

September 27, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the **YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD** was called to order by Holly Bonkowski, Assistant Director of Recreation and Cultural Arts, on Wednesday, September 27, 2023, at 5:38 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:** Member Grannum

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

**VICE MAYOR SIPLE:**

Vice Mayor Siple encouraged the students to be involved in City wide events and to listen to their peers at school to develop events that could involve students from the entire City and to bring ideas to the Commission on youth concerns and activities to benefit the City.

**ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER PRESENTATION:**

Assistant City Attorney Paul Hernandez presented some background on Robert’s Rules of Order and presented information on how to conduct the meeting. He also took questions from members on procedures.

**ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR:**

Members wishing to be considered for Chair and Vice Chair made presentations to the board members. Members voted by ballot and Board Secretary announced the voting results.

The motion for election of Chair made by Member Harkes, seconded by Member Robaina, resulted in the election of Member Ramirez to be Chair.

The motion for election of Vice Chair made by member Young, seconded by Member Robaina, resulted in the election of Member Joseph to be Vice Chair.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

A motion by Member Nicolas, seconded by Member Gomez to approve the August 23, 2023 minutes as received pass unanimously.

**MEETING DATES:**

Members discussed three meeting dates that conflict with no school days/breaks (November 22 during Thanksgiving week; December 27 during Winter break; and March 27 during Spring Break).

A motion by Member Robaina, seconded by Member Joseph, to change the meeting date of November 22, 2023 to November 8, 2023, December 27, 2023 to December 13, 2023, and March 27, 2024 to March 13, 2024 passed unanimously..

**ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Members discussed several ideas for projects including promoting Black History Month, collaboration between school at school sporting events, school organizations to work together on City projects, teen townhall for discussion of areas of interest for teens in the City.

**TASKS FOR NEXT MEETING:**

Members were encouraged to bring forward 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 volunteer hours by their attendance and volunteering for City events.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

A motion to adjourn at 6:45 PM passed unanimously.

Respectively submitted,

Katherine Borgstrom

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Board Secretary

**Adjourned:** 6:45 PM  
**Approved:** 10/25/2023