



### **June 13, 2023, BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**Members Present:** Angela Griffin, Ariana Sherlock, Beth Larsen, Jackie Jainga Hyllseth, Donald Felder, Debbie Peterson, Jack Edgerton, Helena Stephens, Nicole Herron, Jessica Werner, Cindy Elizalde, Gloria Hoxsie, Meena Natarajan, Rita Alcantara, James Lovell, Lidiya Gebre, Suzette Espinoza-Cruz, Fernanda Martinez Novoa, Frida Hernandez-Perez, Carol Goertzel, Annu Luthra, Yolanda Trout, Erin Lee.

**Members Not Present:** Jasmine Lee Fry, Kimmy Nguyen, Kendrick Glover, Dwane Chappelle

**Guests:** Hali Willis

**Staff Present:** Jawara Mcduffie, Jessica Tollenaar Cafferty, Emily Johnson, Eula Matsumoto

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### **6:00 PM, June 13, 2023, ZOOM MEETING**

**Meeting called to order:** 6:03pm

**No public comment was submitted**

**June CYAB Co-Facilitator:** James Lovell

**Approval of minutes:**

- May 2023 Minutes Approval (M/S/P/A): Ariana/Trout/Passed/Debbie/Gloria/Rita/Lidiya abstain

**1. WELCOME & INTRODUCTIONS** – Nicole Herron & James Lovell

- CYAB Roll Call Recognition of Guest(s) & viewing site, and host (TBD)
- Approval of May 2023 minutes
- Overview of Agenda
- Board building activity – Best Starts Blog Scavenger Hunt

**2. OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY: - King County Care and Closure** – Emily Johnson and Jawara Mcduffie

- King County Care and Closure team presented a brief overview of the project, including current community engagement efforts; PPT will be made available after the meeting.
- what are the things that need to be in place before closing detention center? Many things already exist. How do we create systems that are more accountable to those needs. What needs to be strengthened? What needs to be expanded? Right here right now there is a better place for our young people to be and that is not detention. What are we doing now?  
-Felder said leaders move on and new folks want to change stuff. What is done in the short term has meaning for the long term.  
What's missing is no answer or solution to ongoing socioeconomic disparities and systems of oppression.
- How can CYAB members continue to be in partnership (Gloria and Jasmine are liaisons to the project)
- Contact information for Emily Johnson ([emijohnson@kingcounty.gov](mailto:emijohnson@kingcounty.gov)) or Jawara Mcduffie ([jmcduffie@kingcounty.gov](mailto:jmcduffie@kingcounty.gov)).

**3. BOARD BUSINESS: Co-Chair Election**

- The CYAB held their annual co-chair election. Angela Griffin was unanimously elected as co-chair of the CYAB (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2023)

**4. BOARD BUSINESS: Subcommittee Report Outs** – Subcommittee Co-Chairs/Chairs

- **Youth Justice Subcommittee** reported that they had a meeting today post their retreat last month to discuss direction and reconvene around how the subcommittee aligns with other initiatives taking place. The subcommittee experienced a setback and have scheduled more time to discuss how to move forward given those setbacks. They are experiencing a reset of sorts. The notes and major highlights from the retreat are not able to be provided.
- **Young Leaders Subcommittee** hosted a Young Leaders Coffee and their meeting May 17. There was some concern about addressing the gap of youth representation on the board (particularly 18 and under). They discussed how they can address that in the future. Coffee session went well with those who were able to attend.
- **Community Engagement Subcommittee** reported their June meeting went well. The YAP letter was sent by Nicole and the CYAB hasn't received a response yet. Next meeting the subcommittee will dive into the speakers' circuit for Best Starts for Kids (audience, communication, and community engagement goals). Hope to get the meeting agenda to invite those on the board who want to participate to get more info and sign up.
- **PSTAA Advisory Subcommittee** retreat went well. Two main topics were Love and Liberation (k-12 investment) and there are recommendations to continue work with existing organizations of the Racial Equity Coalition. King County Promise (funding to support young people through college) work began in 2020 and is going slower due to less money and coming out of COVID.
- **Care and Closure Committee.** The presentation by project managers earlier in the meeting covered many of the items to report. Members were invited to come and observe meetings if they are interested.

#### 5. **OVERSIGHT AND ADVISORY: The Reach of the CYAB introduction.**

- Reflection on member's reminder to the board that it is not just BSK, the YAP, or PSTAA, but the welfare of children, babies, youth, etc. The CYAB has an oversight and advisory role on issues that impact young people. CYAB should make some space at board meetings to share other topics that have come up that the board should be looking at.

#### 6. **BOARD BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Nicole spoke on creating a Youth Partnered CYAB, allocating resources, and holding the board accountable for incorporating youth voice. There is a lot of interest for young people to have their voice heard. Our youth members are not completing full terms. We want to create some tools to help create a space more friendly for youth involvement.

**Meeting adjourned at 7:54 pm**