



# Agenda

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**Mayor's Youth Advisory Board**  
**Thursday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018**  
**4:30-5:30 P.M.**  
**Monica Roybal Center**  
**737 Agua Fria Street**  
**Santa Fe NM 87505**

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**MINUTES OF THE**  
**CITY OF SANTA FE**  
**MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD**  
**MEETING**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico**  
**May 17, 2018**

A meeting of the City of Santa Fe Mayor's Youth Advisory Board was called to order by Teya Martinez, Chair on this date at 4:30 p.m. at the Monica Roybal Youth Center, 737 Agua Fria Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

**Members Present:**

Teya Martinez, Chair  
Rudy Flores, Vice Chair  
Barath Kurapati  
Franchesca Pino  
Megan Sarkissian

**Members Absent:**

Teynnih Nomie Currier  
Yazmin Holguin  
Jayden Madrid  
Melissa Ruiz

**Staff Present:**

Richard De Mella, Juvenile Justice Planner  
Lisa Noriega, Water Conservation Office  
Jessica Gulliford, Santa Fe Public Library, La Farge Branch  
Chris Sanchez, Community Services Division Director  
Julie Sanchez, Youth and Family Services Division Program Manager  
Victor Vigil, Monica Roybal Teen Center

**Others Present:**

Ellie Hoffman, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member  
Domingo Martinez  
Molly Timmins, AmeriCorps VISTAS Member  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Franchesca Pino, seconded by Barath Kurapati to approve the agenda.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **INTRODUCTION OF BOARD MEMBERS AND GUESTS**

Introductions were made.

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

### **April 26, 2018 meeting:**

The following change was made to the Minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting: Ms. Timmons was changed to read: Ms. Timmins throughout the entire document.

**MOTION:** A motion was made by Megan Sarkissian, seconded by Franscheca Pino to approve the Minutes of the April 26, 2018 meeting as amended.

**VOTE:** The motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

## **DISCUSSION/APPROVAL:**

### **A. Discussion on Resolution and Roles and Responsibilities**

[Copies of Resolution No. 2006-145 were distributed. The Resolution restates the provisions of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board to include amendments to the Membership and Term Sections. A copy is hereby incorporated to these Minutes as Exhibit "6A".]

Chair Martinez briefly reviewed the Resolution. She said basically the purpose of the Board is to provide, in a timely manner, input, suggestions, or recommendations to the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe pertaining to matters affecting youth in the community. She said the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board shall consist of seven members and three alternative members, ages 13 to 21, representing a diverse group of youth from the community. An alternative member may vote in the absence of a member. A non-voting City Council liaison shall also be appointed to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board.

Rudy Flores referred to Section 6: Terms where it states: "*After three consecutive unexcused absences, a committee member shall automatically be removed by the chair.*" He recommended that the Board Members come to

meetings as many as they can.

Chair Martinez said it is very helpful for Board Members to let her know if they will be attending the meetings, because they need to determine if there is going to be a quorum.

Mr. De Mella said there are legitimate reasons for missing a meeting, such as a test, etc. These would be excused absences.

## **B. Discussion on Job Center**

Chair Martinez said she, Molly Timmins and Ellie Hoffman were talking about the fact that there were a lot of lifeguard positions open and they wanted to see how they could help fill these jobs. They would like to meet with the Department of Workforce Solutions to see if they can help fill the positions.

Ellie Hoffman asked how they could make the position appealing.

Chair Martinez said it is easy to get certified and they could earn extra cash. Also, they will be outside by a pool and in the sun-if they like that.

Rudy Flores said just the fact that you can save people.

Chris Sanchez reminded the Board that the City is providing free training to become lifeguards. And again, there are a lot of open positions and possibly the Board Members can help in spreading the word to recruit the youth (16-21 years of age).

Chair Martinez said maybe the Board can get something going to help them fill these positions.

Megan Sarkissian said they could advertise this on social media as well.

Rudy Flores said the other best chance there is word-of-mouth.

Chair Martinez said they could make some fliers and post them on MYAB's Facebook page.

Chris Sanchez mentioned that SWAT (Student Wellness Action Team) has over 300 members and maybe the Board can find out a way to link with them. He offered to reach out to Brenden Baca of SWAT to see how they can do that.

