



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## Youth Council

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**Wednesday, January 15, 2025**

**3:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 3:33 p.m.

**1.A ROLL CALL**

**Present:** 14 - Chair Nolan O'Connell, Chair Pro Tem Allison Walker, Secretary Sophia Park, Treasurer Eric Zhang, Councilmember Stella Artemis, Councilmember Willow Chen, Councilmember Gavin Cruz, Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Varshana Horback, Councilmember Demorie Joseph, Councilmember Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Victoria Liu, Councilmember Kaelyn Velazquez and Councilmember Toby Wilson

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Melinda Le and Councilmember Enrique Lloyd

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

The agenda was approved.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - None**

**4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/HOUSEKEEPING**

Chair O'Connell and Chair Pro Tem Walker reviewed the established Olympia Youth Council mission, vision, purpose and community norms.

**5. BUSINESS ITEMS**

**5.A [25-0057](#) Team Building Activity**

Chair O'Connell lead a team building activity for Youth Councilmembers to get reacquainted with each other.

**The activity was completed.**

**5.B [25-0054](#) Approval of Leadership Appointments to the Olympia Youth Council**

**Councilmember Artemis moved, seconded by Chair Pro Tem Walker, to recommend the following leadership appointments to the Olympia Youth Council:**

**Nolan O'Connell, Chair**

**Allison Walker, Chair Pro Tem**

**Sophia Park, Secretary**

**Eric Zhang, Treasurer**

**Willow Chen, Vice Chair, Communications Subcommittee**

**Shruthi Lingham-Nattamai, Vice Chair- Policy Subcommittee**

**Gavin Cruz, Vice Chair - Outreach Subcommittee**

**The motion carried by the following vote:**

**Aye:** 14 - Councilmember Artemis, Councilmember Chen, Councilmember Cruz, Councilmember Haroon, Councilmember Horback, Councilmember Joseph, Councilmember Lingham-Nattamai, Councilmember Liu, Chair O'Connell, Secretary Park, Councilmember Velazquez, Chair Pro Tem Walker, Councilmember Wilson and Treasurer Zhang

**Absent:** 2 - Councilmember Le and Councilmember Lloyd

**5.C**     [25-0058](#)     Discuss and Recommend a 2025 Youth Council Work Plan

Staff Liaison Susan Grisham provided an overview on work plans and staff recommendations. She discussed Olympia 2025 comprehensive plan as an example of the items to be added to the Youth Council work plan. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and discussed additions to the work plan.

**The discussed will continue at the next Youth Council meeting.**

**6.     REPORTS**

Councilmember Gavin Gruz shared that February 2, the Legislative Youth Advisory Council is hosting an Action Day at the Washington State Capitol where youth are invited to learn about and engage directly with the legislative process.

**7.     ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 p.m.