



# City of Columbia, Missouri

## Meeting Minutes - Final

### Youth Advisory Council

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Tuesday, September 10, 2024  
6:00 PM

Regular

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

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#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at approximately 6:00p.m.

**Present:** 12 - Isabella Shah, Jiya Shetty, Roy Lovelady, Alex Hiles, Langston Schatz-Mitchell, John Yu, Grace Harris, Ahlam Alamin, Harvey Munter, Aanya Shetty, Sarah Won and Mira Tosh

**Excused:** 2 - Emily Crumbliss and Dalton Mayfield

#### II. INTRODUCTIONS

Members went around the table introducing themselves.

#### III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda made by Ahlam Ahlam, seconded by Aana Shetty; motion carried.

#### IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 12, 2024 YAC Minutes

**Attachments:** [March 12, 2024](#)

Motion to approve the March 12, 2024 minutes made by Langston Schaltz-Mitchell, seconded by Harvey Munter; motion carried.

#### V. OLD BUSINESS

None.

#### VI. NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers

- Chair
- Vice Chair
- Secretary

Motion to elect Jiya Shetty for Chair made by Langston Schaltz-Mitchell, seconded by Sarah Won; motion carried.

Motion to elect Langston Schatz-Mitchell for Vice Chair made by Grace, seconded by Harvey Munter; motion carried.

Motion to elect Grace Harris for Secretary made by Sarah Won, seconded by Alex Hiles; motion carried.

## Overview of Sunshine Law - Earl Kraus, City Law Department

**Attachments:** [Missouri Sunshine Law Handbook](#)  
[Boards Commission Member Guide](#)  
[Youth Advisory Council Code Provisions](#)

Earl Kraus presented the Missouri Sunshine Law during the presentation he discussed authority, public meetings, public votes, notice, agenda, meetings, closed meetings, and public records

### Staff Updates

- Quorum & Attendance
- 2024 - 2025 Meeting Dates
- Best Practices

Staff reviewed with members the importance of quorum and attendance and discussed the process for notifying staff when they will be absent or attend. Staff also reviewed the 2024-2025 meeting dates, and best practices.

### Five Areas of Focus

Chair, Jiya Shetty went around the room to each member for the 5 area of focus, Isabella environmental/ climate change, public transportation, Sarah Won- does not have two areas of focus, Jiya Shetty interested gun violence, and sustainability, Aanya Shetty environmental and to contribute, Ahlam Alamin- focus on environment especially on pollution, Mira Tosh writing food support hope to reach youth, raise more awareness of drug abuse, Grace Harris gun violent thing and period poverty, Langston DEI, and sister/city relationship, Harvey Pollution, and gun violence, homelessness, Alex Hiles drug abuse, John Yu gun violence and drug abuse

Sustainability Motion to approve Isabella Alham Alamin and Langston

Drug Abuse

Inclusion/ Welfare

Gun Violence

Homelessness down and mental health

Discussed having a report for planning for the youth report, giving information on how it is affecting the youth or action items we would like the city to take or certain petitions we would like to take discussed with Langston and Isabella come up with bullet points and share with the group- HW come up with ideas for this report

### 2025 Youth Summit Discussion

The group discussed the vision of the 2025 Youth Summit. They would like to have food trucks, games, and host the event outdoors. They would like to utilize a park space for the event. The tentative date for the 2025 Youth Summit is April 12, 2025. The liaison Lekel Lyons will reach out to the Park & Recreation Director to see about locations. The group also brainstormed possible organizations that they would like to invite to the Youth Summit. Members brainstormed possible vision and mission statements.

**Motion to add voting on youth vision statement and overall mission statement made by Langston Schaltz-Mitchell and seconded by Alex Hiles**

### 2024 Mini Youth Summit Takeaways

Mini youth summit at the ARC was not a big success due to last minute planning. The take away from the event last year is to make sure we get the word out in plenty of time,

discuss how it was communicated, and ways to improve. For this summit they will be advertising to more schools, and the community. The group also plans to reach out to the PR group to help with planning.

**VII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.