



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, September 15, 2025– Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Autumn Gebara, Neha Sampathkumar, Reilly Higgins, Finn Regan, Krishaan Shah, Roman Gay, Addison McCarthy, Jacob Stecovich, and Rishabh Mahale

Members

Absent: None

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark, Township Supervisor Scott Hendrickson, Township Manager Tim Dempsey, Township Clerk Angela Demas, and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Director Clark called the meeting to order at 5:39pm. Supervisor Hendrickson thanked all youth for volunteering for public service and looks forward to hear their ideas. Clerk Demas swore the Commission in for a one-year term.

2. PRESENTATION

Director Clark made a presentation to the Commission on the basics of local government and how a Charter Township operates.

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER SHAH TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER GEBARA. MOTION PASSES 9-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

The Chair of the Jackson Youth Council welcomed the new Youth Commission and mentioned he looks forward to collaborating on future events.

5. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Authorization of Youth Commission Bylaws

Director Clark shared the established bylaws with the Commission for their review.

MOTION BY MEMBER GEBARA TO ADOPT THE 2025 YOUTH COMMISSION BYLAWS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER REGAN. MOTION PASSES 9-0.

b. Selection of Youth Commission Officers

Director Clark stated the need to select a Chair and Vice Chair for the Commission. Member Gebara and Member Regan volunteered to serve.

MOTION BY MEMBER HIGGINS TO APPROVE MEMBER GEBARA AS CHAIR AND MEMBER REGAN AS VICE CHAIR FOR THE MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP YOUTH COMMISSION TO SERVE ONE YEAR TERMS. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER MCCARTHY. MOTION PASSES 9-0.

c. Appointment to Youth Commission Committees

Three Committees were discussed. These included the Event Planning Committee, Finance and Fundraising Committee, and the Communications and Engagement Committee. Members Higgins, Gebara, and Sampathkumar volunteered to serve on the Event Planning Committee. Members McCarthy and Stecovich volunteered to serve on the Communications and Engagement Committee. The Commission discussed waiting to start the Finance and Fundraising Committee at a later date.

6. OLD BUSINESS

None.

7. PUBLIC REMARKS

Katima Dickenson, Assistant to the Chief Equity Officer at the City of Jackson, congratulated the newly formed Meridian Youth Commission and invited all to attend their youth Open House event in October at Cascades Manor.

8. ASSIGNMENTS

Review a video explaining the Robert's Rules of Order.

9. NEXT MEETING DATE

- October 20, 2025 at 5:30pm at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION BY MEMBER REGAN TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:18PM. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER HIGGINS. MOTION PASSES 9-0.