



Youth Commission

Wednesday, December 11, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Bristol City Hall-111 North Main Street Bristol, CT 06010 Room 1-4

1. Call to Order

Chair Officer Matthew Gotowala called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

a. Attendance

Members Present:

Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair
Deborah Ahl, Vice Chair,
Ryan Broderick, Commissioner
Donna Osuch, Commissioner
Miguel Salguero, Commissioner
Renee Singleton, Commissioner
Luke Viens, Commissioner
Lance Washington, Commissioner
Erick Rosengren, City Council Liaison
Dr. Josh Medeiros, Superintendent

Absent:

Richard Kilby, Commissioner
Lance Washington, Commissioner
Sarah Larson, Deputy Superintendent

b. Pledge of Alligiance

2. Public Participation

None.

3. Approval of Minutes

a. Approval of Minutes: October 23, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes

MOTION: Made By Vice Chair Ahl to Approve the October 23,2024 Regular Meeting Minutes.

Seconded by Chair Gotowala, all in favor, motion carried.

4. Supervisor's Report

a. Supervisor's Report

Youth and Community Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Supervisor's Report; discussion followed.

Youth and Community Coordinator Raven Cody presented the Project Aware Updates; discussion followed.

Commissioner Broderick brought up the issue of social media and how it is still being misused among groups of young women. He stated the most of the suspensions and office referrals are because of social media and suggested future programs touch on the proper use of social media; discussion followed.

b. Year to Date Financials

Bristol Parks and Recreation, Youth and Community Services Superintendent Josh Medeiros presented the Year-to-Date Financials; discussion followed.

c. B.E.S.T Update

Youth and Community Services, BEST Project Coordinator Deedra Willingham presented the B.E.S.T Updates; discussion followed.

5. New Business

a. Adoption of the Youth Commission Calendar

Officer Matthew Gotowala, Chair, presented the Youth Commission 2025 Meeting Calendar; discussion followed.

MOTION: Made by City Council Liaison Rosengren to Adopt the Youth Commission 2025 Meeting Calendar.

Seconded by Commissioner Broderick, all in favor, motion carried.

b. Memorandum Between the Board of Education and Youth Services Bureaus

Youth and Community Supervisor Stephen Bynum presented the Memorandum between the Board of Education and Youth Services Bureaus. This is for Youth and Community Services being able to share data in order to best serve students and families and assist with government funding; discussion followed.

Superintendent Josh Medeiros showed his appreciation to the Board of Education's

Superintendent, Iris White, for her quick response and collaboration on the Memorandum.

MOTION: By City Council Liaison Rosengren to place the Memorandum between the Board of Education and Youth Services Bureaus on file.
Seconded by Vice Chair Ahl, all in favor, motion carried.

c. Youth and Community Services Fiscal Year 2026 Approved Division Budget

Bristol Parks and Recreation, Youth and Community Services Superintendent Joshua Medeiros presented the Fiscal Year 2026 Division Budget; discussion followed.

MOTION: By Commissioner Broderick to endorse the Youth and Community Services Fiscal Year 2026 Approved Division Budget.
Seconded by Commissioner Singleton, all in favor, motion carried.

d. By Commissioners

None.

6. Old Business

a. By Commissioners

None.

b. Holiday Gift Giving Program Update and Facility Site Visit

Youth and Community Services Coordinator Aubrey Minkler presented the Holiday Gift Giving Program Update and a Facility Site Visit; discussion followed.

7. Adjournment

MOTION: Made by City Council Liaison Rosengren to adjourn at 6:54 p.m.
Seconded by Commissioner Singleton, all in favor, motion carried.

Respectfully Submitted,
Amaris Estrada
Recording Secretary
Youth Commission