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August 30, 2010

The Honorable Martin O'Malley
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Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1925

Re: MD Youth Advisory Council Annual Report
MSAR # 7915, SB463/Ch. 69, 2009
HB 485/Ch.70, 2009

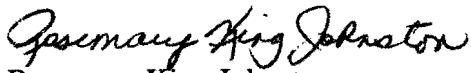
Dear Governor O'Malley:

The Governor's Office for Children (GOC) is required by the uncodified language of Senate Bill 463/HB 485 (2009 Session) to report to the General Assembly by September 1st of each year on the Maryland Youth Advisory Council activities (SB463/Ch. 69, 2009/HB 485/Ch.70, 2009). The GOC is submitting the Council's annual report which was written by the youth members of the Council.

The Council met all of the requirements outlined in SB 463/HB 485. The youth members were focused, energetic and extremely professional during the Council's second year. Council by-laws, logo and member roles and responsibilities were formalized to create an infrastructure for the Council. The Council tracked the progress of legislation that was passed in their inaugural year and amended this year, and provided testimony during the 2010 legislative session. In addition, the Council provided a youth voice to state initiatives, such as, Ready by 21, and the Partnership to End Childhood Hunger and held a public forum that focused on financial literacy as an educational requirement in high school and creating meaningful service learning opportunities for youth. It has been a pleasure to work alongside our Maryland youth leaders.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (410) 767-4092 if you have questions or need additional information.

Sincerely,


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Maryland Youth Advisory Council

Annual Report 2009-2010

**Submitted to Governor Martin O'Malley and
the Maryland General Assembly**

**By the Maryland Youth Advisory Council and
the Governor's Office for Children**

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Maryland Youth Advisory Council Annual Report- Executive Summary

2009-2010 marked the second year of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council (MYAC) since its creation by Senate Bill 1 during the 2008 legislative session. The 2009-2010 MYAC was comprised of 46 members representing 12 counties and Baltimore City, with 35 youth in high school and 11 youth in college (see Attachment 1 for the MYAC application). The Council strived to preserve geographic diversity among its members. The Council's first meeting was convened on November 21, 2009, and 7 general meetings were held between that date and the last meeting date of June 19, 2010. (See Attachment 2 for meeting notes).

At its first meeting, the Council re-elected Thomas Senecal as Youth Chair. The Youth Chair joined a representative from the Governor's Office for Children (Marina Finnegan), the Senate (Senator Mike Lenett), and the House (Delegate John Olszewski) for a total of four co-chairs. While the youth-elected Executive Board, (consisting of four members from each appointment category (Governor, Legislative, and Youth) elected by the youth of each category) was partially filled, the Executive Board played no role in this year's Council. The role of the Executive Board will need to be discussed and determined by future Councils. The Council also elected a Youth Vice Chair (Dennis Teegardin) and Secretary (Jordan Pelavin). Additionally, members formed and joined the Public Affairs Committee (chaired by Andrew Franklin) and/or the Legislative Affairs Committee (chaired by Edward Burroughs).

In April, the Council fulfilled the legislative education requirement by visiting the General Assembly during session and attending a meeting with Governor O'Malley to discuss the Council and a possible role for the Council with Baystat. The Council also heard from Senator Catherine Pugh, Deputy Majority Whip of the Maryland Senate, who provided insight on the political aspects of legislation.

The Council voted financial literacy education in public schools as the main legislative focus for the 2009-2010 year (introduced as SB 264/HB 764). The was in addition to a continued focus on Student Member of the Board of Education (SMOB)-related bills, including SB 536/HB 1287, which gave additional voting rights to the SMOB on the State Board of Education. SB 536/HB 1287 passed and was signed by the Governor, and SB 264/HB 764 passed the Senate but died in Committee in the House. (See Attachment 3).

