



Perry Youth Advisory Council
Agenda – February 19, 2026
Perry City Hall | Council Chambers
808 Carroll Street, Perry, GA 31069

1. Call to Order: Chairperson Shelton
2. Roll: Chairperson Shelton
3. Guests/Speakers:
 - 3a. Welcome & Presentation – Autumn Cameron, Special Events Administrator
 - 3b. Q&A With PYAC Members
4. Review of Minutes:
 - 4a. Council's Consideration: Minutes of the January 15, 2026, Perry Youth Advisory Council meeting.
5. New Business:
 - 5a. Civic Challenge 5 Recap – Youth Council Members

6. Council Member Items: Goal Group Updates

6a. Promotion Group – Council Member Leonard and Council Member Scott

6b. Leadership Group – Chairperson Shelton and Council Member Dawson

6c. Impact Group – Vice Chair Arbogast, Council Member Peske, and Council Member Floyd

7. Staff Items:

7a. Civic Challenge 6 | Connect with Perry Public Safety - This Civic Challenge introduces you to the role public safety leaders play in keeping Perry safe. By directly reaching out to the Police Chief or Fire Chief, you'll learn more about how public safety operations work, what their priorities are, how they serve the community, and become more comfortable connecting with public safety leaders.

7b. The next Perry Youth Advisory Council meeting will be held on **Thursday, March 26, 2026, beginning at 6 PM at Davis Farm Fire Station (105 Commodore Drive in Perry).**

8. Adjourn.



PERRY
 INTERNATIONAL
 FESTIVAL
 HISTORIC DOWNTOWN PERRY GEORGIA

Saturday
 MARCH 7 : 12 PM
 : 8 PM

Special Events
 February 19, 2026

CITY OF PERRY
YOUTH
 ADVISORY
COUNCIL

CHAIRPERSON SCRIPT

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(1) CALL TO ORDER

“Good afternoon. I will now call the February 19, 2026, meeting of the Perry Youth Advisory Council to order.”

(2) ROLL

“We have a quorum.”

(3) GUESTS/SPEAKERS

“Item 3a on the agenda is a welcome and presentation from Special Events Administrator Autumn Cameron.”

“Item 3b on the agenda is a Q&A with Mrs. Cameron.”

(4) REVIEW OF MINUTES

“Item 4a on the agenda is a review of the minutes from our January 15, 2026, meeting. Are there any revisions, deletions, or additions to the minutes as presented?”

Pause briefly.

“Hearing none, I will entertain a motion to approve the minutes as presented.”

Youth Council Member says “so moved,” another says “second.”

“All in favor, please say ‘aye.’” (Pronounced “eye”.)

Pause for all Youth Council Members to say ‘aye’

“The motion to approve the minutes is unanimous.”

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(5) NEW BUSINESS

“Item 5 is New Business.”

- Item 5a is a recap of our fifth Civic Challenge. Council members, please share your thoughts on what worked well, what surprised you, or what you would improve about the Bourbon Street Bash. If you didn’t attend, do you plan on going to the International Festival on March 7?”

Allow time for brief discussion.

(6) COUNCIL MEMBER ITEMS

“Item 6 on the agenda is Council Member Items. Each goal group will now share updates related to their assigned focus area.”

“Item 6a will be updates from the Promotion Group. What progress has your group made on capturing short, conversational clips that showcase the connection between youth, local businesses, and downtown Perry?”

Allow Promotion Group to present briefly.

“How can the rest of us assist over the next month?”

Allow for short discussion on how everyone can assist the Promotion Group.

“Item 6b will be updates from the Leadership Group. What progress has your group made on establishing opportunities for volunteering at an event with the HALO group?”

Allow Leadership Group to present briefly.

“How can the rest of us assist in coordinating over the next month?”

Allow for short discussion on how everyone can assist the Leadership Group.

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“Item 6c will be updates from the Impact Group. What progress has your group made on outlining the parameters for the PYAC Award Program?”

Allow Impact Group to present briefly.

