



Regular Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes
February 27, 2025 at 6:00 PM

Chair Robert Hu
Vice Chair Jolene Brown
Member Aaliyah Wilson
Member Raymond Liu

City Manager Mike DaRoza

Meeting Location: James A. Lewis City Commission Chambers
15100 NW 142 Terrace
Alachua, FL 32615

Youth Advisory Council Meeting

Notice given pursuant to Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes. In order to appeal any decision made at this meeting, you will need a verbatim record of the proceedings. It will be your responsibility to ensure such a record is made.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Robert Hu called the meeting to order at 6:04 PM.

Robert Hu, Chair
Aaliyah Wilson, Member
Raymond Liu, Member
Damon Messina, Recreation and Culture Director

INVOCATION

Chair Robert Hu led the invocation.

PLEDGE TO THE FLAG

Chair Robert Hu invited those in attendance to recite The Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Member Aaliyah Wilson moved to approve the agenda, seconded by member Raymond Liu.

Passed 3-0 by roll call.

I. OLD BUSINESS

II. NEW BUSINESS

A) APPROVAL OF DECEMBER 18, 2024 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Hu asked the board to peruse the minutes.

Member Wilson moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Liu.

Passed 3-0 by roll call.

B) PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE OVERVIEW

Presentation provided by Leanne Williams, Deputy City Clerk.

C) FUTURE PROJECT/INITIATIVE IDEAS

Recreation and Culture Assistant Director Jack Hansen gave a presentation talking about the Youth Council Excellence Award. The award is granted by the Florida League of Cities on an annual basis to a chosen municipal youth council in Florida. The award celebrates exemplary municipal youth council projects or initiatives that have made significant contributions to their municipality.

Members discussed ways in which the Youth Advisory Council could positively impact the community and contribute to the well-being of the citizens of Alachua. Ideas on how to help the community included more focus on mental health, recycling, and hurricane disaster relief.

More discussions ensued with the decision being made to table the decision on which direction to take until the next meeting when there are more members present.

Member Wilson moved to put the mental health and the recycling topics for the project on the next meeting agenda, seconded by Member Liu.

Passed by 3-0 roll call.

D) FUTURE FIELD TRIPS OR EVENTS

Recreation and Culture Assistant Director Jack Hansen gave a presentation on the Legislative Action Days in March 2025. The Legislative Action Days allow youth to travel to Tallahassee and see the state legislature, allowing them access to an experience that can strengthen their interest in government and teach them more about how

government works.

Discussion ensued. All members expressed interest in going and participating. Due to the next scheduled meeting taking place after the proposed times for the trip, it was decided that the logistics for the trip will be handled in the coming days by Recreation and Culture Assistant Director Jack Hansen.

III. BOARD COMMENTS/DISCUSSION

Chair Hu asked for any more comments or questions. No comments or questions.

IV. CITIZENS COMMENTS

Chair Hu facetiously asked for citizen's comments (there were no citizens present). There were no comments.

ADJOURN

Chair Hu adjourned the meeting at 7:02 PM.

ATTEST:

**CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF
ALACHUA, FLORDIA:**

Presiding Officer

Staff Liaison