



City of Columbia, Missouri

Meeting Minutes - Draft

Youth Advisory Council

Tuesday, February 10, 2026
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 PM.

Present: 10 - Alex Hiles, Grace Harris, Harvey Munter, Aanya Shetty, Mira Tosh, Eleanor Schierding, Xi Kang, Kai Kuroki, Laya Anand and Ellie Brooks

Excused: 5 - Emily Crumbliss, John Yu, Ahlam Alamin, Jacquelyn Sample and Blair Townsend

Absent: 1 - Aryan Debnath

II. INTRODUCTIONS

III. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve the agenda was made by Kai Kuroki, seconded by Aanya Shetty. Motion carried.

IV. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion to approve the December minutes made by Mira Tosh, seconded by Laya Anand; motion carried.

Youth Advisory Council Draft Minutes- January 13, 2026.

Attachments: [Youth Advisory Council Draft Minutes - January 13, 2026](#)

V. SPECIAL ITEMS

Public Health and Human Services Presentation

Flucas explained how currently, compliance checks are enforced to monitor local tobacco sellers through undercover operations. Tobacco compliance data showcases the effectiveness of these operations, with total seizures decreasing from 35 to 6 in just a few years. Missouri is one of the few U.S. states that lacks real T-21 legislation. E-cigarettes are a convenient option for children, access is easy especially through online purchases (1 Juul=20 Cigarettes). Tobacco use has serious health implications, only amplified by addiction. Education and limitations can curb the effects of vaping addiction in kids. The City of Columbia and Mizzou both provide vape addiction relief programs.

Alec O. educated the Council through a presentation about Fentanyl. Ambiguous drugs are susceptible to being fake, being passed around and having a false dosage. Naloxone/Narcan acts as the bridge between a fentanyl overdose and the arrival of first responders. The Health Department provides such treatments for free, as well as all city fire departments.

Staff also included information about their Youth Buyer Position.

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Youth Summit

Mira Tosh volunteered to create a bingo board for the YAC table. A brochure for the YAC table was proposed by Eleanor. Members Casey and Alex had to leave the meeting early at 7:00PM.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Letter of Support-Gun Safety Bill

The Letter of Support-Gun Safety Bill was strongly supported by the YAC. A roll-call motion in support of the bill was made by Kai Kuroki with Eleanor Schierding as a second. The motion passed unanimously.

Yes: 8 - Harris, Munter, Shetty, Tosh, Schierding, Kuroki, Anand and Brooks

Excused: 7 - Hiles, Crumbliss, Yu, Alamin, Kang, Sample and Townsend

Absent: 1 - Debnath

VIII. GENERAL COMMENTS BY PUBLIC, MEMBERS AND STAFF**IX. NEXT MEETING DATE**

March 10, 2026

X. ADJOURNMENT

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