

Wednesday, October 15, 2025
Mayor's Youth Council Meeting 6:00 PM in Town Hall Room 217



1. Meeting Opening

- a. Staff liaison Kari Karp called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 6:02PM. Present were Council members Allison Chen, Celia Filotto, Lyla Fisher, Madison Geraghty, Zuri Freeman, Anaya Lal, Sebastian Latif, Dylan Meer, Emmanuala Mordukai, Carlotta Patroni, Noah Sadowsky, Alina Singh, Caeli Sullivan, Sue Tiky, Anastasiia Veriienko, Laila Zaffou, and Joanna Zheng. Guests: Carol Waxman, West Hartford Libraries and Carla Richardson, Fern Street Food Ministry Coordinator
Absent: Jack Fitzgerald

2. Approval of Minutes

- a. Amendments
 - i. Motion to approve the September 17, 2025 minutes was made by Mrs. Karp, Sebastian seconded.
 - ii. There was a correction made by Anaya for the spelling of Sebastian Latif's name, under Adjournment.
 - iii. The minutes were approved.

3. Election of Officers

- a. Voting procedure and candidate roles were explained to members.
- b. Candidates presented speeches for Chair, Co-Chair, Secretary, Social Media Chair, Outreach/Recruitment Chair, America250 Chair, Food Insecurity Chair, and Sustainability Subcommittee Chair.
- c. Members who were present voted by paper ballot.
- d. Motion to recess was made by Sebastian, Lyla seconded.

4. Recess

a. Voting results were announced.

b. Election for Chair

- i. Allison Chen
- ii. Anaya Lal
- iii. Sebastian Latif
- iv. Alina Singh
- v. Laila Zaffou

Allison Chen is elected Chair.

c. Election for Co-Chair

- i. Allison Chen
- ii. Anaya Lal
- iii. Sebastian Latif
- iv. Alina Singh
- v. Laila Zaffou

Anaya Lal is elected Co-Chair.

d. Election for Secretary

- i. Lyla Fisher
- ii. Emma Mordukai
- iii. Sue Tiky

Emma Mordukai is elected Secretary.

e. Outreach/Recruitment Chair

- i. Zuri Freeman
- ii. Madison Geraghty
- iii. Sebastian Latif
- iv. Carlotta Patroni
- v. Sue Tiky

Zuri Freeman is elected Outreach/Recruitment Chair.

f. Social Media Chair

- i. Madison Geraghty

- ii. Sebastian Latif
- iii. Noah Sadowsky

Madison Geraghty is elected Social Media Chair.

- g. America250 Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Lyla Fisher
 - ii. Anaya Lal
 - iii. Anastasiia Veriienko

Anaya Lal is elected America250 Subcommittee Chair.

- h. Food Insecurity Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Celia Filotto

Celia Filotto is elected Food Insecurity Subcommittee Chair.

- i. Sustainability Subcommittee Chair
 - i. Sebastian Latif
 - ii. Sue Tiky

Sebastian Latif is elected Sustainability Subcommittee Chair.

5. Photo Opportunity

- a. Photographs of officers were taken outside of room 217.

6. Subcommittee Reports

- a. Members identified their subcommittee preferences by Google form in September.
- b. Subcommittee chairs will be responsible for leading their groups and reporting their actions at Mayor's Youth Council meetings.
- c. Communication will be conducted via subcommittee group chats.
- d. Upcoming subcommittee-related dates are listed below and should be attended by subcommittee chairs as well as group members, whenever possible.

America250	Food Insecurity	Sustainability
Chair: Anaya Lal	Chair: Celia Filotto	Chair: Sebastian Latif
Members: 1. Lyla Fisher 2. Madison Geraghty 3. Dylan Meer 4. Emmanuala Mordukai 5. Anastasiia Veriienko 6. Joanna Zheng	Members: 1. Carlotta Patroni 2. Noah Sadowsky 3. Alina Singh 4. Caeli Sullivan 5. Laila Zaffou	Members: 1. Allison Chen 2. Jack Fitzgerald 3. Zuri Freeman 4. Sue Tiky
Upcoming America250 Civics & Engagement Task Force Meetings • October 20 6:15-7:15PM Zoom	Working Group on Food Insecurity Meetings • October 15, 2025 7-7:45-7PM Town Hall 217 • November 19, 2025 7-7:45-7PM Town Hall 217 • December 17, 2025 7-7:45-7PM Town Hall 217 • January 14, 2026 6PM 7-7:45-7PM Town Hall 217	Upcoming Sustainable West Hartford Commission Meetings • October 27 7-9PM Town Hall 407 • November 24 7-9PM Town Hall 407 • December 29 7-9PM Town Hall 407

7. Old Business

- There was no discussion of old business.

8. New Business

- There was no discussion of new business.

9. Announcements

- a. Community Block Party, Sunday November 2, 2025 11-2PM Blue Back Square
- b. Planning Your Student's Mental Health for College, Monday October 27, 2025 6:30-7:45PM Noah Webster Library Meeting Room
- c. Teen English Café hosted by Immigrant Youth Advocates, Thursday November 20, 2025 4-5PM Yemercia

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Alina, Lyla seconded.
- b. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 7:00pm.

Guest Speaker: Carla Richardson, Fern Street Food Ministry Coordinator

Working Group on Food Insecurity Leader

- a. Overview of the year
- b. Empathy mapping: Designing neighbor-centered assistance projects
- c. For the next meeting, subcommittee members should research and share information on given topics (SNAP, food assistance programs, food insecurity statistics, etc.)

Next Meeting: Wednesday,, November 19th, 2025 6-7:00pm in Town Hall Room 217