



## **Minutes - September 18, 2024**

**Call to Order:** Supervisor Wilson called the hybrid Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee to order at 4:30 pm.

**Roll Call: Committee Members Present:** Supervisor Wilson, Supervisor Sutterlin, Supervisor Towns, Mark Dykstra, Max Olson, Mary Gut, Julie Grandeffo

**Committee Members Absent:** none

**Staff Members Present:** Erin Conway and Brad Meier

**Others Present:** Supervisor Rich Bostwick, Supervisor Schwarz, Sheila Williams

**Approval of Agenda:** Mark Dykstra moved approval of the agenda as presented, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED

### **Approval of Minutes:**

#### **September 4, 2024, Ad Hoc Youth in Governance Exploratory Committee Meeting Minutes**

: Max Olson moved approval of the September 4, 2024 Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee minutes, seconded by Supervisor Sutterlin. ADOPTED.

**Citizen Participation, Communications and Announcements:** None.

### **Review, Discussion and Possible Action:**

#### **Review, Discussion, and Possible Action on DRAFT 3 Report to the Rock County Board on the Establishment of a Rock County Youth in Governance Program**

: Supervisor Wilson introduced the DRAFT 3 document, from the agenda packet, that contains the details of the committee's, generally approved, Youth in Governance program guidelines. Supervisor Wilson encouraged the committee to once again, please collectively review the document, line by line, during this meeting and discuss any discrepancies, missing items or edits to the document. Discussion ensued and included topics such as: the Youth in Governance program background; and core recommendations; adding language to the document that supports the Positive Youth Development, core values of youth and adult mutual benefit and partnership. Mark Dykstra moved to add another bullet to the Core Recommendations section of the report document that includes language about (providing) a foundation for the development of youth and adult partnerships, seconded by Julie Grandeffo, ADOPTED by acclamation. Discussion topics continued to include: the county board and Extension roles and responsibilities; recruitment and specifically reaching home-schooled students; the

application age, school official signatures, and school notification of youth participation and other requirements. Mark Dykstra moved to strike from the DRAFT 3 document, line 84 and line 85, seconded by Mary Gut, ADOPTED by acclamation. Discussion topics continued to include: student good standing status; letter of recommendations. Mark Dykstra moved to amend lines 80 and 81 by adding "preferably a school official" to then read: "A letter of recommendation from an adult other than their parent or guardian, preferably a school official, who could attest to behaviors that demonstrate the nominee's level of responsibility." seconded by Julie Grandeffo. Discussion ensued. Mark Dykstra moved to withdraw the previous motion to amend lines 80 and 81 by adding "preferably a school official" to then read: "A letter of recommendation from an adult other than their parent or guardian, preferably a school official, who could attest to behaviors that demonstrate the nominee's level of responsibility.", seconded by Julie Grandeffo. WITHDRAWN. Discussion ensued. Mark Dykstra moved to amend lines 80 and 81 by adding other acceptable adult-type examples into the language "e.g. (list of examples of other adults)" to then read: "A letter of recommendation from an adult other than their parent or guardian, or other adult with a formal relationship to the participant, (e.g. school official, church leader, club leader, coach, employer, etc.), who could attest to behaviors that demonstrate the nominee's level of responsibility.", seconded by Julie Grandeffo. ADOPTED by acclamation. Discussion topics continued to include: school notification of youth participation; mentor to participant ratio; the program guidelines; participant's ability to cast advisory votes, program follow-up questionnaire content for both youth and mentors, and Appendices for supporting materials. Max Olson moved to add the word "Actively" to the front of line 163, seconded by Mary Gut, Adopted by acclamation. Supervisor Sutterlin moved to approve DRAFT 3 document as amended, seconded by Mark Dykstra, Adopted by acclamation.

**Review, Discussion and Possible Action on Resource Documents to be Provided as Appendices to the Recommendations Report to the Rock County Board**

: Supervisor Wilson explained that the appendices for the report to the County Board is to provide examples from other Youth in Governance programs, not Rock County versions of the appendices. Supervisor Sutterlin moved to empower the chair of the pilot program committee to provide examples that are to be included in the appendices, seconded by Mark Dykstra, Adopted by acclamation.

**Discussion and Possible Action regarding other items to be included in Recommendations Report to the Rock County Board**

: This item was not discussed.

**Thank you to Committee members for their dedicated service:** Supervisor Wilson thanked the committee for their participation on the Ad-Hoc Rock County Youth in Governance Program Exploratory Committee. Supervisor Wilson added that a copy of the report that will be going to the County Board, will be distributed to the committee members next week.

**Possible Next Meeting Date and Time – To Be Determined and dependent on action of the Rock County Board of Supervisors:** Supervisor Wilson explained that the next meeting would be determined by the vote and action of the County Board.

**Adjournment:** Mark Dykstra moved to adjourn at 6:15 pm, seconded by Max Olson. ADOPTED by acclamation.

Name of person who took the Minutes: Brad Meier

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