



AGENDA
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF MERIDIAN
YOUTH COMMISSION
APRIL 20, 2026, 5:30 PM
MERIDIAN TOWNSHIP HALL- TOWN HALL ROOM
5151 MARSH ROAD- OKEMOS, MI 48864

1. CHAIR GEBARA CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
2. CHAIR GEBARA CALL THE ROLL: Higgins, Gay, Gebara, Mahale, McCarthy, Regan, Sampathkumar, Shah, and Stecovich
3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
4. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES
 - a. March 16, 2026, Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
5. PUBLIC REMARKS
6. OLD BUSINESS
 - a. Youth Commission Litter Swap
7. NEW BUSINESS
 - a. Youth Commission Experience & Feedback
8. PUBLIC REMARKS
9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Members are encouraged to ask staff and the Commission direct questions to determine goals of the Youth Commission and identify actionable next steps.
10. UPCOMING/NEXT MEETING DATES:
 - a. General Youth Commission: Monday, May 18, 2026 at 5:30 PM
11. ADJOURNMENT



Charter Township of Meridian
Youth Commission
Township Municipal Building, 5151 Marsh Road, Okemos, MI 48864
Monday, March 16, 2026- Minutes -DRAFT

Members

Present: Autumn Gebara, Reilly Higgins, Krishnaan Shah, Jacob Stecovich, Addison McCarthy, Roman Gay, and Finn Regan (arrived 5:32pm)

Members

Absent: Neha Sampathkumar and Rishabh Mahale

Others

Present: Economic Development Director Amber Clark and Executive Assistant Michelle Prinz

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chair Gebara called the meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOTION BY MEMBER HIGGINS TO APPROVE THE AGENDA. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER STECOVICH. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

3. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

- a. February 2, 2026 Youth Commission Meeting Minutes
- b. February 23, 2026 Beautification Subcommittee Minutes

MOTION BY MEMBER GAY TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 2, 2026 YOUTH COMMISSION MINUTES AND FEBRUARY 23, 2026 BEAUTIFICATION SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES. SUPPORTED BY MEMBER MCCARTHY. MOTION PASSES 6-0.

4. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

5. OLD BUSINESS

None.

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a. Youth Commission Community Survey/Outreach

Reviewed the survey questions. The Commission decided it would be best to distribute the survey to 7th-12th grade students after spring break. They are targeting April 10, 2026 as the goal to send the survey to both Okemos and Haslett Schools and will work on a letter/PowerPoint to accompany the survey email.

8. PUBLIC REMARKS

None.

9. OPEN DISCUSSION

Member Regan shared a proposal for a community service Clean Up Day. He suggested that the Commission work to gather 20-40 students from both Haslett and Okemos Schools to each clean up the other community by picking up trash. There was discussion of ways to make the event fun and enjoyable and possible locations.

10. NEXT MEETING DATE

- Monday, April 20, 2026 at 5:30pm at the Township Municipal Building-Town Hall Room.

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46pm without objection.



To: Youth Commission Members
From: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark
Date: April 20, 2026
Re: Youth Community Survey –Google Form

At the last meeting of the Youth Commission, members voted in strong support of the creation and implementation of a community survey for the Meridian Township youth. The survey would be created by the current Youth Commission members with the intent to engage the youth of the Township. The engagement questions will provide the community's youth with the opportunity to provide key information to what activities, interests, hurdles, positions, and experiences the Youth of Meridian Township have. Members are interested in developing a survey that can be distributed to the schools while students are in session. Participation in the survey is completely voluntary.

The Google Form is currently active and has been shared with the local school districts. Youth Commission members are encouraged to submit the form to their peers to gain constructive feedback.



To: Youth Commission Members
From: Neighborhoods & Economic Development Director Amber Clark
Date: April 20, 2026
Re: Youth Commission Experience & Feedback

Annually the Meridian Township Board will host a Joint Board & Commission meeting to allow for the 20+ Township committees to provide an overview of their activities. Township Commissions are established as an extension of the Township Board for public engagement, oversight, input, and in some cases authority to make decisions. The Youth Commission has been invited to attend the Tuesday April 21, 2026 Township Board meeting. Chair Gebara and Vice-Chair Reagan have accepted the invitation to speak on behalf of the Commission.

Tonight the discussion of the commission should provide the Chair and Vice Chair with an overview of your experiences. Members should provide two- three notes of what worked well for the Youth Commission and what could use improvement. Provide the Township Board with specific examples of hurdles you faced and need support on.

The Chair and Vice Chair will communicate these elements to the Township Board during the April 21, 2026 meeting.