

# City of Bloomington

## Commission on the Status of Children & Youth

Hooker Conference Room #245, at City Hall at Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana on the Third Tuesday of every month at 5:30 p.m.  
In-person and Zoom Meeting, [Bloomington.in.gov/cscy](https://bloomington.in.gov/cscy)

### Minutes

May 19, 2026

Attendance Key:  Present  Absent  On Zoom

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|  | Maryjane McNabb<br>Mayor -2026  |  | Libby Pennington<br>Mayor -2026 |  | Joseph Shing<br>Council -         |
|  | Treyanna Moten<br>Council -     |  | Erin Reynolds<br>Council - 2025 |  | Andrea Alvarez<br>Council - 2025  |
|  | Leah Gilbertson<br>Mayor - 2024 |  | Callie Rakas<br>Mayor - 2024    |  | Shelby VanDerMoore<br>Mayor -2024 |
|  | Staff Liaison                   | Ximena Martinez                                                                   |                                 |                                                                                     |                                   |

Quorum:  Yes

#### 1. Call to order: Jun 16, 2026

- Motion to approve: Shelby motioned to begin the meeting at 5:37pm
- Second: Maryjane
- Motion:  Passed

#### 2. Request for additional agenda items No

#### 3. Approval of Minutes: April 21st, 2026 and May 19th 2026 Minutes

- Motion to approve: MaryJane
- Second: Leah
- Motion:  Passed
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#### 4. Approval of Minutes May 19th 2026 Minutes

- Motion to approve: MaryJane
- Second: Leah
- Motion:  Passed

#### 5. New Business

- Presenting the annual report went well Dave Rollo asked about the budget and talked about different budgeting/fund options. Was able to highlight we have a full commission and excited about retention and

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a. SWAGGER 2026 went well with 97 participants, 19 community partnership 25 nominees and 9 winners. We were a little bit over budget and got almost \$700 dollars in donations.

- I. Nominations were less diverse in terms of where they were coming from. Most were coming from parents or religious organizations
- II. Feedback generally positive, two responses: one from parent/family member of the nominee. I liked that it was not long and drawn out and didn't like the sound system and the refreshments got put away early. Other response: favorite part was the reward ceremony, suggesting there should be some incentive to visit each booth and also suggesting sharing the nomination forms in city program guide or calendar. Another suggestion was to have each nomination come to front when we call all of their names. Add an option to share nomination forms.
- III. Drinks ran out quickly, add the event to bloomington volunteer network, having more activities, combine it with the summer launch party put on with park and rec, wondering if nominations should be limited/excluded from parent nominations.

## **6. Active Initiative Reports**

a. Teen Liaison -Andrea put MaryJane in contact with a potential liaison

b. Guest Speakers - Leah- Strut to Success: Danielle Willis social worker created this nonprofit to mentor girls on leadership, mental and emotional wellness. Teen strut circle is a school based program- in school provides girls with opportunities to discuss communication skills, relationships, leadership and goal setting through activities, currently at Bachelor Middle School. Received a grant hoping to expand to more middle schools. Pump mentorship program: "Everyone should own a black pair of leather pumps" about confidence and courage to walk into any room like you own it. About self-worth and confidence to be on your way to transition into adulthood by learning financial literacy, personal branding, boundaries, goal planning,etc throughout the program would develop a portfolio and personalized plan. At graduation each person would present portfolio would receive pumps and seed funding to reach goals. Looking for volunteers, trying to connect with more schools, come to community events

c. Community Outreach Events - Shelby:

i. July 19th is carnival of care event at switchyard tabling done by Andrea

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ii. Summer listening sessions:

-would like to hold them with parents and caregivers and invite community stakeholders like the mayor. Boys and Girls Club as a venue and steps to get the mayor involved?, format of listening sessions?

-Have specific questions or topics of each session, maybe have a form and we choose questions from there, ask about how caregivers are finding out about resources, what format do they want the resources, if we end up creating a list of resources partner with other commissions to share with, most likely one hour outside of workday time to listen to constituents about concerns or needs not being met to whatever stakeholders can come, library auditorium could be a good place to be held

-Reach out to mayor to emphasize goal to connect her with family and children members in city

## **6. Committee Reports**

### **a. Chairperson's Report**

i.. The summer launch party was a hit, friendship bracelets were very popular.

li. Need to raise money for SWAGGER funds for next year, maybe apply to tri kappa grant

### **b. Community Relations**

i. n/a

### **c. Signature Events**

i. n/a

### **d. Data/Reporting/Communications**

i. n/a

## **7. City Staff Liaison Report**

### **a. Juneteenth event this Friday**

## **Announcements/Community Updates**

## **8. Adjournment**

a. Motion to approve: Leah moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 pm

b. Second: Shelby

c. Motion: **Passed**