In May of 2010, the Council hosted a second Youth Empowerment Forum and Mock Legislative Hearing on the issues of student financial literacy and the effectiveness of community service education requirements. The event was held in the Senate Education, Health and Environmental Affairs Committee room, featured a panel of stakeholders and issue experts, and provided the Council with feedback on both sides of the issues as well as potential approaches for future Councils to address these issues.

The final activities of the Council were primarily devoted to writing this Report and finalizing documents (by-laws and membership agreements) necessary to ensure a strong Council infrastructure. This report was written by the youth members of MYAC. The Council plans to learn from the many obstacles and experiences encountered this year to create an even stronger Maryland Youth Advisory Council for 2010-2011.

MYAC Council's Purpose

As outlined in MYAC's parent bill, the Council is to:

- Hold at least four meetings a year
- Hold at least one public meeting on issues of importance to youth
- Recommend one legislative proposal
- Provide testimony before legislative bodies on youth issues
- Conduct a public awareness campaign to raise awareness about the Council among Maryland youth; and
- Provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly

MYAC was able to fulfill each of its responsibilities through their subcommittees and social networking activities. The following sections describe these actions.

Legislative Affairs

This year, the Youth Advisory Council supplanted the traditional educational meeting with a Council field trip to Annapolis. At the second MYAC General Meeting, members heard from Mr. Michael Hawkins of the Governor's Office for Children (GOC), who gave an overview of the legislative process based on his experiences both within the GOC and as a former staffer in Annapolis. Council members also heard from Senator Madelyn Pugh who provided a unique view of the Senate side of the legislative process.

At the second meeting, MYAC members voted on and selected legislative priorities for the year. The first priority was supporting mandatory financial literacy education in all Maryland public high schools. Second, the Council voted to continue its efforts to support full voting rights for Student Members of Boards of Education.

The financial literacy measures were introduced as SB 264/HB 764. The Council joined the Comptroller as well as a battery of non-profits in supporting this measure. The bill passed the Senate but died in the House. SB 536/HB 1287, which gave additional voting rights to the student member of the State Board of Education, passed both houses and was signed by the Governor. MYAC members provided both written and oral testimony in support of these bills.

In summary, while the Council was successful in passing one bill, great progress was made on the financial literacy front. It is the goal of the Council to support another effort for passage during the next session.

Public Affairs

As outlined by its parent bill, a primary responsibility of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council is to organize and host a public forum discussing a legislative or doctrinal issue of particular relevance to Maryland's youth. This year the Council chose to use the forum to address the need for and current status of financial literacy programs within Maryland's schools as well as community service requirements within public schools. The hearing, entitled the Maryland Youth Empowerment Forum and Mock Legislative Hearing, was structured as a legislative hearing for the purpose of providing students in attendance a feeling for the infrastructure and proceedings of Maryland state government. MYAC was proud to host the event at the Miller State Building in Annapolis on May 22, 2010.

Specific planning for the hearing began prior to the April 17th MYAC meeting to honor an earlier determination that the invitation list and hearing panel should be available for discussion during the meeting. Securing a venue proved to be more difficult than previous years and there was a delay before the invitations were sent. Members of the Public Affairs committee worked to compile email contact lists of individuals to invite, including students involved in the Maryland Association of Student Councils (MASC), MSDE officials and school board members, a wide array of state legislators, past and current student board members, and other stakeholders in student advocacy and the state school system.

Once a time and date were solidified, members of the Public Affairs committee created an invitation (see attachment 3), which was approved via an online vote by MYAC members. It was decided that invitations were most efficiently issued via email. Members of the Public Affairs committee handled questions and responses electronically. Several weeks before the event, email invitations were sent and included a request for individuals to provide oral testimony at the hearing. Throughout this time, Council members worked to acquire prominent legislators, school board members, and public officials affiliated with the school system to act as the forum's mock legislators and serve on the panel to hear testimony and engage in discussion of the chosen legislative issue.

