

FORT PIERCE YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Fort Pierce Youth Council - Thursday, February 19, 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 4:11 P.M.

2. ROLL CALL

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

Absent: Vice Chair Reese Adams; Addison Fee; Elizabeth Outten

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 January 15, 2026, Fort Pierce Youth Council Meeting.

Motion made by Naomi Hypolite, Seconded by Clarice Jean to approve the minutes from the January 15, 2026, Fort Pierce Youth Council meeting.

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

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.

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

- a. Legislative Action Days recap

Special Projects Coordinator, Audria Moore, let the board know those that attended the Legislative Action Days and presented their recaps for the Commissioners did a wonderful job. Bianca Estime mentioned her favorite part was getting to meet other youth councils and creating a connection with them. Clarice Jean mentioned her favorite part was meeting new people and hearing new ideas, and they all had the same goal but different ways to achieve those goals. Mayling Augustin mentioned the different perspectives, and together they can all make an actual change. Timothy Nixon mentioned it opened his eyes that Fort Pierce is a small portion of a huge state, and he was able to compare this group to other councils throughout Florida. They were asked if they brought back any ideas, and they said yes, but the other groups had discussions on matters pertaining specifically to their areas.

b. Essay Contest

Ms. Moore let the committee know that the awards for the Essay Contest were given at the previous commission meeting.

c. Youth Award Contest

Ms. Moore mentioned 3 applications have been submitted so far. Once the contest is closed, this board will review the applications. There is a requirement for them to live in the City of Fort Pierce.

d. Youth Listening Session

Ms. Moore let the committee know they did not have enough put together for this event, they were not properly prepared. At the next meeting they will dedicate themselves only to discussing the Listening Session.

Motion made by Timothy Nixon, Seconded by Marcos Vaughn to set the agenda for the next meeting with only Old Business being the Listening Session.

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

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. Future Leaders Forum

Ms. Moore said this item will be tabled until April or May when the State Legislative Session is complete. This is an event to be held with Representative Dana Trabulsy.

b. Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council Presentation to discuss the Lincoln Park Master Plan.

Dana Little with the Treasure Coast Regional Planning Council presented the Lincoln Park Master Plan and informed the Committee on what the Regional Planning Council does within the City and County. The Youth Council asked about the addition of safe sidewalks as well as lighting throughout the Lincoln Park area. They discussed the possibility of doing a youth workshop to get more input from the youths of the community. Mr. Little will be coming back to this board to discuss more and get more ideas.

7. COMMITTEE AND STAFF COMMENTS

Ms. Moore let the Board know there is a volunteer breakfast/ luncheon being held 2/26/26 at 9AM if anyone can attend. The Board being in high school makes it difficult for them to be in attendance, so Ms. Moore proposed the next meeting holding a appreciation lunch to thank them for their hard work. The Board discussed the meeting in March and decided to change the date to March 12th.

Motion made by Timothy Nixon, Seconded by Clarice Jean to change the date of the next meeting to March 12th at 4 P.M.

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

8. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Janessa Diaz adjourned the meeting at 5:05 P.M.

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