

North Carolina Youth Advisory Meeting Minutes

Thursday, March 30, 2023 – 1:00pm

Microsoft Teams

Members Present: *Joshua McGee, Regina Williams, Rebbly Kern, Shakira Clarke, Karon Hardy, Felisa Hunter, Olivia Cody, Chailee Swaner-Augustin, Andrew Reynolds, Morgan Dawkins, Brendon Zheng, Gabby Mendoza, Ramie Mack.*

Members Absent: *Tara Sanchez, Matthew Cox, Frederick Davis, Ameya Kandula, Asmita Malakar*

Other Guest: *Anaja McClinton, Danielle Carman, Candace Settle*

Meeting was called to order by Interim Council Chair Felisa Hunter at 1:03 pm

Welcome and Call to Order: Interim Chair Felisa Hunter welcomed everyone. Chair read the Ethics Statement. There is no conflict of interest.

Approval of Minutes: Motion made by Felisa Hunter to approve minutes as written. Unanimous vote for approval of minutes.

State Office Update: Anaja McClinton, SYC Coordinator, gave an update on plans for 2022-2023 and how 2022 is going thus far. Continuing to recruit to make new State Youth Councils across the state. Anaja went over the details of the Spring Convention and what the weekend will entail. The Spring Convention theme beach themed and will be held at Wrightsville Beach, North Carolina. There will be beach games, a Tik Tok Challenge for Councils to participate in, a Glow Walk with S'mores, and SYC will visit Jungle Rapids. At the convention, awards are given to councils, it is the responsibility of the Youth Advisory Council to vote on who they think is most deserving of such awards. The awards are Most Helpful Senior, Most Active Council Member, Best Volunteer, The Growth Award, Most Outstanding Council, Most Impactful Youth in the Community, Most Creative/Innovative Council Project, and Most Creative/Innovative Virtual Council Project. Members brought to the council's attention some things that should be discussed about awards. Awards should account for the Fiscal year we are currently in. Some awards acknowledged prior years, such as Most Helpful Senior. The Most Active Council Member award does not specify years of conference attendance. The guidelines for Most Outstanding Youth Council should be stricter on dates. The Council came to the conclusion that when reviewing awards and voting to not acknowledge the number of conferences attended and go with the information that is given in regard to the Most Active Council Member award. Votes for these awards are due April 5, 2023.

New Business/Old Business:

The meeting dates for 2023-2024 have been established. All meetings will be virtual until otherwise noted.

- a. August 17, 2023, 1:00pm, TBA
- b. January 25, 2024, 1:00pm, TBA (Approve Mini Grants)
- c. March 28, 2024, 1:00pm, TBA (Vote on SYC Awards)

Adjourn: *Adjournment at 1:42 pm. – Submitted by Anaja McClinton*
