

FARGO YOUTH INITIATIVE MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Sunday, September 7, 2025

A Meeting of the Fargo Youth Initiative Members of the City of Fargo, North Dakota, was held in Atomic Coffee, 222 Broadway N #100, at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, September 7, 2025.

The Fargo Youth Initiative Members present or absent were as follows:

Present: Aiden Rosten, Ashley Hsu, Ava Bach, Drew Burris, Harper Reiniger, Isabella Meyer, Justin Jiang, Kaj Naujokas, Lucy Paul, Minou Babingui, Setiya Hamidi

Absent: Abigail Hamilton, Erica Johnson, Koral Siegal, Lillian Dybing, Rose Ali, Reanna Quiah

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

Chair Meyer welcomed Members to the meeting and introductions were made.

Item 2. Approve Agenda & Minutes

Member Babingui moved the Order of the Agenda and the minutes of the March 2, April 6, May 1, and June 1, 2025 Fargo Youth Initiative meetings be approved. Second by Member Bach. Members present voted aye and the motion was declared carried.

Item 3. School Engagement

Fargo School Board Liaison Kristin Nelson shared about efforts to enhance student engagement and prioritize learners, and she noted that the Superintendent's student cabinet is anticipated to start soon. She facilitated conversation with members about which topics are most important to them, which included sustainability and recycling; student engagement and well-being; mental health support; college preparation; attendance policies; backpack policies; and school safety.

Item 4. Youth Public Health

Chair Meyer shared an update that the youth substance abuse prevention campaign with Fargo Cass Public Health has been canceled. She anticipates updates at the next meeting from Community Health Educator Abby Lange at the October meeting.

Item 5. Youth Homelessness

No updates were heard for this item.

Item 6. Liaison and Staff Reports

Member Hamidi shared as liaison to the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee that the committee is dissolving at the end of the year. At the September meeting, she will be presenting on a recycling project she is working on at Davies.

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared an update on behalf of the Planning Department that there is an LDC Code Connect event in September for Members interested in urban planning. She also shared that the ground mural project presented at the last meeting is now complete.

Item 7. Discussion on Governance & Operations

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared an overview of the background and status of the citizen advisory boards and commissions under review at the City. She noted that more information will be forthcoming about next steps.

Item 8. Adjourn

The time of adjournment was 2:15 p.m.

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