Domingo Martinez suggested that they do some sort of Facebook live video and tell them what jobs are available for the summer and what they do.

Megan Sarkissian said they could do this on Instagram as well.

Chris Sanchez asked the group when they would do that. He said maybe the Board can schedule a time because school gets out next week.

Rudy Flores said maybe they would let them do one during the lifeguard trainings and have them tell them more about it as well.

Chair Martinez will schedule a time in the next two weeks and let Chris Sanchez know.

There was consensus of the Board to do a live video advertising the lifeguard training and positions.

### **C. Review of Youth Summit Report Action Plans**

The purpose of the Youth Summit was to invite youth from all socioeconomic backgrounds to discuss in-depth issues and concerns young people face in Santa Fe and to create a "Call to Action" plan that outlines solutions to improve the quality of life for youth in Santa Fe. Utilizing the identified action plans which resulted from concerns, needs and wants that the youth expressed at the 2015 Fall Youth Summit, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board prioritized six critical action areas to focus on for the 2017 Youth Summit. 300 youth throughout Santa Fe to include private, public, tribal and charter high schools, and local disconnected and homeless youth participated in a half-day summit. During the Summit, the youth leaders facilitated discussions with participant groups on the six identified priority areas.

Copies of the Youth Summit Report from the 2017 Mayor's Youth Summit were distributed to the Board Members. Board Members were asked to review it and provide feedback at this meeting.

Chair Martinez suggested that the Board review the priority/critical areas that the youth identified and provide an update on them.

They are as follows:

#### **Job Opportunities**

Chair Martinez said they are already working on this and they recently had a Youth Job Fair.

#### **Bullying**

Rudy Flores reported that he is still trying to contact a counselor who Chris Sanchez told him about, so they can figure out what they can do. Other than that, he had nothing further to report.

Chair Martinez asked if anyone wanted to say anything about what action plans can be taken to help him.

Chris Sanchez said they are coming to the close of school and maybe he can contact someone at the schools who are responsible for overseeing the bullying and do a follow up.

### **Substance Abuse and Behavioral Health**

Megan Sarkissian said she thinks we might need more awareness of the Teen Resource Center because she saw this in the Action Steps and she thinks this is something that they can bring to the youth's attention-that there are resources and support available.

Chris Sanchez said the library administered some surveys recently and it speaks to exactly what Megan is talking about. He asked Jessica Gulliford to talk about the library surveys.

Jessica Gulliford reported on the Top Results from the Youth Surveys as follows:

100% of survey responses said they want help with projects, reports and other school work.

86% would like help job searching.

### **Library's response:**

- Push to create flexible scheduling for Children's Librarian in order for better program time throughout the week.
- Use staff skills to tutor where needed, having designated staff at a clearly signed table, "Homework Help" or "Schoolwork Support", which will be open from 3:30 to 6:00 p.m.
- Bring Workforce into the LaFarge branch to continue job training for teens and connecting them to city employment.

### **Library Outreach:**

- Partner with AmeriCorps VISTA in order to expand outreach.
- Connect Teens to Seniors and Seniors to Teens:
  - Seniors need help with technology and other areas that teens are great with.
  - Teens need help with managing finances, taxes, and other areas successful seniors are great with.
- Visit MYAB (members') schools:
  - Board Members can introduce La Farge Librarians to their classrooms and students may learn about resources outside of school to get help with homework and work/job success.  
\*They will need to get a list of MYAB names and the school that they represent.

Chair Martinez asked if anyone is interested in helping with Behavioral Health and Substance Abuse. She said she is willing to help because she thinks its an important topic.

Rudy Flores said he was willing to help also. He said bullying kind of co-exists with behavioral health.

Megan Sarkissian offered to help with this as well.

Mr. De Mella asked the group what they are seeing at their schools – are kids dropping out of school; do they see kids coming into schools high and starting trouble?

The following comments were made:

- Seen drugs being sold at schools.
- Kids are not necessarily coming high to school.
- Teens experience with drugs, but it doesn't necessarily mean they are addicted. If caught repeatedly, then talk to them or send them to rehab programs.
- Drug-sniffing dogs do not come into schools anymore.
- Smell of marijuana around the school.
- Plenty of kids come in with substances. No alcohol.
- Schools do not allow e-cigarettes but kids still bring them in.
- Focus on what schools are doing to address the issues themselves, (like bullying, being caught doing drugs); what disciplinary actions are taken and are they proving to be effective.
- There is a big lack of services in the community to help teens who are experiencing substance abuse.
- Everybody should be able to get help regardless of race.

