



FLORIDA YOUTH COMMISSION

Blake Maier, Chair

Matthew Nadel, Interim Vice Chair

MEETING MINUTES

January 21, 2015

11:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

Secretary: The general meeting of the Florida Youth Commission was called to order January 21, 2015 at 11:36 a.m. by the Commission Chair, Blake Maier.

Leadership Update

FYC Manager Caitlin Camechis informed the Commission that commissioner Sierra Anderson, Maya King, and Katherine Sims have resigned from the Commission. Because we are in the second half of our term, replacements will not be sought.

Matthew Nadel will serve as the interim Vice Chair in Maya's stead.

The commissioners were reminded to check that they would be able to attend PeaceJam and Children's Week, which will take place April 10-14.

On Tuesday February 24, the Children and Youth Cabinet will hold a meeting in Tallahassee, which Blake will speak at. Caitlin will send out a link to the other commissioners so that they may view the proceedings online.

Every commissioner is required to send speeches and other materials they intend to disseminate to Caitlin first to be approved. Commissioners must also speak to Caitlin before meeting with legislators.

Committee Updates

Communications Committee Chair Matthew Nadel stated that the pictures and interviews are being compiled until there are enough for a steady stream of posts to be made. If commissioners want to see these photos, they can access them on a Flickr page that Matthew has created.

Photos and interviews can and should be sent in even if your due date has passed.

Regarding the FYC Promotional Video, a rough draft has been made and approved. Matthew is in the process of touching it up, and it will be completely ready by the date of the Children and Youth Cabinet meeting.



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Regarding the website, the layout and design of the two options are totally finished and the Government Affairs Committee has content ready to be put onto the site.

February is Ethnic Equality Month, so commissioners are encouraged to share Matthew's religious tolerance video, when he releases it, and Salma's Fabula Rasa videos.

The Communications Committee will also be gathering FYC affiliates to help distribute the Commission's resources.

Outreach Committee Vice-Chair Savion Winston spoke in the Committee Chair's absence. Outreach Committee members are currently working on efforts to spread the word about the FYC by talking to friends and classmates about the FYC initiative and preparing flyers to use to reach out to student governments.

Each Outreach Committee member will also attend school board meetings by a certain date that is to be decided.

Government Affairs Committee Chair Elias Rosenfeld stated that the GA Committee has created speeches for commissioners to use at school board meetings each month. The speech templates will be available on Google Drive.

Every GA member must communicate with at least two representatives and verify that they've promoted the FYC.

In addition, the GA Committee will be posting a legislative newsletter on the official FYC website. Each GA member will be responsible for reporting on at least two bills.

The GA Committee is also working on a bill on education reform that the FYC can submit to legislators.

Caitlin stated that commissioners must use the templates when speaking at School Board meetings and similar events.

New Business

If a commissioner cannot make it to a conference call, they must notify their committee chair at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

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