

CHILDREN, YOUTH & FAMILIES COLLABORATIVE COMMISSION
MEETING NOTES – MARCH 13, 2024
CHARLES HOUSTON RECREATION CENTER

ATTENDANCE

Amanda Ruff	J-Lynn Van Pelt	Rose Dawson
Carrie Phillips	Julie Murphy	Tim Beaty
Catherine Clinger	Katie Greenway	Trinady Maddock
Christina Sherlock	Laura Durham	Ursula Rocha
Dan Edwards	Dr. Marcia Jackson	

Excused Absent

Councilwoman Sarah Bagley	Kate Garvey
Angela Green	Meredith Forbes
Christine Raino	Mike Mackey
Councilwoman Alyia Gaskins	Nicole Davi
Jacinta Greene	

Unexcused Absent

Marwa Naqshbandi
Zahra Rahimi

Staff:

Noraine Buttar
Barbara Paulson
Chelsea Eickert (Virtual)

Speakers:

Michelle Smith Howard, Kid's First Years
Michelle Biwer, Alexandria Libraries

WELCOME

Catherine welcomed all members to the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

There were no public comments.

APPROVE FEBRUARY MINUTES

The minutes were approved.

**PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION: KIDS FIRST YEARS, MICHELLE SMITH-HOWARD,
PRESIDENT AND CEO AND ALEXANDRIA LIBRARIES, MICHELLE BIWER, YOUTH
SERVICES MANAGER**

DISCUSSION AND VOTE ON GROUP REQUESTS

Members asked how CYFCC could support, and the response was: help spread the word about Alex Preschool and Promote early childhood resources and advocate for mental health for caregivers. Kids First Years is holding a conference on April 13 and members are encouraged to attend. (Note: Conference will be rescheduled).

VOTE ON CHAIR ELECT NOMINATION

This item was tabled due to lack of time.

DISCUSS SOCIAL MEDIA PLAN

This item was tabled due to lack of time.

UPDATE ON LEGISLATION AND ADVOCACY EFFORTS

This item was tabled due to lack of time.

There was a motion to support items presented in the ACPS approved amendment and to support Council's effort to explore tax increases to fund these items. The motion was approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.