Mr. De Mella said the Board could think about how they can help. He explained that youth have peer-to-peer power when they talk to one another.

Chair Martinez asked if there were any more comments on this. Seeing none, she moved on to the next priority (immigration).

### **Immigration**

Chair Martinez said she knows this is a big concern and there are no programs in schools to address this. She noted that most classes are in English and there are no Spanish classes. She asked if anyone had any ideas how they can help this.

Jessica Gulliford asked if students struggle at schools where English is a second language, and do they see students falling behind a lot.

Rudy Flores said it depends because some may be more fluent than others, so it just depends on their fluency and the language.



Megan Sarkissian said she thinks it is important that the teachers be aware that there are some people who are not native English speakers and have immigrated. She said this was briefly mentioned in the Summit suggestions. Also, so teachers can be better adapted when it comes to different languages. She said some teachers already do this, but it should be more of an obligation rather than an option.

Mr. De Mella asked if they are seeing issues, or fear regarding deportation. He asked if anyone had relationships with kids who are immigrants, and do they talk about what their struggles are. There were no comments.

Chair Martinez said she knows that it is hard for youth (whose parents are immigrants) to get their visas and work permits. It can take a very long time to get their visa and maybe they can set up a program where they would feel welcome and safe.

Rudy Flores said a language barrier-not speaking the same language - can lead to bullying.

Chair Martinez asked if there are any more comments about this.

There were none.

### **Homeless Youth**

Chair Martinez said there are some homeless youth in schools and you may not know it because they do not show that they are homeless. They are embarrassed of being homeless and/or afraid to ask for help. She mentioned that there is a lady/speaker who comes in and allows homeless youth to come in; stay the night; wash up; find a job, etc. She said maybe the Board can contact her and have her make a presentation about what she does, etc.

Megan Sarkissian said one of the suggestions from the Youth Summit was to advertise the homeless youth shelters through the media channels because teens are not aware of them. They are more likely to seek help if they are aware of the shelters.

Chris Sanchez noted that they met with Siri and she asked about the potential of filming what MYAB does, particularly for the homeless youth community. He said it might be interesting to have a conversation with her about taking a camera and asking homeless youth what they would do to change homeless youth.

Rudy Flores said having affordable housing for youth is one of the suggestions in the Youth report, and it might be good to help see what can be done to find places for homeless youth, even if it is in a temporary home and allow them to make the choice on the direction they want to take in their life.

Chris Sanchez mentioned that some homeless youth have indicated that they would like to have a safe place to pitch their tents-a place where law enforcement won't bother them.

Megan Sarkissian said Santa Fe High School has a food bank and a clothes bank where people can donate items for homeless youth who attend school there. She thinks this is beneficial for all homeless and all people should have that.

Chris Sanchez said this might be a good thing for the Board to take on-to take a look at each school and see what is being supplied and what is not being supplied. Maybe the Board could help with making sure that they get the resources that they are lacking for next school year.

Rudy Flores said with regards to law enforcement, there is a suggestion that training be done to students, adults and law enforcement on how to approach homeless youth. He said maybe the Board could talk to the person who is in charge of law enforcement to see what they can do about making it so that they do not seem as threatening; and they can see how they can help the homeless youth.

Chris Sanchez said there seems to be a lot of interest in taking on this topic.

Chair Martinez asked Megan Sarkissian if she was interested in taking this on since they have a program at school. She offered to help her and asked if anyone else was interested in helping.

Megan Sarkissian agreed.

Francesca Pino offered to help with this.

Chair Martinez asked if there was anything more about this and there were no additional comments.

### **Lack of Community Activities**

Chair Martinez noted that the Board funded "Teen Jam" and this is an event that teens can join but they need to think about other ideas for teen activities. She said Meow Wolf is something big for the teens, but they need a place like a park where they could have activities for teens.

Megan Sarkissian said she saw in the action steps, a Teen Café. She said Meow Wolf is not really a place where teens can hang out with their friends.

Rudy Flores said they also charge to get in.

