

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

May 11, 2022
6:00-8:00 p.m.

Hybrid

BOARDMEMBERS PRESENT: Co-Chair Natalie Sarabosing; Boardmembers Sarah Desai¹, Neo Hou, Mukthi Kahn², Richard Li, Irfan Madhani³, Rosy Mendoza, Priyanka Mukhara, Manish Nadendla, Mia Trenbeath, Candace Warner

BOARDMEMBERS ABSENT: Co-Chair Devika Vyas⁴; Boardmembers Rachel Doyle, Lauren Lambert, Melisa Shafiee

STAFF/OTHERS PRESENT: Patrick Alina, Angela Phan, Sima Sarrafan (BSD)

MINUTES TAKER: Michelle Cash

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Co-Chair Sarabosing at 6:07 p.m. A quorum was not present. A Land Acknowledgement was read by Co-Chair Sarabosing, as well as the Zoom meeting guidelines.

Timekeeper: Manish Nadendla

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

There was general consensus to approve the meeting agenda.

An Icebreaker Activity was conducted.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

None.

¹ Joined the zoom at approximately 6:36 p.m.

² Joined the zoom at approximately 6:42 p.m.

³ Joined the zoom at approximately 6:20 p.m.

⁴ Excused absence.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Boardmember Li and second by Boardmember Trenbeath to approve the April 6, 2022 meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried unanimously (9-0).

5. REPORTS:

A. Council Liaison Update

Councilmember Barksdale 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. Councilmember Barksdale also encouraged Boardmembers to attend the Experience Bellevue event this weekend.

B. BSD Liaison Report

Sima Sarrafan, Director—Bellevue School District, provided an update about recent school board activities. The Bellevue School District is conducting a superintendent search. Youth Link Boardmembers are encouraged to submit their preferred leadership profile for the next superintendent.

C. Bellevue Youth Council & Staff Report

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

- Youth Council will conduct an in-person meeting on May 18, 2022.
- The Sustainability Ambassadors are hosting their 4th annual town hall on May 18, 2022.
- BAWSE will hold the first ever youth fashion show in August 2022, with auditions on June 12, 2022 at the Crossroads Community Center.
- The 32nd Community Leadership Awards Ceremony will be held on May 25, 2022 at City Hall. All Boardmembers are encouraged to attend the event. Award recipients will be selected next week.
- BYC is in communication with the Lake Hills Teen Center to explore a partnership for Youth Link University.
- Some of the Bellevue High School BYC Members recently completed a canned food drive. This was delivered to Renewal Food Bank. The food bank is experiencing a current shortage so the donation was greatly appreciated.
- Youth Link received a Rotary grant for \$1,800 to install more food pantries. Essentials First would like a pantry in front of their storefront.

D. Eastside Pathways Update

Angela Phan reported that Eastside Pathways 101 is a forum to understand the basics of Collective Impact, learn how Eastside Pathways is utilizing the framework on the Eastside, and hear how Eastside Pathways is approaching their collective work. A meeting will be held on June 3, 2022 regarding the Eastside Pathways 101. In addition, Eastside Pathways is seeking a new Executive Director for the organization. A survey will be conducted to create a benchmark of quality for where the program stands in regards to social and emotional learning.

E. Youth Link Strategic Partnership Committee Update

Boardmember Kahn said that the LinkedIn web page has been updated. The committee is meeting tomorrow so a more in depth report will be available at the next board meeting.

6. TEAM BUILDING:

Co-Chair Sarabosing conducted a team building activity.

7. STUDY SESSION ITEMS:

A. 32nd Community Leadership Awards Program

Patrick Alina said that Youth Link's 32nd Annual Community Leadership Awards event will be held on May 25, 2022. This annual, citywide event celebrates Bellevue young people who contribute through leadership, community service, advocacy, diversity and social justice support.

A video was shown about the Community Leadership Awards event. Boardmembers are encouraged to volunteer to present an award in one of the 16 award categories. Boardmembers are also encouraged to attend the reception after the award ceremony.

8. UNFINISHED AND NEW BUSINESS:

A. 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.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.