The panel consisted of six members: Thomas Senecal (MYAC Youth Co- Chair), Delegate John Olszewski (MYAC Co-Chair), Senator Mike Lennett (MYAC Co-Chair), Rosemary King Johnston (Executive Director, Governor's Office for Children), Ann E. Chafin (Assistant State Superintendent [MSDE]), and Dr. Allen Cox (Director of the MD Coalition for Financial Literacy). The panel provided diverse perspectives on the issue of student board members and catalyzed a dynamic and progressive discussion.

Attendance at the hearing was comprised of MYAC members. Before beginning testimony, an overview of the issue was provided. Five students who provided testimony were Jordan Pelavin, Molly Sinnott, Dennis Teegardin, Andrew Franklin, and Daniel Arias. Each spoke to the different ways in which both financial literacy and service programs could be improved within the existing structure.

Following each student's testimony, panel members were given time to ask questions, make statements about the presentation, and participate in a group discussion. These discussions examined many dimensions of the issues and included explorations of the economic and logistical implementation of programs meant to permanently change the existing structures for the benefit of Maryland youth. The panel anchored the hearing and the individuals who provided testimony were allowed to view the

policy-making process in action as legislators and public officials commented extensively on the challenges and costs of bringing about large scale sustainable programs.

MYAC was generally pleased with the proceedings and results of this hearing and felt it was productive and thought-provoking. However, the MYAC leadership was very disappointed in the lack of member turnout for the hearing, indicating an overall apathy amongst members to the work of the Council. Addressing this issue will be a primary concern for next year's council.

MYAC members also increased the awareness of the Council through social networking sites. There is a MYAC Yahoo Group and a MYAC Facebook page. In addition to the email invitations that were sent to all hearing invitees, hundreds of local students received Facebook invitations. This form of communication, though popular, did not improve attendance.

Issues Faced

In addition to the Council's many successes during its second session, a number of obstacles were encountered.

The Council continues to face monetary issues as it was not appropriated any funds when Senate Bill 1 became law in 2008. Funding for the Council is essential for such activities as renting meeting locations, providing food during meetings, and/or reimbursement for members' travel expenses. Thanks to the generous support of the Council Co-Chairs, food was provided for all Council meetings. With regards to meeting locations, the Council creatively utilized free locations, including public libraries and college campuses. In addition, no money was provided for members' travel expenses. This issue needs to be remedied to ensure that all members have the resources needed to be in attendance.

Another issue the Council faced was the lack of full participation in MYAC meetings. This can be attributed to many factors. First, the lack of funding for travel expenses as previously stated. Second, House of Delegates appointees were not filled until months into the Council's session, preventing full representation as established by SB 1. This is an improvement from the Council's inaugural session where the House failed to make any appointments, however, the House needs to appoint its members in a timely manner prior to the convening of the Council. Lack of attendance also results in a lack of proper Council quorum, delaying the Council's ability to vote, discuss, and effectively work on issues, especially during the General Assembly's legislative session. An overall lack of member apathy was noted through late or no RSVP times for meetings, no-shows, and complete disengagement of many members. The Council recommends that aggressive changes be implemented by law or policy for next year's Council designed to increase member involvement and have the Council adopt the model recommended by non-profits such as the Forum for Youth Investment.

Next Steps

Having completed our second session, the Council is eager to continue and improve upon our work. The Council will reconvene in October.

The Council hopes to continue working in the fields of financial literacy and SMOB voting rights. Additionally, the discussion at the Public Forum generated an interest in taking on community service requirements as a potential focus for the next Council.

The next Council will also need to actively work on keeping members engaged and involved. A stable source of funding has still not been identified, so grant and General Assembly funding sources will be investigated. We will also continue to work with the MYAC appointing agencies to ensure an interested and diverse Council membership.

