

Mayor's Young Leaders Advisory Council (MYLAC) – Meeting Minutes

Date: January 31, 2026 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Location: Goodwill Corporate Office

Secretary: Nevaeh Gantt

Attendance

Karthik Ancha, Jasamine Augustin, Adyson Berry, Brooke Botley, Khamoni Cosby, Nadia Darity, Alyde-Mard-Maureen Etienne, Summer Foster, Nevaeh Gantt, Cohen Hathaway, Layla Hickman, Chadrick Hicks, RichelanDine Hilaire, Dim Hoih, Laila Johnson, Arnav Kakaveti, Matthew Kalil, Yalini Kousican, Jimia Love, Lucy Massa, Jordan McClendon, Caleb McLendon, Bacari Morrell, Jai Patel, Phoenix Pollard-Jones, Kamryn Robinson, Eriana Sampson, Lamari Sims, Mihir Sonthi, Erica Truong, Sophia Venturello, Kobe Weaver, Marquez Kemp, Eric Gregory

9:00–9:10 a.m. — Meeting Called to Order & Roll Call

The meeting was called to order. Roll call was conducted by Nevaeh Gantt.

9:10–9:15 a.m. — Upcoming Events

Next MYLAC Meeting: February 7, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. • Capitol Field Trip: February 25, 2026 — Permission slips due today • Next Youth Empowerment Committee Meeting: February 19, 2026, at 4:00 p.m. • MOCK City Council Meeting: February 28, 2026 — Tentative date

9:15–9:20 a.m. — Recent Events

Members discussed recent community efforts, including Feeding Northeast Florida, where over 4,000 pounds of carrots were bagged and distributed to support local food access.

9:20–9:30 a.m. — DCPS Mental Health Conference & Shirt Design

Members discussed the upcoming DCPS Mental Health Conference. A “Mindful, Not Mind Full” theme was reviewed for the event shirt design. The design deadline is February 7, 2026.

9:30–9:55 a.m. — Teen Initiative Survey Creation

Members discussed and finalized survey questions focused on teen mental health and support systems. The group agreed to continue refining the survey at the next meeting.

9:55–10:10 a.m. — Break

10:10–11:55 a.m. — QPR Training with Here Tomorrow

Speaker: Maia Savage, Here Tomorrow. The speaker presented on the history of suicide in the United States and discussed how teens can help reduce these numbers. Members were trained on the QPR method (Question, Persuade, Refer) and participated in guided discussion on recognizing warning signs and connecting peers to resources.

11:55 a.m.–12:00 p.m. — Closing

Closing remarks were given and the meeting was adjourned.

Next Meeting: February 7, 2026 — 9:00 a.m. at the Goodwill Corporate Office