

**CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION**  
**MEETING NOTES – DECEMBER 13, 2023**  
**CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER**

**ATTENDANCE**

Amanda Ruff	J-Lynn Van Pelt (Virtual)	Meredith Forbes
Christina Sherlock	Julie Murphy	Nicole Davi
Christine Raino (Virtual)	Kate Garvey	Rose Dawson
Ingrid Bynum (Virtual)	Katie Greenway	Sara Waskowicz
Jacinta Greene	Laura Durham	
Jessy Cuddy	Marcia Jackson	

**Excused Absent**

Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Councilwoman Aliya Gaskins	Zahra Rahimi
Abel-Rahman Einoubi	Dan Edwards	
Angela Green	Marwa Naqshbandi	
Catherine Clinger	Mike Mackey	

**Unexcused Absent**

Ursula Rocha

**Staff:**

Noraine Buttar  
Richard Daley  
Chelsea Eickert (Virtual)

**Speakers:**

Caitlin Brown, Youth Support Network Manager

**Guest:**

Allen Lomax

**WELCOME**

Julie Murphy welcomed all members to the meeting.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: ACT SUPPORT NETWORK FOCUSING ON OUT OF SCHOOL TIME PROGRAMS (SEE ATTACHED FOR PRESENTATION)**

The Commission heard from Caitlin Brown, Youth Support Network Manager who described the Landscape Study completed by Weber Moore Partners, LLC. The study was funded by the City using contingent funds and the Frank & Betty Wright Foundation. After the presentation there was a conversation about the ongoing work that is happening in the out of school time space. Alexandria City Public Schools is currently conducting a study and interviewed stakeholders.

The Youth Support Network has received more contingency funds that will be used to create a program locator and launch a program quality pilot with Weikart Center for Program Quality. The Network is working with a consultant to research funding opportunities to become an independent entity.

#### **DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON GROUP REQUESTS**

Members asked how CYFCC could support the Network. They decided to continue to follow the out of school time work and look for advocacy opportunities. Commissioner also stated they would like to invite the Network to present after the pilot program.

#### **DISCUSS FUTURE ADVOCACY EFFORTS**

Members reviewed the draft letter to Council requesting stipends for youth who serve on Boards and Commissions. They passed a motion approving the letter to be sent to Council after revisions were completed. There was not enough time to discuss sign-ups for the upcoming advocacy meetings so that information will be emailed to members.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Announcements will be shared via email.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 8:05 PM.