Finally, with the initial infrastructure and Committees established and an earlier convening date, the Council was still not able to take as active a role in promoting itself as well as taking positions and lobbying for youth related matters during the 2010 General Assembly as was hoped. It will be a goal of next year's Council to implement recognized Youth Council best practices and, if necessary, reform the Council to fully engage its members and bring it to its full potential as the voice of Maryland's youth in the government.

MYAC Annual Report: Members

Chair: Thomas Senecal, Prince George's County (Gubernatorial Appointee)

Vice-Chair: Dennis Teegardin, Worcester County (Gubernatorial Appointee)

Secretary: Jordan Pelavin, Prince George's County (Senate Appointee)

Chair of Public Affairs Committee: Andrew Franklin, Baltimore County

Gubernatorial Appointees:

Stephen Nyitrai, Harford County
Ocie Banks, Montgomery County
Malcom Young, Charles County
Deshuan Hill, Charles County
Pallavi Jammi, Montgomery County
Chante Bonner, Baltimore City
Michelle Wangel, Worcester County
Justin McLawhorn, Washington County
Julio Jimenez, Howard County
Daniel Arias, Montgomery County
Jean Lee, Montgomery County
Kathryn Henry, Baltimore County
Michaela Vaporis, Baltimore County

Senate Appointees:

Kathleen Woell, St Mary's County
Alexandra Frosh, Montgomery County
Ethan Kahn, Wicomico County
Zachary Epps, Baltimore County

House Appointees:

Martin Thompson, Anne Arundel County
Loretta Ajogho, Prince George's County
Collan Vaness, Wicomico County
Ruqayyah Albaari, Howard County

Youth Appointees:

Jonae Lloyd, Prince George's County
Terri Orwenyo, Montgomery County
David Murray, Prince George's County
Matthew Cox, Carroll County
Edward Burroughs, Prince George's County
Timothy Hwang, Montgomery County
Alan Xie, Montgomery County
Josh Manley, Howard County
Joseph Arankalayil, Montgomery County
Nicholas Dahl, Carroll County
Christopher Casey, Anne Arundel County
David Guhl, Montgomery County
Steven Wang, Washington County
Molly Sinnott, Anne Arundel County
Yoonjin Min, Howard County
William Makell, Baltimore County
Steve Glickman, Prince George's County
Rachel Drozinski, Wicomico County
Benjamin Turek, Montgomery County
Nicholas Grieves, Harford County
Lillian Ike, Prince George's County
Matthew Popkin, Prince George's County

Attachments

1. MYAC 2010-2011 Application
2. MYAC Minutes – 2009-2010
3. MYAC 2010 Youth Empowerment Forum Invitation

Attachment 1:
MYAC 2010-2011 Application



MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

2010-2011 Application

Maryland Youth Advisory Council

The Maryland Youth Advisory Council was established through the state legislature in order to ensure that Maryland youth are given the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations regarding public policies and programs that affect their future and to take a leadership role in creating meaningful change. The Maryland Advisory Youth Council will be appointed by the Governor, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Delegates, the Maryland Association of Student Councils, University System of Maryland Student Council and the Maryland Higher Education Commission Student Advisory Council. All youth members must be 14-22 years of age, serve a one year term (September 1, 2010 until August 31, 2011) and they cannot serve more than two consecutive terms.

Purpose

The Council's purpose and responsibility is to:

- Hold at least 4 meetings a year
- Hold at least one public meeting on issues of importance to youth (topics can include: education, a safe learning environment, employment opportunities, increasing youth participation in government, health care access and quality of care, substance abuse and underage drinking, emotional and physical well-being, the environment, poverty, homelessness, youth access to services, suicide prevention, and educational accessibility issues for students with disabilities.
- Recommend one legislative proposal
- Provide testimony before legislative bodies on youth issues
- Conduct a public awareness campaign to raise awareness about the Council among Maryland youth
- Provide an annual report to the Governor and the General Assembly

How to Apply:

If you think that you would like to be a voice for youth in Maryland, fill out the attached application. If you have any questions you can contact Valerie Woodward at vwoodward@goc.state.md.us or at 410-767-2547. We are requesting that applicants e-mail their application, as soon as possible.

