



WESTMINSTER

Youth Advisory Panel

Meeting Minutes

Date September 10th, 2025

Time 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm

Location Westminster City Hall, Colorado River Room

- I. **Names of Officers**
 - a. **Chair:** Lucy
 - b. **Vice Chair:** Aditi
 - c. **Secretary:** Maite
 - d. **PIO:** Ida
 - e. **Community Service Committee:** Aditi, Milo, Ida, Akimi, Violet
- II. **Important Information from Officer Meeting (if applicable):**
- III. **Roll Call and Introductions:**
 - a. Lucy
 - b. Ida
 - c. Maite
 - d. Aditi
 - e. Hagen
 - f. Akimi
 - g. Milo
 - h. Violet
 - i. Ava
 - j. Ale
 - k. Manny
 - l. Victoria
 - m. Brynn
 - n. Sage
- IV. **Speaker(s) (if applicable):** Adams County Clerk & Recorder Josh Zygielbaum and Evelynn Guzman de Leon, M.Ed, Community Engagement Administrator
- V. **Debrief of Speakers:**
 - Clerk & Recorder: manages recording services, motor vehicles, property, marriage licenses, and election registration
 - Evelynn:
 - Each Colorado HS should have a **high school deputy registrar**, who is trained and designated to register students to vote
 - More info here:
<https://www.coloradosos.gov/pubs/elections/highSchoolDeputyRegistrar.html>
 - Voting eligibility: US Citizen, Reside in CO 22 days prior election, be at least 15 years old to preregister, not have an active felony conviction
 - 15+ to help register voters
 - Voting matters because it makes your voice heard, on a local level it impacts your community, and young voters help shape the future of our country.
 - How to register:

- To vote online go to GoVoteColorado.gov (need CO driver's license or ID), In person go to a Voter or polling service, mail-in register with public offices
- If you're registering someone to vote, make sure their handwriting is eligible.
- **No Labels is a party, unaffiliated is a non-party.**
 - if party designation is left blank on registration form, automatically registered as 'unaffiliated'
- **Eliza Pickrell Rountt Award:** recognizes highschoolers who register 85% of their eligible high school seniors to vote
- Registration deadlines: Online 8 days before Election Day. Voting centers or polling services offer registration or updating your information, getting a replacement ballot, or vote in person. The services are accessible to everyone.
 - Mail physical registration forms to 4430 S Adams County Pkwy, Brighton, CO 80601
 - Can register in person up to the day of election
- How Voting works: Registered voters get a ballot in the mail. Ballots are mailed 18-22 days before election. Vote by mailing your ballot back, dropping it off on a secure drop box or voting in person by VSPC.
- Type of elections:
 - General- Governor and presidential
 - Coordinated- Schools Districts & Boards
 - Primary- Presidential primary: decides candidates for general election
 - Recall- Remove elected official from office
- Young voter engagement:
 - 15+ students can preregister so they're ready to vote by 18.
 - Student Election Judges can earn \$19/hour while helping with elections
 - Getting involved early builds lifelong civic habits
 - It builds:
 - Civic responsibility
 - Role in shaping our future
 - Gives you a voice
 - Constitutional rights and privilege
 - Opportunity to influence the government
 - Every vote counts

VI. Recap of Meeting Minutes (Short Summary of Last Meeting):

- a. **Ideas for this year:**
 - i. Volunteer Subcommittee: monthly volunteer opps, more commitment, more voices
 - ii. Team bonding
 - iii. More volunteer opps in general
 - iv. Research issues to tackle within Westy community
 - v. More interactive, and physical changes in the community, hands on, less speakers just talking to us
 - vi. More skills to learn
 - vii. More connections between YAP and the community, school communities
 - viii. Outreach: Westy magazine
- b. **Retreat:**
 - i. Group Norms
 - ii. Voter registration initiative SMART Goal
 - iii. Robert's Rules & Bylaws
 - iv. Mayoral Election 2025

VII. Liaison Announcements:

- a. Volunteer Subcommittee – short meeting
 - i. San Merino

VIII. Officer Announcements:

IX. Old Business:

- a. Westy Fest: **10/18/25** – afternoon shift 3:30pm-8:30pm (see email for details on how to sign up) **Sign up due by Oct. 1st**
- b. Veterans Day Celebration: **11/11/25**
- c. Holiday Lighting Ceremony: **12/06/25**

X. New Business:

XI. Wrap Up/Announcements:

XII. Adjourn:

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