

**YOUTH BOARD  
OF THE  
DEPARTMENT OF YOUTH AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT**

**MINUTES**

Wednesday, May 26, 2004

**Present**

**Youth Board Members:** Richard McKeon, Chair; Peter Borish; Ellen Chen; Rev. Michel Faulkner; Dr. Karen Fullbright-Anderson; Dr. Milga Morales Nadal; Susan Royer; Kurt Sonnenfeld; Erana Stennett; Lena Townsend; Nancy Wackstein; Caliaf St. Aubyn; Mohamed Ghanem; Craig Eaton; David Pollak; Michael Shoultz; Sibyl Silberstein; Charles Langere; William F. Perry; and, Lynette Velasco.

**DYCD Staff:** Jeanne B. Mullgrav, Commissioner; Lisette Nieves; Michael Ognibene; Janice Molnar; Everett Hughes; Suzanne Lynn; Bill Chong; Lazar Treschan; Chris Caruso; Chris Cesarani; Yvette Furman; Daryl Rattray; Karen Fleshman; and Meka Nurse.

**Office of the Mayor:** Zac Smith, Deputy Mayor Dennis Walcott's office

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Chair Richard McKeon called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m.

DYCD Commissioner Jeanne B. Mullgrav welcomed the group and presented background material on DYCD. The Youth Board members introduced themselves. Youth Board Chair Richard McKeon discussed the role of the Youth Board and its by-laws. Chris Cesarani of DYCD described the overlap of the Youth Board and the WIA Youth Council.

DYCD staff who will support the work of the Youth Board committees discussed the mission for each committee. Karen Fleshman discussed the Funding and Resource Allocation committee; Lisette Nieves described the Youth One Stop committee; Yvette Furman discussed the Special Events committee; and Chris Cesarani talked about the Standards, Rules and Nominations committee. Youth Board members Erana Stennett and Peter Borish asked if serving on the Youth Board Funding and Resources Allocation committee while serving as board members of organizations that might seek DYCD funding would constitute a conflict of interest. DYCD General Counsel Everett Hughes responded that he would seek guidance on the matter from the NYC Conflicts of Interest

Board and share the information with the Youth Board members. Youth Board members signed lists indicating the committees on which they would like to serve.

A discussion ensued on the Youth Board's advocacy role. Youth Board member Nancy Wackstein asked if the Youth Board's advocacy role could include asking the Mayor for increased funding for youth programs, such as the Summer Youth Employment Program. Commissioner Mullgrav responded that the Youth Board was an independent body, but that the Youth Board should form a consensus before advocating. Youth Board members Peter Borish and Erana Stennett stated that they believed that the Youth Board's role in advocating for youth was to serve as a voice for youth and to ensure that existing resources were allocated properly, not to take a stance contrary to the Mayor. Due to time constraints, Chair Richard McKeon asked members to contact him with any feedback or concerns regarding the advocacy issue. He also mentioned that this was not a decision that had to be decided at this point, but one that could be determined after more time and discussion among the Youth Board members. (Rich also reached out to various Youth Board members after the meeting who made comments about the advocacy role.)

The Youth Board members signed up to serve on the following committees:

#### Funding and Resource Allocation

*Proposed meeting time: Tuesday 8:00 am*

1. Ellen Chen
2. Michel Faulkner
3. Sibyl Silberstein
4. David Pollak
5. Charles Langere
6. Nancy Wackstein
7. Lena Townsend
8. Kurt Sonnenfeld
9. Karen Fullbright-Anderson
10. Peter Borish

#### Youth One Stop

*Proposed meeting time: Thursday 8:00 am*

1. Milga Morales Nadal
2. Susan Royer
3. Mohamed Ghanem
4. Sibyl Silberstein
5. Charles Langere
6. Caliaf St. Aubyn
7. Michael Shoultz
8. Lynette C. Velasco

## Special Events

*Proposed meeting time: Wednesday 8:00 am*

1. Lynette Velasco
2. William Perry
3. Caliaf St. Aubyn
4. David Pollak
5. Craig Eaton
6. Mohamed Ghanem
7. Michel Faulkner
8. Susan Royer

## Standards Rules and Nominations

*Proposed meeting time: TBD*

1. William Perry
2. Sibyl Silberstein

The next item of business was to select dates for the future meetings. The Youth Board enacted the following dates for meetings:

Thursday, September 9, 2004 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, December 9, 2004 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 10, 2005 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Thursday, June 9, 2005 8:00-11:00 a.m.

Chair Richard McKeon adjourned the meeting at 9:35 a.m. with a commitment to follow up with members on the scheduling of committee meetings.