



## HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES DEPARTMENT

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### City of Newton, Youth Commission November 9, 2022 – 6:30 p.m.

#### Attendance/Introductions:

Davis Rattanavijai, Zack Gusenoff, Spencer Solcoff, Nick Makura, Lily Siegelman, Matthew Wrigley, Andrew Feinberg, Hana Futai, Audrey Wei, , Kenneth Tsay, Priscilla Situ, Shivani Gulati, Grace Cai, Sarina Chand, Armine Freeman, , Reese Connors, Ryn Leffler, Gassia Minassian, Chloe Lee, Phoebe Anthony, Tenley Hanson, Ethan Dhadly, Preethika Vemula, Julie Feldman, Georgia Finkelstein, Hien Lazar, Michelle Menken, and Meghan Murtagh.

#### Meeting called to order at 6:36 p.m.

#### Attendance & Introductions

#### Commissioner & Advisory Board Update:

- 4 Advisory Board Members moving into Commissioner positions.
  - Sent application and Statement of Purpose to Mayor's Office
  - Go before Special Programs Committee, date/time - TBD
  - Official appointment by City Council, date/time - TBD
  - Once appointed will need to come into City Hall to sign Oath Book in City Clerk's Office
- 17 new members will be appointed to Advisory Board
  - Applications will be sent to Mayors Office on Monday, 11/14
  - Mayor will send official appointment letter, TBD

#### Subcommittee Update:

- The Youth Commission will move forward with the following subcommittees:
  - Mental Health
  - School & Community Engagement
  - Guest Speakers/Workshops
  - Communication & Outreach
- Members were asked to complete a [Google Form](#) to determine which Subcommittee they are interested in joining.
- Members then broke into subcommittee groups to complete the following:
  - Introductions
  - Determine monthly meeting date & time, details can be found [HERE](#). Zoom links to follow.
  - Begin drafting/brainstorming projects for initial meeting. Notes can be found [HERE](#).

#### Youth Services updates:

- Youth Services in partnership with the Youth Commission, will host a mental health workshop on Wednesday, December 14 at 6:30 p.m. titled "Stress Survival Guide." This workshop will take place of the December YC meeting.
- The Youth Risk Behavior administration team has asked the Youth Commission to put together short videos encouraging their peers to take the survey honestly and to share information on what the survey is used for.

#### Meeting closed at 7:45 p.m.

#### Next Meeting:

Wednesday, December 14, 6:30 p.m.  
Newton Free Library