**Young Adult Initiatives Committee (YAIC) Meeting**
**1:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 12th, 2025**
**Location: 34 School Street, Brockton MA,02301 Hybrid/ZOOM**
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1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The *meeting started with a welcome from YAIC Co-Chairs at 1:06 p.m.*

2. **ROLL CALL**

***Present:*** Denillda Varela–YAIC Co-Chair, Lorcen Bellevue-YAIC Co-Chair

- Robert M. Revil – MassHireGBWB Board member & member of the IBEW Local Union 223 JATC
- George H. Brickhouse, Jr – DARE 2 BE GREAT
- Juliana Badaro Langille – The Badaro Group
- Ellie Cooper – Bridgewater State University
- Solange Alves, Brockton Public Schools
- Ariana Barbosa– F.A.M
- Shika – My Life My Choice out of Boston
- Jean Brewster Greater Youth Resource services Inc.
- Diane Hill – Avon High School
- Felicita Sepulveda (Small Business Advocate) from the Cape Verdean Association
- Courtney Logan and Davon – Safe Corners
- Malice Veiga – City of Brockton
- Paul Bello, Heather Arrington Lorie-ann Defernandes, Luke Hancock, Juliana vadaro Ashley Guba, Ketchan Lewis.
- **Staff**: Michael Joseph, David Vincent, Tyra Fernandes, Stefan Cabral, Rachel Cherry-Adams, Kelly Lopes, Adriana Fredo, Aaliyana Abraham, Krystel Love
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3. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS** – by Co-chair, *Ms. Denillda Varela & Co-Chair,* Mr. *Lorcen Bellevue*
   - Welcome everyone – Members, Guest, and Students
   - Introductions around the table and ice breaker activity.
     - Everyone in the meeting took a turn answering the wheel spin questionnaire revolving around the upcoming holiday.

4. **MINUTES: Review of Prior Meeting Notes from previous meeting(s)**

The Meeting Minutes of September 10th, 2025, a motion for approval was made unanimously by the Committee.

5. **MassHire Greater Brockton Youth Program Updates by *David Vincent*:**
   - Tribute to staff members of the youth service department and YAI Committee.
   - Updates for what is to come…
     - ➔ Ms. Kelly Lopes of MHGBWB reported on a lunch – in that will be occurring on November 14th, 2025, at 1 PM in the MassHireGBWB Youth Services Department for current Members and Youth that are interested in our services. Ms. Lopes stated she is also assisting young people with employment services. If anyone has a referral please reach out via email and we can connect, I will share my contact details.
     - ➔ Ms. Adrianna Fredo of MHGBWB stated she is actively enrolling youth into programming for ITA. Ms. Fredo gave a few examples of what opportunities students have when seeking these types of resources.
     - ➔ Ms. Aaliyana Abraham of MHGBWB stated she is currently working on an event for the month of December. The event is still in the works once a few things get confirmed; a flyer will be sent out for a save-the-date!

6. **Connecting Activities Coordinator Updates**
   - Currently no update.

7. **What Planning Objectives Does Committee Members Want to See in FY26?**
   - Ms. Kelly Lopes suggested we try to get more young people to attend this committee meeting by hosting them at a different location.
   - Mr. Stefan Cabral suggested incentivizing the young people that attend, or maybe changing the time frame for this meeting so more young people can attend in person.

- Mr. Brickhouse suggested that the committee go to locations where the youth are, this may encourage youth to participate.

**8.<u>Partner Program Update</u>** (Share information you are working on currently)

- *Ariana Barbosa- (F.A.M):* Shared some information that there will be a clean out day at the Plouff Middle School this weekend and it is open to all!

**9.<u>GUEST SPEAKERS: Juliana Badaro Langille</u>**

- Co-Chair, Lorcen Bellevue introduced the guest speaker Juliana Badaro Langille**,** who is a global entrepreneur, community organizer, and social change advocate whose work bridges commerce, compassion, and cross-cultural leadership. As the founder and principal of **The Badaro Group** and its subsidiaries, she leads a diversified portfolio spanning the United States, Brazil, Cape Verde, Egypt, and Europe, uniting markets and communities through a vision rooted in trust, sustainability, and shared prosperity. Going into further detail on Ms. Langille professional profile and biography.
- Ms. Langille engaged in conversation with the committee and gave information on her journey through entrepreneurship.

**10. <u>YAIC Spring Retreat - BRAINSTORMING</u>**

- **<u>Possible Dates/ Time?</u>** TBD -in the next meeting due to time.
- **<u>Possible Locations?</u>** TBD - in the next meeting due to time.
  - ***Mr. Michael Joseph of MHGBWB asks the group to keep the retreat in mind and to not hesitate to share any information or ideas that come to mind. Reminder that this retreat is for us! All of us as a community putting this together. Let's be mindful of who we are bringing to the table and sitting down with.***

**11. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>** – No business conducted; a motion (1st by Mr. Rubenz Norestyl and 2nd by Mr. George H. Brickhouse Jr.) was made to adjourn the meeting at 2:25 PM.

**NEXT MEETING – Wednesday January 14th, 2026**
**Time; 1:00PM**
**Location: TBD.**