

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, January 15, 2026 - 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 4:05 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Vice Chair Reese Adams; Chairperson Janessa Diaz; Naomi Hypolite; Clarice Jean; 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin; Bianca Estime; Timothy Nixon

Absent: Addison Fee; Marcos Vaughn; Emily Esquivel; Elizabeth Outten

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

Motion made by Vice Chair Reese Adams, Seconded by Timothy Nixon to excuse Elizabeth Outten's absence.

AYE: Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 2nd Vice Chair Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Approval of minutes from the December 18, 2025, Fort Pierce Youth Council meeting.

Motion made by Vice Chair Reese Adams, Seconded by Bianca Estime to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2025, Fort Pierce Youth Council Meeting.

AYE: Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 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. OLD BUSINESS

a. Update on the essay winners - Commission Approval

Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore, let the Committee know the Commission approved the selections and if the 1st place winner doesn't respond, they will not be receiving the award. Ms. Moore asked if anyone would be able to attend to help give the awards and Janessa and Naomi said they could attend.

b. Update on Youth Award - Nominations are open until March 31, 2026

Ms. Moore let the Committee know they will be receiving the nominations for this award to review and approve.

c. Youth Council Excellence Award - Deadline for entries is March 4, 2026

Ms. Moore let the Committee know that the listening event they're planning could count as a nomination for the board to get this award.

d. Council2College Scholarship - Deadline for entries is April 1, 2026

Ms. Moore let the seniors on the board know if they would like to be nominated for this scholarship, she can provide the required recommendation letter from staff.

AYE: Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 2nd Vice Chair
Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

e. Youth Community Listening Event discussion

The board discussed the listening event and selected the 2nd option for the flyer as they thought it looked more teen-friendly. They discussed the roles for the event. They will be asking the Explorers to run the roles because the board will be the panel. They would like to go to the gym to see how they can set up for the event prior to the event day.

Motion made by Timothy Nixon, Seconded by Clarice Jean to select the 2nd option for the flyers for the event with the changes to update the flyer with the event information.

AYE: Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 2nd Vice Chair
Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

Motion made by Timothy Nixon, Seconded by Naomi Hypolite to set up a tour of the gym on February 5th at 4 P.M.

AYE: Bianca Estime, Clarice Jean, Naomi Hypolite, Timothy Nixon, 2nd Vice Chair
Mayling Augustin, Chairperson Janessa Diaz, Vice Chair Reese Adams

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

7. **COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Janessa Diaz adjourned the meeting at 4:33 P.M.

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