

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES
November 16, 2021
10:00 AM

Attending:

COUNCIL: Chairperson Randy Beall, Te’Eris Hardwick, Dr. Albenny Price

STAFF: Darrien Moore, Amy Lancaster-King, Sonia Wilson-Westmoreland

LOCATION: Microsoft Teams

HANDOUTS: Agenda for Youth Committee Meeting, August 2021 Meeting Minutes, May 2021 Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 10:04 AM by Randy Beall.

Introductions - Introductions were made of all in appearance

Business:

Previous Meeting Minutes

The Meeting Minutes from May 13th and August 16th were provided to the committee members prior to today’s meeting and in discussion, no items were requested to be amended or adjusted.

Motion: Motion was made by Dr. Price to approve both May 13th and August 16th meeting minutes and was seconded by Mr. Hardwick. Acceptance of the motion was approved by a sounding of “I” and so moved with no objections.

Action Items

Youth Committee Co-Chair

Mr. Moore informed the committee that there is an opening for a Vice-Chair of the Youth Committee. The Vice-Chair will act on the behalf of the Committee Chair if the Committee Chair is unavailable at the time of meeting. Mr. Te’Eris Hardwick nominated himself for the Vice-Chair position.

Motion: Motion was made by Chairperson Beall to approve Mr. Hardwick as Vice-Chair of the Youth Committee, and was seconded by Dr. Price. Acceptance of the motion was approved by a sounding of “I” and so moved with no objections.

TransfrVR Equipment Licensing

A request to pay for the licensing and access to a virtual reality career exploration tool that youth participants will be able to gain access and experience working in various careers and industries. The license agreement is for five (5) headsets at \$2,000 each, totaling for \$10,000. Discussion was brought to the committee regarding the ability to provide the committee with competitive alternatives before the executive committee meeting.

Motion: Motion was made by Chairperson Beall to approve the leasing up to \$15,000 in licensing VR career exploration equipment, and was seconded by Mr. Hardwick. Acceptance of the motion was approved by a sounding of “I” and so moved with no objections.

Summer Employment Plan

Mr. Moore provided the committee with a 2022 Summer Employment budget request of \$200,000 in order to serve approximately 100 youth participants. In the discussion, Chairperson Beall requested the research of increasing the hourly wage to come from \$14/hr to \$15/hr. The WorkSource Atlanta (WSA) staff will research the ability to increase the hourly wage.

Motion: Motion was made by Dr. Price to approve the budget request to budget \$200,000 from the Youth Grants for 2022 Summer Employment Program and was seconded by. Acceptance of the motion was approved by a sounding of "I" and so moved with no objections.

Discussion Items

Youth Goals and Spend-down Plan

Mr. Moore presented to the Youth Committee with the plan to to expend and obligate the remaining PY20 budget (approximately \$465,447) and 80% of the PY21 budget (approximately \$791,956) with specific goals; hiring staff to serve youth participants; increase participants activities within ITAs and WEx and the approved Summer Employment services. WSA will focus on building stronger and more cohesive partnerships with community partners currently serving eligible youth participants and their eligible families. The committee express the need to continue to push for committee partnership inclusiveness and conitnious "staying out the box" mindsets to serve and assist in service delivery.

Next Youth Committee Meeting

Mr. Moore informed the committee that the next committee meeting will take place on January 25, 2022. Mr. Moore will send out meeting invites by December 1st, 2021.

Announcements

Chairperson Beall announced that the GABTA YouthBuild will be hosted at the SWAG Shop to announce and celebrate the purchase of the YouthBuild's new Mobile Training Unit. The YouthBuild will be receiving an award from a private entity to help with the mobile training unit costs. All are invited to the celebration.

Chairperson Beall adjourned the Youth Council Meeting at 10:50am.