

Wednesday, May 27, 2026
Mayor's Youth Council Special Meeting
Meeting 6:00PM in Town Hall Room 217



1. Meeting Opening

- a. Anaya called the Mayor's Youth Council to order at 5:45 PM.
 - i. **Present:** Lyla Fisher, Jack Fitzgerald, Zuri Freeman, Anaya Lal, Emmanuala Mordukai, Noah Sadowsky, Sue Tiky, Joanna Zheng, and Kari Karp, West Hartford Libraries.
 - ii. **Absent:** Allison Chen, Celia Filotto, Maddie Geraghty, Sebastian Latif, Dylan Meer, Carlotta Partroni, Caeli Sullivan, Anastasiia Veriienko, Alina Singh, Laila Zaffou, and Carol Waxman.

2. WeHa the People Student Essay Contest Judging

- a. 1st, 2nd and 3rd place America250 Essay Contest Winners were selected

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Amendments
 - i. A motion to approve the April 22, 2026 minutes was made by Anaya.
 - ii. Mrs. Karp made three corrections:
 - 1. The meeting date should be changed from March 18 to April 22.
 - 2. Under Meeting Opening, Guest Speaker Tracey Weiss should be removed from the Present list.
 - 3. Under New Business B, Lox, Stock & Bagel should be changed to Lox, Stock & Bagels.
 - iii. After corrections, the minutes were approved.
 - iv. A quorum was not present for today's meeting.

4. School Reports

- a. Conard
 - i. Junior and Senior Prom were the past two Fridays
 - ii. There is a car outside Conard to symbolize the dangers of drugged driving during prom season
- b. Hall
 - i. Senior Prom is this Saturday, Junior Prom was last Saturday
 - ii. The week of 5/25 is Spirit Week
 - iii. The National Language Honor Society ceremony was 4/29
 - iv. The week of 6/1 is the seniors' final week before graduation
- c. Kingswood Oxford
 - i. Graduation for seniors was last Friday
 - ii. Exams are next week
 - iii. Prom already took place earlier in the month

5. Officer Reports

- a. Chair
 - i. Alison
 - 1. Not present
- b. Co-Chair
 - i. Anaya
 - 1. Anaya has been updating Google Classroom
- c. Secretary
 - i. Emmanuala
 - 1. Mrs. Karp typed the 4/22 minutes for me
- d. Outreach
 - i. Zuri
 - 1. No updates
- e. Social Media
 - i. Maddie
 - 1. Not present

6. Subcommittee Reports

A. America250

- a. Anaya
 - i. Round 2 judging ended 5/20
 - ii. Round 3 judging ended 5/27
 - iii. Winners will be notified via email on 5/28 and the Library Foundation will process checks on 5/28 or 5/29
 - iv. MYC members will announce winners at Celebrate West Hartford on 6/6 2:30-2:45pm on the main stage
 - v. We will edit and bind essays over the summer

B. Food Insecurity

- a. Celia
 - 1. Not present

C. Sustainability

- i. Sebastian
 - 1. Elmwood Clean-Up on 5/16 went well
 - 2. Thanks to MYC member Joanna and the Teen Leadership Committee for coming out

7. New Business

- a. Applications have not been released yet for 2026-2027
 - i. The status of the group is unclear for the fall
 - ii. Members will be notified if applications are posted and interviews are conducted this summer

8. Announcements

- a. West Hartford Pride is happening 6/27.
 - i. MYC members can visit the West Hartford Pride website to volunteer or contact Mrs. Karp directly

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn was made by Anaya; Lyla seconded.
- b. The vote to adjourn the meeting was anonymous.
- c. The meeting was adjourned at 6:40PM.

Next Meeting: September, 16, 2026 at Town Hall Room 217