

MAYOR'S YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING

A Regular Mayor's Youth Council Meeting was held on May 4, 2026, at 6:00 PM in the Council Chambers of City Hall. Youth Council Chair Na-Kowa Ryals called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

Roll call was taken. Members present: Na-Kowa Ryals, Hailey Dester, Janelle Lewis, Brody Bishop, Rayland Milligan, Michael Barnes, Noah Ringeisen, Adrienna Jones, Elizabeth Light.

Member(s) Absent: Sarah Dorough. Mentors present: Dr. Randy Stovall and Sam Abrahani.

Brody Bishop led the Invocation.

The Pledge of Allegiance followed.

MINUTES

Hailey Dester motioned to approve April 6, 2026, meeting minutes. Brody Bishop motioned to second approval. Motioned passed unanimously.

New Member Introduction

Chair Nakowa Ryals introduced Elizabeth Light. Elizabeth is currently in the 9th grade. She practices sports for physical activity multiple days a week and participates in academic study groups. Elizabeth is also a member of the Junior National Honor Society. Each Youth Council member and mentor welcomed her and introduced themselves as well.

1. BUSINESS ITEMS

- 1.1 Code of Conduct Draft: Chair Nakowa reviewed the draft of the Code of Conduct. A discussion followed and a final draft will be provided at the next meeting.
- 1.2 Current Project: Vaping and E-cigarettes: The Youth Council discussed the skit they presented at Tallahassee in January. The goal is to re-create a new skit to be recorded. Brody Bishop suggested including an animated talking Vape or a costumed character. Scripts will be created by group effort and a write up will be provided at the next meeting. Mentor Randy Stoval suggested they all come together to plan it out. Chair Nakowa will coordinate a date and time with all via group text.
- 1.3 Youth Council Social Media Account(s): Mayor Monson will reach out to the City's Public Information Office for assistance on creating the social media accounts.

Chair Nakowa also reminded the members about preparing for the activities they will provide at the Kids Festival on June 20, 2026, from 5pm – 9pm. Activities to prepare for are Scavenger Hunt, Spin the Wheel, and Corn Hole. Last year they also provided giveaways. Vice Chair, Hailey Dester also suggested creating and distributing a handout on Vaping. Elizabeth and Hailey will also create a trivia or fun fact card to add to the handout.

- 1.4 Next meeting Agenda: Items to discuss; Election of Chairs for 2026/2027 School Year; Final draft of the Code of Conduct; Final review of Scripts on Vaping Project, Creation, and administration of the Youth Council social media account(s); Prepping for Kids Fest on June 20, 2026.

Mentor Sam Abrahani pointed out that the Mayor was unable to attend due to her husband's medical situation and suggested sending her a group picture sending get well wishes.

Next Meeting Date: June 1, 2026 @ 6pm.

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Submitted by Eileen Mercado