nc.gov/divisions/council-women-youth/lady-cardinal-mentorship-program>

Adjourn: *Adjournment at 1:46 pm.* – Submitted by Anaja McClinton
