



Mayor's Youth Commission of Tacoma General Assembly Meeting Minutes

Saturday, December 21, 2021

Zoom Meeting

3:00 PM

Start Time: 3:05pm

End Time: 4:29pm

Attendance: Tara Ryan, Terah Gruber, Anna Finch, Mackenzie Sunde, Tara Zolfagharii, Zoha Ahmad, Logan Cornwell, Stella Keating, Nathan Essman, Anastasia Markham, Tricia Estrada, Rowan Ali, Naomi Alvarez, Ruby Neilson, Sylvan Baldwin-Money, Isha Hussein, Jacob

Liaisons: Ted Richardson, Leandra Shelton, Nate Minor

Guests: Alex Alderman, Pierce Transit

Pierce Transit BRT Presentation

Link to Slides (requesting from Alex)

BRT Community Committee

- A platform for community members to share their input on the project.
- We are seeking 2 - 5 students (high school or college) to join the committee.
 - Meet quarterly via Zoom
 - Committee will receive updates on the project.
 - Open dialogue - ask questions and provide feedback.
 - The next meeting will be in March or April. Committee members will determine the time. Typically evenings and lasts 1.5 hours.

2021 Student Art Contest

- 2020 was the first Student Art Contest
 - The artwork is displayed at bus stops or on bus wraps.
- 2021 planning
 - They seek feedback from the Youth Commission to see if students would like to be involved in the development of the project.
 - Promotional support from the Commission
 - Contact Alex via email at aalderman@piercetransit.org

Graduate Tacoma Advocacy Priorities

- The Commission heard about the Graduate Tacoma Movement Advocacy Priorities and ways that the Commission or students can engage or support.
- White papers on each priority are available on the [Graduate Tacoma website](#).



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- A month of advocacy will begin in February. Leandra will share with the commission opportunities and tool kits for engagement.
- [Advocacy 101 training](#) being offered through the Youth Development Executive of King County.

Innovate WA Challenge

The State of Innovation Challenge is a virtual, career connected learning problem-solving challenge for middle school, high school, and out of school youth — including Open Doors students, WIOA-eligible youth, and Opportunity Youth

Interested folks should do the following:

- Check out the challenges page, watch the case videos, and use the background information to help you.
- Pick the [project type](#) you want to work on — Nano, Micro, or Macro.
- Join the [industry engagement sessions](#) that interest you.
- Review the [submission guidelines](#) and submit your challenge through the [portal](#).
- Submissions Accepted NOW through March 4th.
- Website <https://www.innovationwa.org>

Committee Updates

Justice & Safety

- We heard updates from CPAC.
- Discussed the current project of the educational campaign regarding defunding the police

Environmental Health

- Discussed Tacoma Environmental Action Plan
- We are meeting with the COT Attorney Wednesday (1/20) to learn about the LNG plant.

Social Health

- We discussed getting mental health resources on TPS website.



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- We would like to invite Nathan Essman to a committee meeting who fills the Tacoma Public Schools board's student seat.
- We seek to connect with TPS to learn how counselors are checking in with students and available resources.

Education, Arts, & Culture

- Interested in the Pierce Transit art project and supporting that
- We would like to work with the Summit Ad-hoc committee to create Diversity and Equity sessions for the youth summit.