

Sioux City Mayor's Youth Commission Executive Council Minutes

City Hall, Lower-Level Conference Room
405 6th Street, Sioux City, IA 51101
Monday, January 12, 2026
7:00 p.m.

MYC MEMBERS PRESENT: Gabriella Allassouma, Tate Behrens, Ellaine Dong, Zander Foland, Andy Lam, Grace Nelson, Kevin Tran, Reagan Uhl

MYC EXECUTIVE MEMBERS ABSENT: Claire Gann, Delina Habte, Luz Morales Segura, Jasper Morgan

GUESTS PRESENT: Dagna Simmons and Laura Mesz from League of Women Voters Sioux City, Dan Nelson - Parent

ADULT SPONSORS PRESENT: Jenny Gasaway, JoAnn Gieselman, Mary Koster, Traci Markowsky

Mayor Zander Foland called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

Minutes of the previous Executive Council meeting of December 1, 2025, were accepted on motion of Tate Behrens, seconded by Ellaine Dong, and carried.

Finance Report shows \$1461.90 has been spent to date, leaving a balance of \$4538.10. Total budget is \$6,000.00.

Elections of the Mayor and Mayor Pro-Tem were held in December. Zander Foland was elected Mayor and Ellaine Dong was elected Mayor Pro-Tem for 2026.

The following officers were elected or appointed:

- Administrative Services Director: Kevin Tran
- Finance Director: Reagan Uhl
- Legal Director: Grace Nelson
- Kindness Connects Us Director: Tate Behrens
- Hospitality Co-Directors: Gabriella Allassouma, Delina Habte, Luz Morales Segura
- Young Ambassador Co-Directors: Andy Lam, Jasper Morgan
- Project Directors: Claire Gann

Dagna Simmons and Laura Mesz from the League of Women Voters Sioux City are looking for volunteers to help with their legislative town hall meetings on January 24, February 28, and March 28. They explained what the town hall meetings were and explained what they need the volunteers to do.

The script for the New Member Orientation meeting was rehearsed. The Executive Council will conduct an Orientation for New Members and Young Ambassadors and their parents on January 27, 2025.

The New Member Orientation will be held January 26 and all Executive Council members will .

The 2026 Action Plan and Creation of Vision Board will be discussed at the February 2, 2026, meeting.

MYC volunteer activities include All Abilities Night at Cone Park on January 26. This is the same date as the orientation, so new members and Executive Council members will not be able to attend. MYC will take part in the Faces of Siouxland Multicultural Fair on Sunday, March 30. MYC will volunteer by escorting vendors to their tables and will also work at the MYC table.

Because of new state mandates, all newly elected or appointed commission or board members are required to participate in the Iowa Public Information Board (IPIB) training. Training must be completed by March 31, 2026. Training is only on specific days and times, so MYC has contracted with an attorney group in Des Moines to conduct the training during our February 23, 2026, meeting. Details will follow.

The next MYC full meeting will be on January 26, 2026.

The next MYC Executive Council meeting will be on February 2, 2026.

On a motion by Tate Behrens, and a second by Andy Lam, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kevin Tran, Administrative Services Director