

City of Aurora - Aurora Youth Council  
City Hall, City of Aurora  
5th Floor Conference Room A  
Wednesday, September 11, 2019, 4:30p.m.-5:30p.m.

Members Present: Liam Fitzpatrick, Veronica Gebbia, Diana Gonzalez, Matt Leslie, Margarita Medina, Adam Pauley, Arleth Rodriguez, Mohini Shanker, Neha Tokala, Manal Zaman, Safa Zaman

City Of Aurora staff present: Dr.Holloway

**1. Call to Order**

Dr. Holloway called the meeting to order at 4:37p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

All members were present. Adam motioned to accept the agenda, Matt seconded.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

Mohini found an error in the Members Present section: Neha's name was misspelled as Nayha. Mohini motioned to approve the minutes, Adam seconded.

**4. Public Comment**

There were not any guest speakers present.

**5. Elections**

The youth council held elections for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Manal nominated Safa as **president**, and she accepted  
Neha nominated Mohini as **president**, and she accepted

-Safa gave a speech in which she described her qualifications of president -- mentioning her officer position in the Stem committee, being an original member of the Youth Leadership Summit, etc. Additionally, she volunteers at a hospital and has taken various opportunities to contribute to her community.

-Mohini gave a speech in which she listed her qualifications for the Youth Council's President position as well as the council's positive attributes. In doing so, she mentioned fostering ideas and implementing interest into the youth as well as getting new members invested in the Aurora area, recruiting, and plans on instituting longevity and sustainability of the council in Aurora. One extensive leadership qualification she holds is her presidential position of Eola Public Library's Teen Advisory Board.

Safa nominated Adam as **vice president**, and he accepted.  
Mohini self-nominated as **vice president**.

- Adam gave a speech, talking about how he is the last inaugural member of the AYC, has had plenty of leadership opportunities in his life, has been president of his student council for the past 3 years, and is currently the chair of Representative Kifowit's Youth Advisory Council.

Dr. Holloway introduced the role of Treasurer.  
Safa nominated Manal as **treasurer**, and she accepted  
Margarita nominated Diana as **treasurer**, and she accepted  
Adam nominated Matt as **treasurer**, he accepted

- Manal spoke about how she is president of her senior class council and has had plenty of opportunities that would qualify her for the position.
- Diana talked about how she is a senior, president of Alma Latina, captain for cross country, goes to the Illinois Science and Math Academy (and thus is proficient in math), is responsible, and handles money and funds frequently with school affairs
- Matt, a sophomore, took a business class in school, currently has two jobs and works well with people. As a result, he handles finances well.

Adam nominated Mohini as **secretary**, and she accepted.  
Arleth self-nominated.  
Margarita self-nominated.

- Mohini talked about how she has Adam's endorsement, and mentioned that she can type quickly and without looking at the screen, is secretary of the Spanish Honors Society at school, knows her way around technology, and is oftentimes a secretary in extracurriculars she's involved in.
- Arleth gave a speech about the importance of the secretary role, her involvement in school and with her job, her attentiveness, and her familiarity with the Youth Council and its members, all things which would make her a responsible secretary.
- Margarita spoke about how she has been a member of the Aurora Youth Council for a year, and is a firm believer that the secretary position is a crucial aspect of the youth council. She is in multiple honor societies, helps make schedules at her jobs and was secretary for the Science Honors Society at her school.

**Members voted and elected: Safa Zaman as president, Adam Pauley as vice president, Diana Gonzalez as treasurer, and Mohini Shanker as secretary.**

## **6. Unfinished Business**

There was no unfinished business to report.

## **7. New Business**

Members will be given some time in order to brainstorm possible ideas for the next meeting.

## **8. Reports of Officers or Committees**

Adam and Safa brought up the Youth Leadership Summit's agenda.

The Youth Leadership Summit will take place September 21st, 2019, and all youth council members should be there promptly at 8:30 AM, and be able to stay until 12:30 PM in order to help set up and clean up

Our roles: facilitating volunteers, managing food and cleaning, helping to move students during rotations

The Youth Leadership Summit has been in the making for over a year now, and the Youth Council anticipates a significant turnout due to our magnitude of RSVP's.

- 8:30-10:30 and 10:30-12:30 shifts are ideal
- Arleth, Safa, Manal, and Neha are able to stay from 8:30am-12:30pm
- Maggie, Veronica, Mohini, and Liam will be there 8-10am
- Matt needs to double check in order to confirm time of attendance

Our speakers consist of:

- Opening speaker: Chris Lauzen
- Closing Speaker: Simón Rodríguez

Towards the beginning of the Summit, Dr. Holloway will give a welcome speech as well as our new President, Safa.

Youth Council Member responsibilities are to ensure that speakers are attended to, helping calm kids down, logistics, providing information to Adam and Safa, assisting everyone with questions they may have, and keeping kids on track

A handout table will be at the summit in order to provide kids with programs, events, and other communal services pertaining to the Aurora community

The Summit will take place in the Prisco Center in Room,102.

There are currently 60 people registered, but walk-ins are welcome as well (must be 7th and 8th graders). Members should get access to fliers and register with Adam or Dr. Holloway.

## **9. Announcements**

Committee Recruitment: With a wave of graduation, many committees have lost integral members. Current committee chairs talked briefly about their committees in order to recruit new members:

- Safa briefly described the Youth STEM Committee, in which elementary schoolers attend a science fair in which activities for kids focused on STEM
- Mohini describes the Calendar Committee, which is focused on creating a comprehensive community calendar that contains library events, sporting events, and youth events in the Aurora area.

Mohini and Safa were brainstorming ways to recruit new members for the AYC, including stickers for laptops and shirts in order to further put our name out there.

Dr. Holloway mentions IMSA's new permission to hold a TEDXYOUTH TALK and asked the council's opinions on partnering with their team in hopes of being a potential sponsor (partnership). The majority of the council is in favor of sponsorship/partnership.

## **10. Adjournment**

Mohini motioned to adjourn the meeting at 5:30, Arleth seconded.