“How can the rest of us assist in finalizing the parameters of the Award Program?”

Allow for short discussion on how everyone can assist the Impact Group.

(7) STAFF ITEMS

“Item 7 is Staff Items.”

“Item 7a is the introduction of Civic Challenge 6: Connect With City of Perry Public Safety. Ms. Howell will explain this month’s challenge.”

Allow time for Ms. Howell to explain the challenge and it’s requirements.

After Ms. Howell finishes speaking: “Do any Youth Council Members have any questions or need clarification on the challenge?”

Pause for remarks.

“Item 7b is a notice that our next meeting will be held on **March 26, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. at Davis Farm Fire Station**. The meeting topic will be City of Perry Public Safety. Please note that **this date is a deviation from our originally scheduled meeting** to align with Perry University’s visit to Fire Station 2. Mrs. Howell will now share additional details.”

(8) ADJOURN

“Item 8 is to adjourn. I will now entertain a motion that our meeting be adjourned for the evening.”

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Youth Council Member says “so moved,” another says “second.”

“All in favor, please say ‘aye.’” (*Pronounced “eye”.*)

Pause for all Youth Council Members to say ‘aye’

“The motion to adjourn is unanimous. Our meeting is concluded. We stand adjourned at (***call out adjournment time***).”



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MINUTES

Perry Youth Advisory Council

January 15, 2026

5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order

Vice Chair Rylee Arbogast called the Perry Youth Advisory Council meeting to order on January 15, 2026, at 5:02 p.m.

2. Roll

Elected Officials Present: None

Youth Advisory Council Members Present: Vice Chair Rylee Arbogast, Andrew Peske, Law Leonard, Eve Scott, Reginae Dawson, and Lillian Floyd

City Staff Present: Holly Wharton, Economic Development Director, Amber Howell, Communications Specialist

Perry Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board Members Present: Dr. Joseph Richardson, Daniel Rhoades, Scott Ritchie, and Antoinette Kennedy

3. Guests and Speakers

3a. Welcome & Presentation – Economic Development Director Holly Wharton

Economic Development Director Holly Wharton delivered a PowerPoint presentation on economic development efforts in the City of Perry. The presentation highlighted the City's emphasis on quality of life, key economic development focus areas, downtown development initiatives, current projects underway in Perry, and the role of the Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board.

Members of the Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board, including Dr. Joseph Richardson, Daniel Rhoades, Scott Ritchie, and Antoinette Kennedy, were present to answer questions from Youth Council members related to entrepreneurship.



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3b. Q&A With PYAC Members

Council members engaged in discussion and asked questions related to economic development in the City of Perry, as well as advice on starting businesses.

4. Review of Minutes

4a. Council's Consideration: Minutes of the December 18, 2025, Perry Youth Advisory Council Meeting

A quorum was not present at the December 18, 2025, meeting; therefore, no vote was taken on the meeting minutes.

5. New Business

5a. Civic Challenge 4 Recap – Bring a Business to Perry

Youth Council members shared their recommendations as part of Civic Challenge 4, which asked members to identify a business they would like to see locate in Perry and explain how it could contribute to the City's economy or quality of life. Suggested businesses included a drive-in theater, The Cheesecake Factory, a movie theater, 7 Brew Coffee, and Dutch Bros.

Council members discussed how these businesses could enhance entertainment options, attract visitors, create jobs, and provide amenities that appeal to youth and families in the community.

6. Council Member Items: Goal Group Updates

6a. Promotion Group

Council Member Leonard and Council Member Scott provided an update on the Promotion Group's progress. The group reported plans to conduct teen-focused video interviews with local businesses, including the Georgia National Fairgrounds & Agricenter, Sweet Evelyn's,



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and KidStrong Perry. Additional interviews are planned with Bodega Brew, Ghost Runner Pizza, and Morris Bank. Interview questions will focus on each business's role in Perry, community engagement, and connections to youth. Council Members Law Leonard and Eve Scott will lead development of the video content, with all council members encouraged to participate and assist.

