

# MTF: Youth Council Meeting

May 6, 2020 | 3:00 pm

MTF Attendees: Chairwoman, Marquayla Ellison, Nick Carnahan, Tenia Fisher, Tiffany Henry, Kacee Ochalek  
Facilitator: Marquayla Ellison

## Purpose of Millennial Task Force

The task force is a 16-member body with the mission to look at the brain drain problem, gather data, and produce recommendations to combat the issue for the City.

## Objective

- Assess the major reasons Millennials stay in Milwaukee after college graduation.
- Analyze programs and policies, including peer city models, designed to attract and retain talented, young individuals.
- Propose measures to attract and retain Millennials.
- Make recommendations to the Common Council regarding potential legislative changes and other measures needed to address the Brain Drain problem

## Questions For Youth Council

- What are the objectives/passion areas of the Youth Council? (Personal)
  - Betterment of the lives of marginalized/disenfranchised communities
  - Help others
  - Human Rights
  - Mental Illness
    - Focus: increasing mental health resources in schools
  - Amplifying the voice/opinion/needs of black/minority community members
  - CDGA Funds (ranked in order of priority by CDGA)
    - Mental Health
    - Youth Incarceration
    - Youth Homelessness
    - Reckless Driving
- How many council members intend on staying in the Milwaukee area?
  - 0 (0 out of the 8 members present intend on living in Milwaukee upon completion of higher education)
  - 2 members expressed interest in coming back to Milwaukee during the informal conversation
- How many council members intend on leaving the Milwaukee area?
  - 8 (8 out of the 8 members present intend on leaving Milwaukee upon completion of higher education)
  - Milwaukee is not a safe place for black people/youth

- Many members expressed interest in leaving as a way of expanding horizons, being on their own
  - No HBCU in the Milwaukee area
- What do you love about Milwaukee?
  - Diversity
  - Sense of community: people are there for each other, likely to know your neighbors, able to depend on them for support, sense of togetherness even in sometimes unsafe environments
- What concerns do you have about Milwaukee (personally/living here/staying here)
  - Racism in white-majority spaces
  - Lack of leadership that is willing to be outspoken about inequality in the city
  - Milwaukee has potential, but majority of people do not recognize it
  - Unfair treatment from MPD/History of Police Brutality. It is known to the youth council that it is their objective to protect and serve but there are a lot of trust issues between the community and the police