



CITY OF DALLAS

**Youth Commission Minutes
Tuesday, August 8, 2017
6 P.M.**

**Briefing Room
Dallas City Hall
1500 Marilla St.
Dallas, TX 75201**

Members Present: Chair Nathaniel Barrett Jr., Elizabeth Hampton, Secretary Mary Orsak, Nadya Villegas, Carson Brown, Tre' Brown, Victoria Lopez, Miles Frazier, Ebony Cornett, Micah Romaner

Members Not Present: Joseph Contreras, Teilor Johnson

1. Call to Order at 6:03 P.M.

2. Approval of Minutes from June 13, 2017

- **Motion:** To approve minutes from June 13, 2017
- **For:** Chair Nathaniel Barrett Jr., Elizabeth Hampton, Secretary Mary Orsak, Nadya Villegas, Carson Brown, Tre' Brown, Victoria Lopez, Miles Frazier, Ebony Cornett, Micah Romaner
- **Against:** 0
- **Result:** Carried, 10-0

3. Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway

Introduced by Director of Intergovernmental Services Brett Wilkinson

- Brett Wilkinson introduced the new Youth Commission liaison, Mayor Pro Tem Dwaine Caraway.
- Mayor Pro Tem Caraway expressed his excitement for this position and his eagerness to elevate the Youth Commission. He also informed the commission that he asked each councilmember to find \$10,000 in their district to give to the Youth Commission budget.

4. North Texas Food Bank Presentation

Presenter: Diana Carranza, North Texas Food Bank

- Diana Carranza introduced the Youth Commission to many of the programs that the North Texas Food Bank hosts including providing meals to elderly individuals with diminished mobility.

- She also discussed the mobile food banks and the food pantries established at elementary and middle schools.

5. MyDallas Citizenship Campaign

Presenter: M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira, Office of Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs, City of Dallas

- M. Elizabeth Cedillo-Pereira informed the Youth Commission of the new City of Dallas department, the Office of Welcoming Communities & Immigrant Affairs.
- She discussed her vision for the department and the programs that she has planned for the upcoming year. She invited the Youth Commissioners to volunteer at the Citizenship Workshop on October 7, 2017.

6. Library Teen Services

Presenter: Monique Christian-Long, Dallas Public Library

- Monique Christian-Long explained the Dallas Public Library's teen-oriented programs including Storytellers Without Borders and the prom dress donation program. She encouraged the Youth Commissioners to participate in these events.
- She also briefly discussed how libraries can stay relevant for teens.

7. North Texas Regional Youth Forum

Presenter: Taylor Moody, Youth Commission Coordinator

- Taylor Moody asked the Youth Commission to decide a date, location, and various breakout sessions for the upcoming Regional Youth Forum.
- Date suggestions included October 28, November 4, and November 11.
- Location suggestions included the Convention Center, a hotel, or school facilities.
- Breakout session suggestions included helping teens work on college applications, internship and job fair, a youth public forum, and City Council updates.

8. Announcements

- There were no announcements.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.