Chair Martinez said the Railyard had movie nights for teens and she did not know if they still did that and somebody said they still do that. She thinks this is a really good thing because a lot of kids go to it. She said there are activities in the

summer but there is not much for teens to do at other times, like after school or on Fridays, etc.

Megan Sarkissian agreed that they definitely need more of a year-round deal because they definitely eliminated-for the most part-the summer boredom issue, but kids don't have a lot to do during the week and do not have a space to do that.

Chris Sanchez noted that the City Recreation Department has been tasked with having movies on the south side and he thinks it would be good to partner with them and possibly co-host an event together. There is funding available to do this. He offered to get Chair Martinez the contact information for this.

Megan Sarkissian said kids could do their homework in a Teen Café while hanging out with their friends.

Rudy Flores said there are youth who like to skateboard or ride their bikes and there are no places for them to do this safely. He said he knows there are bike lanes on the road, but this is for transportation purposes and not recreational use.

Chair Martinez asked if the group would like to have a Putt-Putt place here.

There was agreement that having a Putt-Putt place here would be a good thing.

Molly Timmins mentioned that a bowling alley will be opening in the fall at the De Vargas Mall.

Chair Martinez said that will be another thing for kids to do.

Rudy Flores said maybe they could have prices for youth who sometimes cannot afford the full price.

Chair Martinez asked if there were any more comments on this topic and there were none.

### **Alleviating Financial Stress**

Rudy Flores said this kind of goes with job opportunities.

Chris Sanchez said the prior Chair brought this up because he knew of some youth at Santa Fe High who were not able to attend certain activities/trips or events due to financial reasons.

Rudy Flores said yes, like ROTC, they have a trip to California for training at the naval base there and it is so pricey that not all kids can afford to go.

Chris Sanchez said maybe Rudy Flores can take this on because it ties with

job opportunities.

He said at the Youth Summit, kids were talking about how to generate the ability to have some kind of a savings and learn how to use and balance a checkbook, etc.

Chair Martinez said at the last Board meeting, there was discussion about having classes at the libraries and that would be helpful for youth to learn to do that.

Chair Sanchez said maybe they can ask the librarians and AmeriCorp VISTA to partner with them on this.

Jessica Gulliford said the librarians would love to take that on.

Mollie Timmins said the librarians could use the Board Members' help in getting the word out to their classmates.

Francesca Pino said at Santa Fe Indian School, students are given a choice to take a class on financial literacy, which talks about checking and savings accounts; how to buy a car; how to own a home and things like that. She said maybe the Board could go to the School Board or something and ask if they could offer this as an elective. She thinks this should be available for all grades, especially if they are going to be getting a job for the first time.

Chair Martinez thinks this would be helpful for all students.

Chris Sanchez asked Francesca Pino if she could get information on the class she was talking about. He said the most important piece on this is getting people to attend the classes.

Ellie Hoffman mentioned that Nusenda Credit Union is offering a financial class this summer at Santa Fe High School and Capital High School.

Megan Sarkissian asked her to send out the information, so she can make an announcement at school to tell other kids about it.

\*Of note: Ellie sent out an email on May 25<sup>th</sup> regarding the class. It reads in part: *"This summer, high-school sophomores, juniors, and seniors can take a free personal finance course that will not only help them gain sound financial skills and knowledge but will also earn elective credits toward their education.*

*In partnership with Albuquerque Public Schools, Bernalillo Public Schools, and Santa Fe Public Schools, Nusenda Credit Union is hosting the course at:*

- *Albuquerque High School from June 4 – 23*
- *Bernalillo High School in Bernalillo from June 4 -29*
- *Capital High School in Santa Fe June 4 – 29*
- *Eldorado High School from June 25 – July 16*
- *Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe June 4 – 29"*

### **COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR AND BOARD MEMBERS**

Rudy Flores said it would be nice for the Board to get together and do something fun, maybe a trip to Nambe Falls. There was consensus of the group that this would be a good idea.

### **COMMENTS FROM COUNCILOR RENEE VILLARREAL**

Councilor Villarreal was unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict. She had a City Council meeting.

### **REPORT FROM STAFF**

Victor Vigil said the City is still registering for the summer programs, especially for the Teen Center (which will be at Capital High School this summer). He asked the Board Members to let their friends know.

Chris Sanchez suggested that the Board invite the Mayor to make a report to the Board. Also, possibly invite a School Board Member to the next meeting - maybe Rudy Garcia who is active in working with the youth in the community.

