City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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53202

Meeting Minutes

EMERGING YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

ALD. JOSE PEREZ, CHAIR
Vacant, Vice-Chair
Amber Danyus, Michael Totoraitis, Ugo Nwagbaraocha, Dr. Brad Kroupa, Dr. Lindsey Harness, Dr. Anthony Cruz, Steven Mahan, Ald Russell Stamper and Brian Litzsey

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Thursday, January 22, 2026 | **9:00 AM** | **City Hall, Room 301-B**

1. Call to Order at 9:14 AM

2. Roll Call

Present	5 -	Perez, Stamper, Cruz, Kroupa and Litzsey
Absent	3 -	Mahan, Danyus and Nwagbaraocha
Excused	2 -	Totoraitis and Harness

3. Review and Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes (11/13/25)

Ald. Stamper moved approval of the minutes. There were no objections.

4. Presentation from Project Kindred & Partners

Appearing:
Yaa Engel - Exc Director
Adam Carr - Pathmaker in-residency
Darnell Hamilton - Future Urban Leaders, Exc Director
Dr. Julissa Ventura - Partners with Project kindred & Partners - Higher Education Partner from Marquette University

This presentation is intended to engage new groups and organizations that have not yet being formally introduced with the City and make formal connections, open doors for the young people, providing opportunities for leadership and development.

Today we are looking at how young people move through Milwaukee and asking whether our systems are set up to help their experiences actually add to their growth and development.

5. Data Committee update

This committee has met three times. They are developing a survey of the information

presented through this council. In the short-term expected outcome, they are aiming to collect data from key partners and organizations to develop indicators and recommendation related to data literacy, recommendation for this committee and other elements that the City is already involved in to synergize all the efforts. In the near future they will be conducting interviews and listening session to gather information that will become the Logic Model. The goal is to keep updating this council and receive any feedback relative to what is valuable and most useful. for the purpose of this council.

6. 2025 EYAAC Report

The Emerging Youth Achievement Advisory Council (EYAAC) operates as a leadership-level advisory body focused on improving systems alignment and coordination for youth and young adults ages 14–24 in the City of Milwaukee. In 2025, EYAAC completed its foundational formation work. Six full-council meetings were convened. EYAAC developed and approved a formal mission and vision to guide its long-term work. Data committee, Education and Workforce Development Committee and Safety and Wellness Committee were reviewed and approved the overviews and missions of three standing committees.

EYAAC's work focused on refining the proposed scope, coordinating with City partners, and ensuring alignment with CDBG requirements and the City's Neighborly platform.

During 2025, EYAAC heard presentations and briefings from a range of institutional and community partners to inform Council understanding and support systems-level alignment.

7. 2026 Goals

8. Announcements

Next Meeting Date 2/12/26

9. Meeting adjourned at 10:43 AM
Joanna Urtiz
Staff Assistant

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