

# FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, October 16, 2025 - 4:00 p.m. City Hall - 2nd Floor Conference Room, 100 North U.S. #1, Fort Pierce, Florida

## 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson, Janessa Diaz called the meeting to order at 4:01P.M.

## 2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Reese Adams; Chairperson Janessa Diaz; Naomi Hypolite; Clarice Jean; 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin; Addison Fee; Marcos Vaughn; Emily Esquivel; Elizabeth Outten

Absent: Bianca Estime; Serenity Garcia; Gabriella Perez; Timothy Nixon

Staff Present: Audria Moore, Special Projects Coordinator; Natasha Robinson, Budget Analyst; Brittany Meredith, Deputy City Clerk

## 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

### a. Approval of the minutes from the August 21st meeting

Motion by Naomi Hypolite, seconded by Clarice Jean to approve the minutes from the August 21, 2025 Fort Pierce Youth Council meeting.

AYE: Addison Fee, Clarice Jean, Elizabeth Outten, Emily Esquivel, Marcos Vaughn, Naomi Hypolite, 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

## 4. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

Any person who wishes to comment on any subject on this Agenda may be heard at this time. Please limit your comments to no more than five (5) minutes, as this section of the Agenda is limited to thirty minutes. The Youth Advisory Committee will not be able to take any official action under "Comments from the Public" section.

No Comments

## 5. NEW BUSINESS

### a. City Initiatives

#### 1. Florida City Government Week Youth Essay Contest

Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore, let the Committee know next week is Florida City Government week and the City is holding an Essay contest. The Committee will review the submitted essays and choose the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners.

2. Youth Community Listening Campaign

The Committee discussed options for a youth community listening campaign and came up with an idea to do an event titled "Share your Love of the Community." They would like to hold it on February 14<sup>th</sup> 2026 from 2-3 P.M. and are working together to create fliers, media releases, social media posts, and a timeline for this event.

3. Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful

Ms. Moore let the Committee know the Keep Fort Pierce Beautiful board just launched an Anti-Littering Campaign titled Our City, Our Responsibility.

4. FPRA Youth Banner Showcase

Ms. Moore informed the Committee that the Fort Pierce Redevelopment Agency is showcasing the submitted Youth Banner art pieces as the flags that go on the light poles throughout the FPRA District.

5. Comprehensive Plan, Evaluation, and Appraisal Review

Stephanie Heidt with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council gave the presentation on the Comprehensive Plan, Evaluation, and Appraisal. She gave the Committee fliers to hand out to their peers that asked for feedback/ changes they would like to see in the future.

b. FLC 2025 Youth Council Summit

Ms. Moore let the Committee know about the upcoming FLC Youth Council Summit on November 8<sup>th</sup> in DeLand, FL. She let them know if they would like to attend. We need to know by October 20<sup>th</sup> as the deadline to register for the event is October 24<sup>th</sup>. Ms. Diaz and Ms. Naomi Hypolite both expressed interest in attending.

c. Youth Initiatives

1. Empower Youth

Ms. Moore let the Committee know the Empower Youth initiative is the Listening Event they are planning.

2. City of Fort Pierce Youth Recognition Award Program

Ms. Moore let the Committee know this program opens in January and the deadline to submit nominations is in May.

3. Youth Council Legislative Action days

Ms. Moore informed the Committee of the upcoming event in Tallahassee in January 2026, the FLC Youth Council Legislative Actions Days.

4. FLC Excellence Award

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

5. Council2college Scholarship

This will be discussed at the next meeting.

6. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

7. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson, Janessa Diaz adjourned the meeting at 5:01P.M.

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