### **MATTERS FROM THE FLOOR**

There were no matters from the floor.

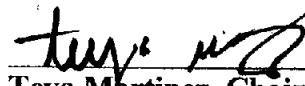
### **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on June 28, 2018, (time to be determined).

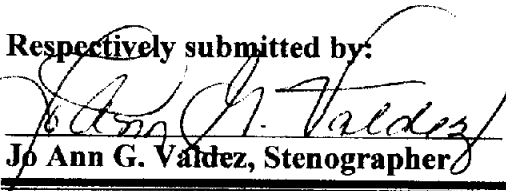
Franchesca Pino said she would not be attending the next meeting. She will be going to her student orientation at University of Arizona. Congratulations Franchesca!

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Its business being completed, the meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

  
Teya Martinez, Chair

Respectively submitted by:

  
Jo Ann G. Valdez, Stenographer

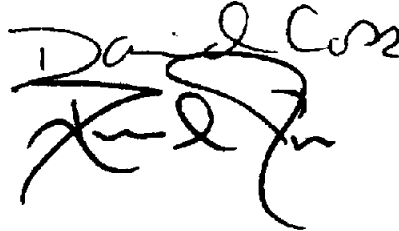
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Mayor's Youth Advisory Board  
Meeting: May 17, 2018

## CITY OF SANTA FE, NEW MEXICO

RESOLUTION NO. 2006- 145

INTRODUCED BY:



## A RESOLUTION

**RESTATING THE PROVISIONS OF THE MAYOR'S YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD TO  
INCLUDE AMENDMENTS TO THE MEMBERSHIP AND TERM SECTIONS.**

**WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2001-23 created the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board to  
review issues, policies and regulations pertaining to youth in the community; and**

**WHEREAS, Resolution No. 2003-34 amended the number of members on the Mayor's  
Youth Advisory Board and appointed a non-voting Council Liaison to the Mayor's Youth  
Advisory Board; and**

**WHEREAS, Santa Fe's youth face many urgent issues and the needs of children, youth  
and families are directly tied to the quality of life of the residents of Santa Fe; and**

**WHEREAS, the Governing Body is committed to increasing opportunities for youth  
leadership and youth participation in civic activities; and**

**WHEREAS, the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board should work in the most efficient and  
effective way.**

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE**

1 CITY OF SANTA FE that the Governing Body desires to restate the provisions of the Mayor's  
2 Youth Advisory Board to include amendments to the membership and term sections as follows:

3       **Section 1.**       The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board is hereby formed.

4       **Section 2.**       **NAME:** The committee shall be called the Mayor's Youth Advisory  
5 Board.

6       **Section 3.**       **PURPOSE:** To provide, in a timely manner, input, suggestions or  
7 recommendations to the Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe pertaining to matters affecting  
8 youth in the community.

9       **Section 4.**       **DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:** The Mayor's Youth Advisory  
10 Board shall be responsible for providing future input, suggestions or recommendations to the  
11 Governing Body of the City of Santa Fe pertaining to issues that affect youth in the community  
12 when deemed necessary and appropriate or upon request.

13       **Section 5.**       **MEMBERSHIP:** The Mayor's Youth Advisory Board shall consist of  
14 seven members and three alternate members, ages 13 to 21, representing a diverse group of youth  
15 from the community. An alternate member may vote in the absence of a member. A non-voting  
16 City Councilor liaison shall also be appointed to the Mayor's Youth Advisory Board.

17       **Section 6.**       **TERMS:** In order to create staggered terms, four members and one  
18 alternate member shall serve a term of one year and three members and two alternate members  
19 shall serve a term of two years. Thereafter, members and alternates shall serve staggered two year  
20 terms. After three consecutive unexcused absences, a committee member shall automatically be  
21 removed by the chair. *f Rudy*

22       **Section 7.**       **PROCEDURES:** The committee shall elect the chair and the vice chair,  
23 organize and adopt administrative rules and procedures necessary to accomplish its purpose.

24       **PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED** this 13th day of December, 2006.

David J. Coss  
DAVID COSS, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Yolanda Y. Vigil  
YOLANDA Y. VIGIL, CITY CLERK

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Frank D. Katz  
FRANK D. KATZ, CITY ATTORNEY