



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Final

Youth Advisory Council

Tuesday, September 9, 2025
6:00 PM

Regular

701 E. Broadway
Columbia, MO. 65201
Conference Room
1A/1B

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m

Present: 12 - Alex Hiles, John Yu, Grace Harris, Ahlam Alamin, Harvey Munter, Aanya Shetty, Mira Tosh, Eleanor Schierding, Xi Kang, Kai Kuroki, Laya Anand and Ellie Brooks

Excused: 4 - Emily Crumbliss, Jacquelyn Sample, Aryan Debnath and Blair Townsend

II. INTRODUCTIONS

Everyone who was present introduced themselves, including staff liaison Lacey Salazar, Earl Kraus Assistant City Counselor, and Stacey Weidemann Assistant to the City Manager.

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Aanya Shetty, seconded by Grace Harris; motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the May 13, 2025 minutes made by Ahlam Alamin, seconded by Harvey Munter; motion carried.

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Attachments: [YAC Draft Meeting Minutes - May 13, 2025](#)

V. OLD BUSINESS

Youth Summit Discussion Recap

Recap of Youth Summit, if the Youth Advisory Council decided to do another Youth Summit it would be better to have a space that is more open and welcoming to attract more visitors, increased foot traffic and availability for more booths. Ideally this could be an outdoor space or a larger and open space with more windows. It was mentioned that there wasn't a huge turnout, which could've been attributed to having the event in the basement of the Armory. Some vendors that ended up coming to last year's Youth Summit were League of Women Voters, the Fire Department and more.

For fundraising and broadcasting the event should happen sooner than it did last year. Grace H. suggested having a table at the Earth Day Festival, which could possibly replace the Youth Summit event if it was agreed upon.

Harvey M. mentioned that events should be directly related to the youth.

Ahlam A. asked how we could connect YAC to the Earth Day Festival, and Eleanor S. mentioned that YAC has focus areas, and last year sustainability was one of them which

would connect with Earth Day.

Council Annual Report Discussion

Members were confused about the intent and direction of the Annual Report. They discussed this report being an item to help and guide future YAC members. With this in mind it was discussed to have this report made for the upcoming year and complete by May 2026.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Overview of Sunshine Law

Attachments: [Public Meetings and Sunshine Law Overview Presentation](#)

Election of Officers

Motion to elect Grace Harris for Chair made by Ahlam Alamin, seconded by Casey Kang; motion carried.

Motion to elect Ahlam Alamin for Vice Chair made by Mira Tosh, seconded by Laya Anand ; motion carried.

Motion to elect Aanya Shetty for Secretary made by Grace Harris, seconded by Eleanor Schierding; motion carried.

Three Areas of Focus

After some discussion, the Youth Advisory Council members discussed that their three focus areas would be Sustainability, Wellness, and Youth Safety/Security.

Grace Harris made a motion to approve these three areas of focus, seconded by Harvey Munter. Motion carried unanimously.

VII. REPORTS

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF

One member of the public Eric D. from Mizzou joined. He is from KC and attended public meetings and saw this on the calendar and thought he would stop by. He thought the Sunshine Presentation was very informative.

Discussed that at the next meeting they will talk about the Youth Summit Planning and what that looks like for this year, three areas of focus and how we can break that up into working groups, as well as the Youth Advisory Council's Mission Statement.

Stacey Weidemann mentioned that we could have staff from our three areas of focus come out and talk about these subjects as well to help provide guidance on how youth are impacted in these areas.

IX. NEXT MEETING DATE

October 14, 2025

X. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:49pm. Motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Laya Anand, seconded by Kai Kuroki; motion carried.

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