6b. Leadership Group

Mrs. Howell reported that the Leadership Group will coordinate with HALO to identify volunteer opportunities available through the remainder of the PYAC term. All council members are encouraged to volunteer with HALO at least once, if possible.

6c. Impact Group

Vice Chair Arbogast, Council Member Peske, and Council Member Floyd shared that the Impact Group is moving forward with the development of a peer-awarded recognition program intended to positively impact the Perry community and celebrate youth voices and achievements. The group will use the PYAC Award Program Development Worksheet to guide brainstorming and planning efforts through the end of the term.

It was noted that while each Goal Group has designated leaders, all Youth Council members are expected to support and contribute to each group's efforts in some capacity.

7. Staff Items

7a. Civic Challenge 5 – Experience the Perry Bourbon Street Bash

Mrs. Howell explained Civic Challenge 5, which focuses on experiencing the Perry Bourbon Street Bash to better understand the role City-hosted special events play in building community and enhancing Perry's quality of life. She outlined how the challenge encourages Youth Council members to observe event planning for different audiences, the activation of



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public spaces, and how the City brings people together through culture, music, and entertainment.

7b. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on February 19, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at Perry City Hall.

8. Adjourn

A motion to adjourn was made by Council Member Peske and seconded by Council Member Leonard. The motion carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:19 p.m.

GOAL GROUPS



CHLOE SHELTON
PYAC Leadership



RYLEE ARBOGAST
PYAC Impact



REGINAE DAWSON
PYAC Leadership



LILLIAN FLOYD
PYAC Impact



LAW LEONARD
PYAC Promotion



ANDREW PESKE
PYAC Impact



EVE SCOTT
PYAC Promotion

The Perry Youth Advisory Council focuses on 3 main goals: **Promotion, Leadership, & Impact**

PYAC Promotion

The Promotion Team focuses on how PYAC is **seen** and **understood in the community**. Their role is to brainstorm creative ways to raise awareness of PYAC's mission, activities, and members—whether through social media, school announcements, event booths, or other ideas. The goal is to make sure Perry's youth know PYAC **exists** and see its **value**.

PYAC Leadership

The Leadership Team looks for ways for PYAC members to **grow as leaders** and **serve as role models**. Their focus is on creating opportunities for council members to get involved, volunteer, and strengthen their leadership skills. This might include coordinating service projects, shaping potential agenda items, or gathering input from Perry's youth about what would make the city a lifelong place of choice—and then turning those ideas into action.

PYAC Impact

The Impact Team focuses on developing ideas that **create lasting benefits for Perry's youth**. Their role is to research, brainstorm, and propose projects or initiatives—such as events, programs, or amenities—that enhance life for young people in Perry. They will also take the lead in preparing the council's major pitch to City Council later this year.

GOAL GROUP UPDATES

PROMOTION

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EVE SCOTT
PYAC Promotion



LAW LEONARD
PYAC Promotion

FOCUS ITEM

WHAT: Create casual, teen-focused video interviews with local businesses and shop owners who positively impact Perry.

HOW: Capture short, conversational clips that showcase the connection between youth, local businesses, and downtown Perry. PYAC t-shirts will be provided for these visits. Video clips will be submitted for editing and possible use on City social media. Interview questions should reflect youth perspectives, community pride, and downtown Perry's role in the city's identity.

UPDATES

Use this section to jot down notes about how the Promotions Group needs assistance.

GOAL GROUP UPDATES

LEADERSHIP

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CHLOE SHELTON
PYAC Leadership



REGINAE DAWSON
PYAC Leadership

FOCUS ITEM

WHAT: Explore volunteer opportunities with HALO that align with PYAC's mission and capacity.

HOW: Initiate conversations with HALO leadership to understand their needs and identify ways PYAC can support their work. The goal is to determine whether this effort could develop into an ongoing volunteer partnership for the remainder of the PYAC term.

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IMPACT

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RYLEE ARBOGAST
PYAC Impact



LILLIAN FLOYD
PYAC Impact



ANDREW PESKE
PYAC Impact

FOCUS ITEM

WHAT: Develop a PYAC award program designed to continue beyond the current term.

