



Town of Barnstable
BARNSTABLE RECREATION

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Barnstable Youth Commission Minutes
September 23, 2025 ~ 6:30 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Daniel Gomes called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Notice of Recording - George Noonan is recording the meeting for the taking of the minutes

Roll Call

Present: Daniel Gomes (Chair), Megan Garthee, Noah Lyonnais, Shalanda Mitchell, Emma Sawyer, Leo Wang, Amelia Stoots, Nina Wang, George Noonan, Assistant Director

Absent: Maddy Boyle (Vice-Chair), Briah Ullman

Minutes: No vote taken

Public Comment - None

New Business

- A. Welcome
 - a. Introductions to new people
 - 1. Commissioners and those interested in joining the Youth Commission introduced themselves
 - 2. George Noonan gave a briefing on the Youth Commission's purpose as well as the process for joining
- B. Events for 2025
 - a. Youth Summit
 - 1. Confirmed for March 14, 2026, at the Cape Cod Community College
 - 2. It's for 7th graders who attend Barnstable Intermediate School
 - 3. It's a day long event which gives students an introduction on what to expect going into high school
 - b. Food Drive
 - 1. A community food drive gathering food and money for a local food pantry
 - c. Job Fair
 - 1. Local businesses looking to hire youth are present
 - 2. Students who are looking for jobs attend
 - 3. Timing of job fair was discussed and may be held later in the month of March
 - d. Prevention Forum

1. Informational event for parents/adults on issues surrounding youth substance abuse
2. Biggest challenge is getting parents to attend
 - i. Ideas were suggested and discussed including date, location, advertising, food for parents such as desserts, raffles
 - ii. School open house dates will be determined
- e. One Love
 1. Last year's event was discussed
 2. More people are needed to run the program
 - i. Shalanda is a part of Hope Squad and can work to get their participation
 - ii. Possibly go to the classrooms to have discussions during Stable time for a better effect
 - iii. Honors Students have more to gain for participation than the Hope Squad members do
 - iv. Individual classrooms were used in the past and it went well with Lucas on Zoom doing the introduction and discussions happening after that
- f. High School Event
 1. Barnstable Public School Superintendent wants to do an event with the Youth Commission
 - i. George will follow up on this
- g. Statehouse Trip
 1. It is important to take this trip this year
 2. Timing is important to figure out-possibly April

Matters Not Anticipated - None

Meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Next Meeting: October 14, 2025

Respectfully submitted,
Sandra Merritt, Principal Recreation Division Assistant

