# 

# MEETING MINUTES

# Young Adult Initiatives Committee (YAIC) Meeting

# 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 13, 2023

**Location:** Hybrid Meeting

**QUORUM PRESENT**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** *The event started with a welcome from YAIC Chair, Ms. Mary Waldron, MassHireGBWB**at 1:03 p.m.*
2. **ROLL CALL**

***Present:*** Mary Waldron – YAIC Chair, Denillda Varela – YAIC Co-Chair, Bob Revil, Solange Alves, Paula Fontes,

AshleyGuda, Paul Bello, Liz Westbrook, George Brickhouse, Maria Fernandes, Courtney Logan, Diane Hill, Courtney Selig, Elizabeth Hennessy

***ABSENT****:* Dan Fitzgerald, Susan McSweeney, Kristin Ferioli, and Kristi Glenn

\***Bold** = excused absence

**Guests:** Ms. Ellie Cooper, Student Navigator (Pride Center), BSU

Ms. LaCasha Figueroa, Student Navigator (LGCIE), BSU

David Phillips, FBMS

Krystel Love, New Heights Charter School-Brockton

Madeleline Story, WHRSD

Jay DeGrace, City of Brockton Mayor’s Office,

Alyssa Cribben, BAMSI Young Adult Access Center,

Jackie Joseph, ARTs

Joshua Jackson

Lorcens Bellevue

**Staff**: Jason Hunter, David Vincent, Rachel Cherry-Adams, Hirondina Barbosa, Wollign Bellevue, David Edwards,

Michael Joseph, and Shaleah Gilmer, Vanessa Labossiere, and Victoria Delannoy

1. **WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS** – *Ms. Mary Waldron*

* Welcome everyone – Members, Guest, and Students
* Introductions around the table.
  + **Introduction and vote for new Vice-Chair Student, Ms. Denillda Varella**.

1. **MINUTES: Review of Prior Meeting Notes from previous meeting(s) – May 10, 2023**

The Meeting Minutes from May 2023 were approved by the YAIC Committee

1. **MassHire Greater Brockton Youth Program Updates**

* Youth Services

***WIOA Title I Occupational Training***

* ***Ms. Victoria Delannoy,*** *Youth Career Councelor*
* For 18-24 years old, includes Medical Assistants, CNAs, IT and CDL
  + CDL training – there are 5 – 10 slots available.
  + Looking for 10-15 Youth who are 18-24 years old, high school graduates, unemployed or underemployed.
* ***Ms. Hirondina Barbosa,*** *Youth Career Counselor*

*Banking and Finance recap:*

* 6-week hybrid program [starting October 2023]. Coursework is online and in person 2x a week (unemployed or underemployed).
* Looking for 10-15 Youth who are 18-24 years old, high school graduates, unemployed or underemployed.
* At the end of training, they receive three (3) certifications: Bank teller, Customer Service, and Universal Banker
* ***Ms. Shaleah Gilmer,*** *Youth Career Counselor*
* *Media Moguls* - 6-week training for HS grads will begin in October, we have 10 slots available. All interested candidates can contact me via email ([sgilmer@massshiregbwb.org](mailto:sgilmer@massshiregbwb.org))
  + E.g., Videography
  + Deadline sign-up October 9th, on-line registration.
* ***Mr. Michael Joseph,*** *Recruitment & Engagement Liaison*
* Hosting info session each week; signup –will send email to YAIC
  + Every Thursday, 11:30 to 1:00 PM and 3:30 to 4:30 PM.
* Mr. Joseph announced to the YAIC group: If you know of any youth that maybe interested in our potential Youth Board Member(s) (consulted with Ms. Mary Waldron, Mr. David Vincent, and Jason Hunter)– Looking for Youth Voices:
  + Five to six (5-6) individuals/young people to fill these positions 14–24-year-olds, who live or go to school in our region, learn our organization’s mission [there ae 10 schools in our region]. Gave all other requirements:
    - Have great communication skills
    - Good listening
    - Approachable
    - Work in team environment
    - Civic engagement
    - Reach out to our young people.
  + MassHireGBWB is also looking to have organizations interested in partnering with us or co-hosting on our Youth Networking event, please contact him (Michael Joseph) at [mjoseph@MassHireGBWB.org](mailto:mjoseph@MassHireGBWB.org) (deadline October 26th)
* Fall Internship Program
  + Looking for 20 full-time internships youth [16-21 years old] 100 hours work time for various opportunities. Deadline is October 20th. Mr. Joseph will get more information to YAIC group.
* Networking event Partnering 2-3 organizations – to cohost with MassHireGBWB, October 26, 2023. Any ideas contact Mr. Joseph by September 20th.
* ***Mr. David Edwards, Connecting Activities (CA) Coordinator***
* Successfully closed out 2022-2023 School Year
* Now enteringFY23-24 school year (14 schools participate, meet monthly).
* At this current time there is nothing much to report out yet.
* Good news – refunded for level funding.
* Convening with all schools in our district in our region – something new. Goal to build CA network – what is happening at State level and our region.
* Congratulations, David Edwards by Ashley Guba – Stoughton Public Schools.

1. **Partner Program Update**

* ***Paula Fontes, New Heights Charter School***[new role this year: *College Transition & Alumni Coordinator]*
  + College Fair September 27, 2023 - All are invited. Please feel free to send your students over! (Flyer in chat)
* ***Solange Alves, Brockton Public Schools***
  + *Just started: 200 kids; still enrolling.*
* ***Lacasha Figuero/Ellie Cooper, BSU***
  + Summer Bears program – Incoming Freshman students; 5-week program. MassHireGBWB was part of that program (25 students).
* ***Courtney Logan, Safe Corners/Old Colony YMCA***
  + Partnering with FBMS – homelessness. The WISP Program – Sherry just joined us.
  + They are hiring Outreach workers; they have to be 21 years old.
* ***David Phillips, FBMS***
  + Working with families – Employment Specialist
* ***Jackie Anne Joseph, A.R.T.S Foundation Inc***
  + [www.artsfoundationinc.org](http://www.artsfoundationinc.org/) - FY24 Deadline October 24, 2023
    - Contact us via email at: [**brocktonculturalcouncilinfo@gmail.com**](mailto:brocktonculturalcouncilinfo@gmail.com)**.**
  + Young people (25 youth) just wrapped up summer programming/Jamboree at the Fairgrounds – showcased their arts.
  + Jackie was recently accepted on the Brockton Cultural Council’s Board.
    - Local grant October 13th due date.
* .***Krystel Love, New Heights Charter School-Brockton***
  + College Fair, May 11, 2023 @ 5:00-7:00 PM -Looking for company referrals for Job Fair.

1. **Guest Speaker**

Malik Williams, Executive Producer, Composer at Reel Sync Music, Secret Society of Black Creatives and Co-Chair at Audio Engineering Society. 617-828-2272 [malik@reelsyncmusic.com](mailto:malik@reelsyncmusic.com) / <https://ssblackcreatives.com/>

* Presented material on “The Business Music”, “Audio Postproduction”, career and program opportunities for young people interested in the entertainment industry.

1. **Other Business**
2. **Adjournment** – No business conducted; the meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

**Next Meeting – Wednesday November 8th, 2023**

**Time: 1:00PM**