

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD

PEMBROKE PINES, FL

August 23, 2023

The Organizational Meeting of the **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager/Director of Recreation and Cultural Arts, on Wednesday, August 23, 2023, at 5:33 P.M. in the Frank Art Museum, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines, Florida. Board Secretary Borgstrom called roll and declared a quorum.

ADVISORY BOARD MEMBERS

PRESENT: Members Ramirez, Robaina, Bindra, Keegan, Joseph, Nicolas, Gomez, Grunnum, Harkas, West, Harris and Young

ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: Vice Mayor Iris Siple; Christina Sorensen, Assistant City Manager/Director of Recreation and Cultural Arts; Holly Bonkowski, Assistant Director of Recreation and Cultural Arts; Assistant City Attorney Paul Hernandez and Board Secretary Katherine Borgstrom

WELCOME BY VICE MAYOR:

City of Pembroke Pines Vice Mayor, Iris Siple, welcomed the board members and gave a brief message about the City Commission’s vision for the establishment of the Youth Board and how this board can be an outreach opportunity into the schools in the City and the general youth population. She encouraged the board members to learn about their City government and to reach out to the youth of the community for areas where the City may be able to offer assistance and promote civic involvement.

OATH OF OFFICE:

Oath of Office was taken by Member West.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Students and staff introduced themselves.

CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING:

Member Ramariz volunteered to serve as temporary Chair for this meeting. The vote for Chair and Vice Chair will take place at the next meeting. Those desiring to serve are to send email notification to Ms. Bonkowski. Later in the meeting Ms. Sorensen spoke about the role of the Chair and Vice Chair and encouraged those who would like to be considered for Chair or Vice Chair to email their intentions to Ms. Bronkowski.

SUNSHINE LAW PRESENTATION:

Assistant City Attorney Hernandez presented Sunshine Law information and took questions from members on procedures.

PURPOSE AND MISSION OF YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD:

Students were presented with a copy of the ordinance establishing the Youth Advisory Board and the purpose the Commission set forth in the ordinance. Ms. Sorensen spoke to those purposes and took questions from the members. Members were presented with the appointment process for all City boards and their responsibilities under those guidelines.

TASKS FOR SECOND MEETING:

Members were encouraged to begin gathering ideas to present for future work for the board. They were encouraged to bring forward items that will assist throughout the City, seeking ideas from fellow students, and activities that the board can be involved in that are implemented by the City. They can also earn graduation volunteer hours by their attendance and volunteering for City events.

ADJOURNMENT:

A motion to adjourn at 6:28 PM passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

Adjourned: 6:28 PM
Approved: 9/27/2023