



**MINUTES**  
**September 3, 2025**

**Decatur City Hall**  
**509 N. McDonough Street**  
**4:00 PM**

**I. Call to Order by Co-Chair.**

C. Duvall called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm.

**II. Roll Call by Acting Secretary.**

Present: K. Baker, M. Bataille, R. Cooper, A. Duitsman, C. Duvall, T. Herman, A. Hogan, E. Mathew-Lewis, A. Nobles, M. Nobles, S. Oster, R. Pare, A. Park, L. Tell, L. Yustein.

Absent: I. Umlani

Staff: Andrea Arnold, David Junger, Langston Leake, Tony Powers, Meredith Roark.

**III. Oath of Office by Mayor pro tem Powers.**

All members present signed the oath of office.

**IV. Welcome & Introductions by Advisors.**

Members present & staff introduced themselves to the council.

**V. Ice Breaker.**

Members participated in Ice Breaker Bingo to get to know other DYC members.

**VI. Orientation by Advisors.**

- a. Rules and By-Laws
- b. Attendance and Participation
- c. Communication Channels
- d. 2025-2026 Meeting Schedule

Ms. Roark reviewed the rule and by-laws with the members present. She also explained the attendance and participation requirements as well went over the meeting schedule. She noted that official communication would be sent via email but that members would also utilize a GroupMe text message to share timely and informal information.

**VII. New Business.**



- a. Form of Government and Introduction to City Organization with City Manager Andrea Arnold and Deputy City Manager David Junger.

Ms. Arnold and Mr. Junger provided more in-depth introductions and then led DYC members in a discussion about the City's form of government.

- b. Engagement brainstorm with Communications Coordinator Grant Perry.

Mr. Perry explained that the City's Equity & Engagement division was looking for ways to better interact with youth. He shared ideas about the kinds of videos and media the Communications team would like to see and asked for feedback on other ideas.

- c. Brainstorm - Topics of Interest for Public Service Announcement.

Ms. Roark stated that the first project for DYC was typically updating the City Commission interviews but due to the upcoming municipal election in November, the interviews would be postponed until January. She stated instead the DYC would begin working on its PSAs in the Fall and she asked for ideas. Members present discussed a voter registration campaign, sustainability and pollinator city states as possible topics. Ms. Roark stated a final decision would be made during the next meeting.

#### **VIII. Other Business.**

- a. Next meeting: September 10 at 4:00 PM - Affordable Housing and Taxes with Angela Threadgill, Felicia Moore and Russ Madison.

C. Duvall shared the next meeting would be in a week at City Hall.

- b. Elections for Secretary and FOTS Planning Committee Chair Positions: September 10.

C. Duvall stated interested members would need to make a short speech before the election at the next meeting.

- c. Fair OFF the Square 2026: Saturday, March 21.

C. Duvall asked members to put the date on their calendars now because it was a required service project event. Ms. Roark noted the CFCI Teen Leadership Team would be partnering on the event again in 2026,

#### **IX. Adjourn.**

On a motion by E. Mathew-Lewis; second by A. Nobles; and, all present voting "aye," the meeting was adjourned at 5:42 pm.