

# Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting Minutes – 9.7.19

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Maryland Youth Advisory Council  
c/o Governor's Office for Children  
100 Community Place,  
Crownsville, MD 21032

Noureen Badwi, *Chair*  
Carmelli Leal, *Vice-Chair*  
Aidan Douglas, *Secretary*  
Christina Drushel Williams, *Advisor*

## **General Meeting September 7, 2019 Governor's Coordinating Offices 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032**

### **In Attendance**

#### Council Members:

Grace Acle  
Noureen Badwi  
Ryan Blosser  
Nina Bundy  
Crisaly De Los Santos  
Aidan Douglas  
Kamri Gooding  
Maggie Harkins

Jesse Harris, Jr.  
Ian Herd  
Carmelli Leal  
Marvin Li  
Maya Matava  
Malachi Macon  
Alex Xhane

#### Guests:

Robyne McCullough  
Alicia Brown

#### Staff:

Christina Drushel Williams

### **Introduction**

- Meeting called to order at 12:03 PM
- Christina “Ms. Christina” Drushel Williams welcomed members
- Council members introduced themselves

### **Photos and Interviews**

- Robyne McCullough, Chief Communications Officer at the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention took photographs of the Council and individual photos of members to be used in future press releases, social media, and the council's website. Ms. McCullough also interviewed each member for quotes to be used in the future.

### **Icebreaker Activity**

- Council members shared with each other 1.) What they would like to learn during the council year; 2.) What they were nervous about; and 3.) What they bring/contribute to the Council.

### **Overview of MYAC and Member Responsibilities**

- Reviewed the general history of MYAC and appointment process.
- Reviewed the role and responsibilities, by-laws and code-of-conduct for the Maryland Youth Advisory Council.
- Reviewed Robert's Rules of Order, which are designated at the Council's parliamentary rule.

### **Maryland Youth Policy Structure**

- Reviewed the agencies and committees that create and influence policies related to children and youth, including:
  - The Governor's Office for Children

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- Children’s Cabinet,
- Joint Committee for Children, Youth, and Families
- Local Management Boards
- Reviewed the Maryland’s Results for Child Well-Being
  - This report provides information on eight results for areas known to affect a child’s ability to grow-up healthy and secure. The report also provides statewide and jurisdictional data where available.

## Council Projects and Opportunities

- Emerging Leaders
  - The Governor’s Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) has a State Advisory Group with a youth subcommittee called the Emerging Leaders.
  - This group is interested in expanding a project being lead in Baltimore City by a group called Youth As Resources (YAR) who created a School Police Report Card for Baltimore City Public School. The Emerging Leaders are interested in implementing this in all school systems.
  - This could be an opportunity for MYAC to partner with the additional of school and community safety to the Council’s priority area, if continued into the 2019-2020 year.
- Maryland United 4 Youth Conference
  - November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> at The Hotel at the University of Maryland in College Park
  - Ms. Christina along with 10 members of the Council will be provided free registration to attend this annual youth development professional conference.
  - Members **will not** be provided reimbursement for additional costs such as hotel rooms, mileage, or meals outside of the conference.
  - Members interested and available to attend this conference should **contact Ms. Christina by September 20<sup>th</sup>**.
  - Members will be issued excused absences from school for participation
  - More information about the conference and the agenda is available online at <https://events.eventzilla.net/e/2019-maryland-united-for-youth-conference-2138706381>
- Community Conversations
  - The 2018-19 Council recommended that the Council refocus on hosting Community Conversations. It was also suggested that conversations focus on specific topics of interests based on the selected legislative priority for the 2019-2020 year.
  - This is also an opportunity for members to meet with, talk to, and learn from their peers about issues and concerns in their community and developing solutions and action to address those concerns.
- Social Media/Public Awareness
  - The 2018-2019 Council recommended that this year the Council focus on increasing its social media presence and raise more awareness about the Council itself and the work of the members.
  - Instagram – Ms. Christina and Ms. McCullough agree that the Council should have an Instagram account. They will work with the agency and advocate for this addition.
  - Facebook – the Council has a Facebook page and we should encourage more people to like the page and re-share the posts and content.
  - May have an opportunity for a TV spotlight, can be used to highlight the Council, the legislative priority, and launch community conversations dates.
  - It is important for council members to create content for the Facebook page and any future social media platforms. This includes highlighting achievements of members, good things happening in their school and community relating to priority areas or youth voice and leadership, pictures, polls, etc.

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## Election Results

### *Chair – Noreen Badwi*

- Noreen Badwi - 5
- Ryan Blosser - 4
- Grace Acle - 4

### *Vice-Chair – Carmelli Leal*

- Carmelli Leal – 6; 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot - 9
- Grace Acle – 3;
- Ryan Blosser – 6; 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot - 6

### *Secretary – Aidan Douglas*

### *Legislative Committee Chair – Ian Herd*

- Marvin Li - 3

- Ryan Blosser - 2

- Ian Herd - 9

### *Public Awareness Committee Chair – Crisaly*

### **De Los Santos**

- Maya Matava - 3
- Jesse Harris, Jr. - 1
- Grace Acle - 1
- Crisaly De Los Santos - 5
- Marvin Li - 1
- Maggie Harkins - 3

## Leadership Positions Appointed by Chair

### *Parliamentarian – Ian Herd*

### *Historian - unfilled*

### *Technology Officer - unfilled*

### *Executive Board – unfilled*

Members interested in serving in the remaining leadership positions should complete an interest/application form available online <https://forms.gle/XyhZ4WgoJ2aB8hhW9>.

## Committee Breakouts

- Council members self-selected membership into the Legislative and Public Awareness Committees.

## Meeting Adjourned at 3:53 PM

## Next Meeting

Saturday, October 12, 2019, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm, Governor’s Coordinating Offices, 100 Community Place, Crownsville, MD 21032