HOW: Identify award categories, define potential recipients (such as students, athletes, performers, artists, individuals demonstrating strong character, and possibly teachers or local businesses), establish eligibility criteria, propose award names, determine how often the award is presented, and outline ideas for meaningful recognition.

UPDATES

Use this section to jot down notes about how the Impact Group needs assistance.

CIVIC CHALLENGE 6

Connect With City of Perry Public Safety

PURPOSE

This Civic Challenge introduces you to how public safety leaders help keep Perry safe. By reaching out to the Police Chief or Fire Chief, you'll learn more about their operations, priorities, and how they serve the community, while building confidence communicating with City leadership.

WHAT YOU WILL DO

- Choose one public safety leader to contact:
 - City of Perry Police Chief Alan Everidge: alan.everidge@perry-ga.gov
 - City of Perry Fire Chief Lee Parker: lee.parker@perry-ga.gov
- Send a short, professional email introducing yourself as a PYAC member and asking 1-2 questions about public safety operations.
- Review the response (if received before the meeting) and reflect on what you learned about public safety services in Perry.

REFLECTION & SHARING

In our group text before March 26, each PYAC member will share which department they contacted and one thing they learned from the response (or from researching the department if a response has not yet been received).

WHY IT MATTERS

This challenge helps you become more comfortable connecting with public safety leaders and communicating with them in a professional, respectful way. Police and fire leaders are accessible members of our community, and learning how to ask questions and start conversations builds confidence and civic awareness.



CIVIC CHALLENGE 6

Connect With City of Perry Public Safety

Noteworthy Point

You may choose from these questions or create your own!

SAMPLE QUESTIONS

- What does a typical day look like for your department?
- What are the biggest public safety challenges facing Perry right now?
- How does your department work to build trust with the community, especially with young people?
- What kinds of training do officers/firefighters receive to prepare for emergencies?
- How does your department communicate important safety information to residents?
- What advice would you give to students interested in a career in public safety?
- How can youth help support public safety efforts in our community?



PROGRAM PORTAL



The Perry Youth Advisory Council Program Portal is your **one-stop location** for all program resources, updates, and important information throughout the PYAC year.

YOU'LL FIND:

- Meeting Schedules, Agendas, and Minutes
- Important Program Documents
- Meeting Updates & Reminders
- Civic Challenges
- Communications Office Contact Information
- Volunteer Opportunities
- Program Alumni Photos



MEETING SCHEDULE

PYAC meets **once a month** from **5:00 - 6:30 p.m.** Please review the schedule below and mark your calendar to ensure you/your student can participate fully in this year's program.



SEPTEMBER 18, 2025

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Welcome & Orientation

- Program overview and introductions
- Overview of City of Perry departments
- Goal setting for the PYAC year



OCTOBER 16, 2025

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Local Government 101

- Meet the Mayor
- Understanding how City Council Operates
- How to Conduct a Meeting



NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Community Development

- Planning, Zoning, & Growth in Perry
- Balancing Growth with Community Needs
- Youth Voices & Future Development



DECEMBER 18, 2025

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Historic Downtown Perry

- Learn about Perry's Historic Downtown
- Discussion on Downtown Identity
- Walking Tour of Downtown Perry



JANUARY 15, 2026

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Economic Development

- Understanding Local Business Development
- What Businesses Do Teens Want in Perry?
- Technology & Entrepreneurship Advisory Board Guest Speaker



FEBRUARY 19, 2026

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Special Events

- BTS of Planning City Events
- Youth Involvement at City Events
- Ideate a Youth-Led Event or Booth



MARCH 26, 2026

Fire Station 2 | 150 Commodore Drive

Public Safety

- Meet the Perry Fire & Police Departments
- Equipment and Facility Tour
- The Youth's Role in Community Safety
- **PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE**



APRIL DATE TBD

Perry City Hall | 808 Carroll Street

Recognitions & Celebration

- Certificates & Photos with City Leadership