

FARGO YOUTH INITIATIVE MINUTES

Regular Meeting:

Sunday, December 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, December 7, 2025.

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

Present: Aiden Rosten, Isabella Meyer, Lucy Paul, Minou Babingui, Setiya Hamidi

Absent: Abigail Hamilton, Ashley Hsu, Ava Bach, Drew Burris, Erica Johnson, Harper Reiniger, Justin Jiang, Kaj Naujokas, Koral Siegal, Lillian Dybing, Reanna Quiah, Rose Ali

**Due to lack of quorum for an official meeting, the meeting commenced with informal presentation and discussion.*

Item 1. Welcome and Introductions

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

Item 2. Approve Agenda & Minutes

This item was tabled due to lack of quorum.

Item 3. Youth Public Health

Assistant Planner Catlyn Christie shared updates on behalf of Fargo Cass Public Health Community Health Educator Abby Lange, who expressed gratitude for all the collaboration with Members and invited Members to reach out to her if they are interested in working on policy development related to tobacco/nicotine products that are being marketed toward youth. She also shared that she is in the early stages of facilitating more peer to peer interactions between high schoolers and middle schoolers regarding mental health and substance use.

Item 4. Youth Homelessness

Commissioner Kolpack shared that focus is currently on fundraising to move the Downtown Engagement Center to its new location. Ms. Christie noted that the City recently reopened its winter warming center. Robin Nelson, CEO of Boys & Girls Club of the Red River Valley, offered to connect students with efforts at Frasure and Youthworks.

Item 5. Liaison and Staff Reports

Member Hamidi, Liaison to the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee, shared updates regarding the dissolution of the Sustainability and Resiliency Committee at year-end. Cass County Administrator Robert Wilson shared background on the County's Cass County Youth Commission that no longer is in operation.

Item 6. Discussion on Governance Model

Discussion was held regarding the transition of Fargo Youth Initiative to a proposed model in collaboration with Fargo Public Schools and other government entities.

Item 7. Adjourn

The time of adjournment was 2:28 p.m.

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