



Youth Council Update

Joint Olympia City Council & Olympia School District Board Meeting
May 2, 2024

Background

- 2019 – Council passed Resolution M-2045, stating an ongoing commitment to working with youth related to issues regarding climate change.
- 2022 – via referral Council directed staff to hire a consultant to conduct research and engagement on youth council models/best practices.
- 2023 - Engaged with Truclusion to research successful youth council models, recommendations approved by Council.
- 2024 – Implementation and planning for 2025 seating

Goals of a Youth Council

To design a thriving, successful youth council for Olympia that will...

- Be a platform for youth to engage their local government.
- Foster collaboration between young people and the governing bodies that serve them.
- Ensure the voices of youth with diverse identities contribute to our local government.
- Bring fresh perspectives and ideas for addressing long-term needs of Olympia and its community members.
- Provide a first step in sustained involvement in the democratic process.

Approach

- Human Centered
 - Survey of youth
 - Youth Advisory Work Group
 - Outreach to partners
- Research Based
 - Youth Councils studied
 - Youth Council members and liaisons surveyed

Recommendations

- Duties
- Membership
- Appointment
- Training

Next Steps/Timeline

- May/June – recruitment plan and interview process development
- July 24 – CLPS - Status update and recruitment plan for approval
- August – recruitment opens, recruitment event held
- September – Interviews of candidates
- September 25 – CLPS – Status update and presentation of recommended appointments
- October 8 – Status update, appointments presented for approval
- October/November/December – Onboarding and Training
- January 15 – First meeting of the seated Youth Council



Questions?