



City of Milwaukee

200 E. Wells Street
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Meeting Minutes

EMERGING YOUTH ACHIEVEMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

ALD. JOSE PEREZ, CHAIR

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Dr. Brenda Cassellius, Amber Danyus, Michael Totoraitis, Ugo Nwagbaraocha, Dr. Brad Kroupa, Dr. Lindsey Harness, Dr. Anthony Cruz, Marcey Patterson, Steven Mahan, and Ald Russell Stamper

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Thursday, July 17, 2025

9:00 AM

City Hall, Room 301-B

1. Call to Order at 9:07 AM

2. Roll Call

Present 10 - Mahan, Perez, Stamper, Totoraitis, Danyus, Harness, Cruz, Nwagbaraocha, Kroupa and Cassellius

Excused 1 - Patterson

3. Review and Approval of previous meeting minutes (June 26, 2025)

Ald. Stamper moved approval of the minutes, there were no objections.

4. Milwaukee Succeeds Autonomous Youth Council & Youth Forward Presentation

Appearing: Maria Hamidu - Program Manager and Sebastian Fuentes -Community Engagement Manager

The Autonomous Youth Council aims to recruit, train and position local youth within decision-making bodies. This includes boards and leadership tables across Milwaukee, as well as more informal structures. In these roles, youth will have the power to influence decisions that affect them and speak up for what they need.

The Autonomous Youth Council launched with a 4-week in-person training academy in July of 2024, allowing youth the opportunity to develop and hone their talents. The content and structure of the training was shaped through youth and community feedback, creating a more responsive and engaging educational experience.

The AYC placements provide year-long opportunities for youth to join key decision-making bodies across Milwaukee, including boards and advisory councils. By placing 2-5 council members at each organization - from Data You Can Use to Arts at Large - we're elevating youth leadership and ensuring their voices shape critical decisions. These placements will empower our young leaders to make a meaningful impact in their community.

5. EYAAC Overview and Focus

Ald. Stamper moved to approve this committee. There were no objections.

6. DATA Committee Overview

Ald. Stamper moved to approve this committee. There were no objections.

7. Workforce Development and Education Committee Overview

Ald. Stamper moved to approve this committee. There were no objections.

8. Safety and Wellness Committee Overview

Mr. Mahan moved to approve this committee. There were no objections.

9. Announcements

*Ms. Christie shared Bridging Generations
Building Community talk and listening session
July 24, 2025 - 3:30 -5:30PM
2480 W Cherry St Milwaukee WI*

Chair Perez reminded all that Common Council will be in recess for the month of August.

Ald. Stamper will be promoting engagement, outreach and recruitment for Community Block Grant Administration application process to be focused on violence prevention.

Local Initiatives Support Corporations (LISC) Milwaukee oversees the Associates in Commercial Real Estate (ACRE) program. This initiative works in strong partnerships with the Center for Real Estate at Marquette University, the Milwaukee School of Engineering, and the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee to ensure a multi-disciplinary academic experience for ACRE participants. LISC strives to empower ACRE participants by equipping them with the essential skills, tools and resources to create wealth and make a positive impact on the social and physical landscape of neighborhoods.

application process is open now, said member Danyus.

10. Adjournment at 10:34 AM

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