

*These minutes are approved by the Youth Link Board.*

**CITY OF BELLEVUE  
YOUTH LINK BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

March 9, 2022  
6:00-8:00 p.m.

*via Zoom*

**BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT:** Co-Chair Natalie Sarabosing; Boardmembers Rachel Doyle, Neo Hou, Mukthi Kahn, Irfan Madhani, Priyanka Mukhara, Manish Nadendla, Melisa Shafiee, Candace Warner

**BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT:** Co-Chair Devika Vyas<sup>1</sup>, Boardmembers Sarah Desai Richard Li<sup>2</sup>, Lauren Lambert, Rosy Mendoza<sup>3</sup>, Mia Trenbeath<sup>4</sup>

**COUNCILMEMBER PRESENT:** Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale

**STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT:** Patrick Alina, Daniel Koo, Ayesha Patel, Angela Phan, Sima Sarrafan

**MINUTES TAKER:** Michelle Cash

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sarabosing at 6:04 p.m. A quorum was present. A Land Acknowledgement was read by Co-Chair Sarabosing, as well as the Zoom meeting guidelines.

Timekeeper: Candace Warner

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Motion by Boardmember Mukhara and second by Boardmember Nadendla to approve the meeting agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Motion by Boardmember Hou and second by Boardmember Warner to approve the February 9, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).**

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<sup>1</sup> Excused absence.

<sup>2</sup> Excused absence.

<sup>3</sup> Excused absence.

<sup>4</sup> Excused absence.

An Icebreaker Activity was conducted.

**4. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:**

None.

**5. REPORTS:**

A. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Jeremy Barksdale congratulated Boardmembers on the virtual Unity Through Diversity and Gumbo Night events. Councilmember Barksdale also reported that the city is going through a Comprehensive Plan Update, which plays a significant role in housing. Councilmember Barksdale encouraged Boardmembers to look at the Engaging Bellevue website for additional information.

B. BSD Liaison Report

Sima Sarrafan provided an update about recent school board activities. In particular, there was a conversation regarding the mask mandate.

C. Bellevue Youth Council & Staff Report

Ayesha Patel, Co-Event Coordinator, Bellevue Youth Council, provided an update on the following Youth Council activities:

- Thank you to those that supported the virtual Unity Through Diversity and Gumbo Night events.
- The 2022 Youth Involvement Conference will be held on April 30, 2022. Boardmembers are encouraged to attend.
- The 32nd Community Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on May 25, 2022. Boardmembers are encouraged to attend.
- An overview of the current Youth Council Action Team projects was provided.

D. Eastside Pathways Update

No report.

**6. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:**

None.

**7. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:**

A. COVID-19 Vaccination in Youth

Amanda Li, former Youth Link Boardmember, and Miranda Li discussed the COVID-19 vaccination in youth survey project they have undertaken. Amanda and Miranda asked Boardmembers for their support to understand youth sentiments on ongoing efforts on COVID-19 vaccine distribution. This anonymous survey will be distributed to all Bellevue school-aged youth. Parents are also welcome to complete the survey.

Boardmembers provided recommendations on other groups to survey.

B. Youth Link Meeting & Special Event Reminder

Patrick Alina reminded Boardmembers about the following upcoming events:

- April Youth Link Board meeting – April 6, 2022
- 2022 Youth Involvement Conference – April 30, 2022
- 32<sup>nd</sup> Community Leadership Awards – May 25, 2022

Boardmember Kahn said that assistance is needed for restocking the Little Pantry. Boardmembers will reach out to community members for assistance.

C. Youth Link Board 2021-2022 Transition

Patrick Alina reported that there are seven graduating seniors this year. Therefore, the remainder of the school year will be spent transitioning information from the graduating seniors to the remaining Boardmembers. The official Youth Link Board application process will take school allocations into consideration.

Patrick Alina reminded Boardmembers that the Youth Mental Health Subcommittee should be working on documenting the work plan so it can be shared with staff and the City Manager.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting adjourned at 7:23 p.m.