



Milwaukee County Youth Commission

Presentation



Youth Commission Purpose

The purpose of the Youth Commission is to provide young people in Milwaukee County with a unique experience in **community service**, **civic engagement**, and **policy and budget decision-making**

Functions, Powers & Duties:

Draft, adopt & amend governing bylaws

Receive program proposals from youth groups & allocate funds

Review policy & budget proposals that impact youth

Assess the effectiveness of County programs & services

Provide annual report of activities to the Board

Promote "Take a Child to Work Day"

Advise the County Board & County Executive

Source: [Resolution 22-662](#)

Vacant Youth Commission Representatives

The Youth Commission Selection Committee unanimously recommended seven Youth Commissioners to fill vacant supervisory districts.

New Youth Commissioners

The Youth Commission selection committee unanimously requests the Board confirms seven Youth Commissioners.

District	Selected Candidate	Term
2	Dallas Hortman-Garner	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026
7	A'Zarriah Kelly	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2027
10	Trinity Powell	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2027
11	Sofia Linares	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026
12	Elijah Sarsour	June 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026
14	Emilio Ramirez	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2026
16	Joselyn Garcia-Molohua	September 1, 2025 - August 31, 2027

Program Updates

Youth Commissioners are responsible for attending monthly meetings as well as participating in standing committee meetings.

Program Activities & Accomplishments

Since June 1, 2025, Youth Commissioners attend community events such as Harvest Fest, volunteer, advocate for Milwaukee County programs, and update their bylaws. Below are individual accomplishments:

Youth Commissioner	District	Activity/Accomplishment
D'Mario Cockfield	Co-Chair	Marched in the Juneteenth Parade; participated in July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park; provided public comment at the Annual Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget.
Marianna Taylor	Co-Chair	Marched in the Pride Parade; provided welcome remarks at the July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park.
Sarah Bruett	First	Served as Vice Chair of the Committee on Governance, Finance, and Evaluation; recognized Indigenous Peoples' Day at October Youth Commission meeting; attended Honor Flight Welcome Home Celebration.

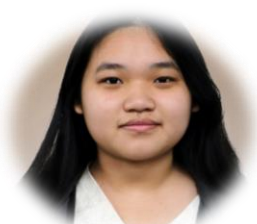
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	Victor Essoka	Second	Served as Second Vice Chair of the Committee on Governance, Finance, and Evaluation; volunteered at the Gathering's Running Rebels location by packing and serving meals for participants.
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	Kennedy Slaasted	Fourth	Served as Communications Officer; participated in July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park; provided public comment at the Annual Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget.
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	Jhuablai Thao	Fifth	Marched in the Pride Parade; volunteered at the Gathering's Running Rebels location by packing and serving meals for participants; participated in the July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park; provided public comment at the Annual Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget.
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Brody Kaminski	Sixth	Served as Vice Chair of the Committee on Community Engagement and Racial Justice Committee; marched in Juneteenth parade; created two resolutions to update the Youth Commission bylaws, which were unanimously passed by the standing committee and full commission; supported Orientation Session for new Youth Commissioners.
Ezran Anastas	Seven	Provided public comment regarding the McGovern Senior Center development at Committee on Parks and Culture meeting.
Jayden Maholmes	Eight	Participated in July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park marched in the Pride Parade.

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 Trinity Powell	Tenth	Attended Honor Flight Welcome Home Celebration.
 Ansh Paranjyia	Eleventh	Served as Communications Officer; marched in the Juneteenth Parade.
 Kyree Dunn	Thirteenth	Marched in the Pride Parade; supported Orientation Session for new Youth Commissioners.

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Activity/Accomplishment



Benjamin Elko

Fourteenth

Served as Chair of the Committee on Community Engagement and Racial Justice; created a resolution requiring Youth Commission press releases be issued in both English and Spanish, which were unanimously passed by the standing committee and full commission.



Emilio Ramirez

Fourteenth

Provided public comment at the Annual Public Hearing on the 2026 Budget.



Sean Libal

Fifteenth

Served as Chair of the Committee on Governance, Finance, and Evaluation; Participated in the July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park; attended Honor Flight Welcome Home Celebration.

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Zenia Shaker

Seventeenth

Served as Second Vice Chair of Committee on Community Engagement and Racial Justice.

Eva Vang

Eighteenth

Served as Communications Officer; participated in July 2025 recruitment press conference at Tiefenthaler Park.

Youth Commissioners Completing Program

Recognizing the Youth Commissioners who completed their service in 2025

Celebrating Youth Commissioners

The following Youth Commissioners will have completed their service in 2025.

District	Youth Commissioner	Term
Co-Chair	D'Mario Cockfield	January 2, 2025 - January 1, 2026 (final of two terms)
Co-Chair	Marianna Taylor	January 2, 2024 - January 1, 2026 (final term)
1	Sarah Bruett	January 2, 2024 - January 1, 2026
2	Victor Essoka	January 2 - August 31, 2025 (final term)
6	Brody Kaminski	January 2, 2024 - January 1, 2026 (final term)
7	Ezran Anastas	January 2 - August 31, 2025 (final of two terms)
8	Jayden Maholmes	January 2, 2024 - January 1, 2026 (final term)
10	Keith Neely	January 2 - August 31, 2025 (final term)
11	Ansh Paranjya	January 2 - August 31, 2025 (final term)
14	Benjamin Elko	January 2 - August 31, 2025 (final of two terms)
16	Bradley Rhode	June 1, 2023 - April 30, 2025 (final term)
17	Zenia Shaker	January 2, 2024 - January 1, 2026 (final term)

2025 Remaining Activities



Closing Ceremony

The closing ceremony is on December 17 at 5:30 PM. The Board and members of the public are invited to attend:

- The event will recognize the Youth Commissioners whose term ends in December
- The ceremony will recognize the 2025 Youth Commission operating partner, Safe & Sound and adult advisors



Priorities for end of year

The Youth Commission will complete the following priorities by the end of the year:

- Each standing committee will finalize an action plan that includes the committee mission, goals and activities.
- As part of the annual budget, the Board approved funds for the Youth Commission to allocate to service providers and nonprofits.
 - In December, the Youth Commission will approve up to \$35,000 of funds
 - The funds will advance the identified policy areas; youth experiencing homelessness, youth wellness and civic engagement.

Closing

Time for Q&A.