

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


Oct 21, 2025

Attendance Key:  Present  Absent  On Zoom

	Maryjane McNabb (Vacant) Mayor -2026		Katie Hopkins Mayor -2026	NA	Commissioner (Vacant) Council -
	Tatiana Wheeler Council -		Erin Reynolds Council - 2025		Eugene (Fred) Schick Council - 2025
	Leah Gilbertson Mayor - 2024		Callie Rakas Mayor - 2024		Shelby VanDerMoore Mayor -2024
	Staff Liaison	Andrew Shannon, Safe & Civil City Director			

Quorum: 


1. Call to order: Oct 21, 2025

- Motion to approve: Fred moved to begin the meeting at 5:36pm
- Second: Tatiana
- Motion: 

2. Introductions

- We have a guest on Zoom tonight, so commissioners went around and introduced themselves.

3. Approval of Minutes:

- Motion to approve: Tatiana
- Second: Leah
- Motion: 

4. Request for additional agenda items

5. New Business:

- Public comments/ Guest Presentation: We heard from Joseph Shing, a high school senior at BHSS concerned about immigrant and refugee student experiences in MCCSC and Indiana at large. He shared that he

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was placed in remedial courses as a new student despite being far ahead of their academic content; this experience was echoed with many students he has spoken to across the district. He is proposing MCCSC implements a standardized placement exam for all new students to avoid being placed in courses based on assumptions or racist microaggressions. The principal and counselor at South advised Joseph to take this issue to the superintendent. He has addressed this issue to Dr. Markay L. Winston on at least 3 instances but no action has been taken. Joseph is requesting CSCY draft a formal letter of support in hopes that MCCSC will take his initiative more seriously.

6. Old Business

- a. N/A

7. Committee Reports

- a. Chairperson's Report (Erin): Erin suggests we do further research into how we can support Joseph and is hopeful we can find a way to help. We are unsure at this point what is MCCSC policy vs what is IDOE policy. Erin has no updates on the Tandem diaper drive at this time. Erin attended the Fairview open house in August and had a positive experience; lots of folks stopped by the table and took literature. Erin is interested in moving forward again with the teen liaison program and plans to discuss this further at the November meeting. The 2026 initiatives calendar is also on Erin's radar; she would like to use the November meeting to debrief about 2025 and set intentions for 2026. Last week was Read for the Record; Erin read at Binford Elementary, Callie, Katie, and Tatiana all read at Grandview Elementary. We all had a great time and really enjoyed it, but noted some confusion/uncertainty amongst the teachers about what the event was. Erin is wondering if next year we can have more involved activities and possibly work in smaller groups to better accommodate the youngest students. There was some miscommunication about whose jurisdiction the planning for Read for the Record falls under, and Andrew clarified it is a CSCY event. He shared that individual schools opted for where to host their guest readers (classroom, larger convocation space, etc.). The December commission meeting is scheduled for the week before

Christmas; commission members should consider if we would like to hold it or skip it, planning to vote on that in November.

- b. Youth Advocate (Erin, Leah): N/A
- c. Community Relations (Katie, Callie, Fred): N/A
- d. Signature Events (Erin and Callie): Callie asked if we were still planning to have a CSCY table at the Winter Wonderland event as we had discussed a few months ago. Andrew is asking that we both have a table and that commission members volunteer to work at other tables. The event is 12/6; volunteers should arrive early, around 10am, and will get debriefed about what happens at each table. If CSCY would like to have a table, we need to let Andrew know if we'd like a square table or a round table. Callie suggested we have a CSCY table that includes an activity as well as information about the commission. Tatiana suggested we rotate through all the tables as needed. The event runs from 12-3 on 12/5 and Andrew will share an invite to the Winter Wonderland planning meeting. Callie will send out a poll to CSCY members to see who is available.
- e. Data/Reporting/Communications (Tatiana, Leah): Tatiana shared that there are 20 families with 46 children experiencing homelessness in Monroe County.

8. City Liaison Report:

- a. Andrew reminded us to use the data we have from Read for the Record in our upcoming 2025 Annual Report. Andrew shared printouts of CSCY Roles & Responsibilities and clarifications on the event planning process. Andrew shared he believes the Tandem Diaper Drive is not feasible nor does CSCY have the capacity to take it on; he cited Winter Wonderland, Black History Month, AsianFest, and Juneteenth as placing too much demand on him to take on the diaper drive. Erin asked for him to share this info in an email to herself and Julie from Tandem, but Andrew declined as the meeting was being recorded.

9. Community Updates

- a. Don't forget, the MC3 Summit is on 11/13 at the convention center!

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to approve: Erin
- b. Second: Leah
- c. Motion: **Passed** at 6:42pm