



William He

MINUTES

Mayor's Youth Advisory Council
Prosper Town Hall, Executive Conference Room
250 W. First Street, Prosper, Texas
Wednesday, January 24, 2024

1. Call to Order / Roll Call (RB)

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m.

MYAC Members Present:

Akhil Kotturi
Andrew William Beitel
Anna Williams
Dallin Melvin Hansen
Dana Rylee Sorensen
Jacob Sentlinger
Julia Fahrenthold
Mackenzie Kingston
Maryn Shellberg
Remi Richardson
Rithika Chakrapani
Ryan Church
Shivani Ainampudi
William He
Yolandie Venter

Councilmembers Present:

Mayor Bristol
Jeff Hodges
Craig Andres

Staff Members Present:

Mario Canizares, Town Manager
Robyn Battle, Executive Director
Todd Rice, Communications & Media Relations Manager
Devon Jett, Community Engagement Coordinator

2. Administer Oaths of Office to members of the Mayor's Youth Advisory Council (MLS)

Town Secretary, Ms. Lewis Sirianni administered the oaths of office to members of the Mayors Youth Advisory Council.

3. Welcome and Introductions – Mayor David Bristol (DFB)

Mayor Bristol welcomed the council members and each member introduced themselves and stated the Prosper ISD high school they currently attend and the years they have resided in Prosper.

4. Town of Prosper Governance – Mayor David Bristol (DFB)

Mayor David Bristol gave an overview of the Town of Prosper governance including the Home Rule Charter, ordinances, Town Council roles and responsibilities, and strategic vision. Mayor Bristol's goal is for the youth of Prosper to become more educated on local government and how it operates so that they may be more

informed and engaged citizens.

5. **Town of Prosper Operations – Mario Canizares, Town Manager (MC)**
Town Manager, Mario Canizares presented a high-level overview of the Town of Prosper operations, giving the students a look behind the curtain of the different functions and aspects of local government. Several topics were covered including the special responsibilities that local governments have along with how they use resources and provide services. Mario also covered the Town of Prosper's organizational chart and staff relations.
6. **MYAC Scope & Purpose Discussion – Robyn Battle, Executive Director (RB)**
Robyn Battle, Executive Director, covered the scope and purpose of the MYAC, detailing some of Mayor Bristol's expectations but also encouraging the students to take an active role in leading and conducting their meetings as well as sharing their ideas.
7. **Election of MYAC Chair and Vice-Chair – Robyn Battle, Executive Director (RB)**
Robyn explained the role of the Chair and Vice-Chair and asked the students if they would like to decide on those or table for another meeting. The Council agreed to go around the room and explain any roles or responsibilities they have held in various clubs and organizations to give the group a good idea of who would serve well in those positions. After hearing from each member, they elected William He as Chair and Mackenzie Kingston as Vice-Chair. They also decided to elect a Secretary who would take the minutes each month. Anna Williams was voted as Secretary.

The Council further discussed their ideas for events, programs, projects, or any initiatives they would like to see implemented in Prosper. Their ideas included the following:

- Cultural night
- Industry night
- Career night
- Field Day
- More events for special education students or more community members being involved with our special events programs that are already in place.
- More chair-accessible walkways or providing more programs that include those in wheelchairs.
- Helping to get the word out more about community events like Coffee & Chrome.
- More social media presence involving the youth or promoting the youth of the community.
- Hosting an event where all high schools in Prosper can come in and present their ideas.
- Provide more outreach events that are youth-focused.
- Youth mixer where high school students can come and meet and mingle with each other so they can discuss all the available clubs and organizations and hear each other's experience with those.
- More emphasis on mental health and putting out facts to destigmatize mental health.

At the end of the brainstorming session, the MYAC discussed possibly creating a MYAC social media account as well as creating a social media coordinator position.

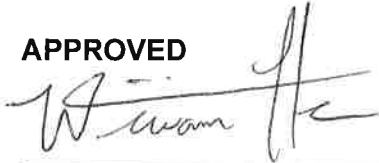
8. **Requests for Future Agenda Items – Robyn Battle, Executive Director (RB)**
1. Discuss MYAC meeting length.
2. Discuss the Social Media Coordinator position.

9. **Adjourn**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

These minutes were approved on February 28, 2024.

APPROVED



William He, MYAC Chair

ATTESTED



Anna Williams, MYAC Secretary