Valerie Woodward, Prevention Specialist
301 West Preston St., Suite 1502
Baltimore, Maryland 21201

MARYLAND YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

2010-2011 Application

Name: _____ Male Female

Address: _____

City: _____ County: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Other Phone: () _____

Name of School: _____

Year in School: _____ If not in school, when did you last attend full time: _____

Age: _____

Race/Ethnicity: (Please check appropriate box)

White, Non Hispanic

American Indian or Alaska Native

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

Other: _____

Black or African American, Non Hispanic

Asian

Hispanic

Email: _____

Are you currently employed? Yes No Hours Worked Per Week: _____

Attach Resume if available

Parent / Guardian (if 18 years or under):

Name: _____ Relationship: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Cellular Phone: () _____

1) Please describe any current or previous involvement in a youth organization/council:

2) Please list any current or previous extracurricular, volunteer experiences or leadership roles you have had in your school or community:

3) Briefly explain why you would like to participate in the Maryland Youth Advisory Council:

4) If you could make one change in your school, community, or the State of Maryland, what would it be?

5) What other problems or issues are most important to you?

6) If you are selected, you will be expected to reach out to your peers in the youth leadership organization that you represent. Please describe some ways you plan to engage your peers.

Please include at least one letter of reference – (teacher, coach, pastor, advisor, professor, principal, etc.)

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature or Parent/Guardian (if under 18): _____ Date: _____

SEND COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:
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Attachment 2:
MYAC Minutes - 2009-2010

**Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting
November 21, 2009, 10 am – 2:30 pm
Baltimore, MD**

Minutes

In attendance:

Alan Xie, Chris Casey, Courtney Smith, Dennis Teegurdin, Deshawn Hill, Ethan Kahn, Jonaé Lloyd, Jordan Pelavin, Joseph Aryankalayil, Malcolm Young, Matthew Cox, Nicholas Dahl, Rachel Drozinski, Stephen Nyitrai, Steve Glickman, Steven Wang, Thomas Senecal, Tim Hwang, Yoonjin Min

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>
10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
10:20 a.m. - 10:40 a.m.	Overview of MYAC Mission and Structure PowerPoint presentation Results: group learned about MYAC procedures, and duties.
10:40 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.	Roles, Responsibilities, and Bylaws Results: group signed behavioral contracts, and learned about their jobs for the upcoming MYAC term.
11:00 a.m. - 12:30 pm	Lunch and team building Results: MYAC members learned about functioning as a group
12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Election of the Youth Chair Result: Thomas Senecal was elected Youth Chair Election of Youth Vice Chair: Result: Dennis Teegurdin was elected Youth Vice Chair Election of the Youth Secretary: Result: Jordan Pelavin was elected Youth Secretary Election of the Executive Board Result: The following members were elected to the Executive Board: Youth Members: Nicholas Dahl, Yoounjin Min, Steven Wang Senate Members: none Governor's Members: Stephen Nyitrai, Malcolm Young, Joseph Aryankalayil Post Secondary Members: Steve Glickman

	<p>Election of Other Officers and Creation of Committees</p> <p>Members agreed to postpone voting of committee chairs until the next meeting.</p> <p>Public Affairs Committee: Malcolm Young, Alan Xie, Yoounjin Min, Deshawn Hill, Jonaé Lloyd</p> <p>Legislative Committee: Rachel Drozinski, Courtney Smith, Tim Hwang, Ethan Kahn, Matthew Cox, Nicholas Dahl, Steven Wang, Steve Glickman</p>
<p>2:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Discussion of Ideas for MYAC Legislative Proposal</p> <p>Result: members introduced a variety of ideas, listed below. Discussion will be furthered at next meeting.</p> <p>Committee Ideas: Public transportation, M.O.E. bill, Diversity opportunities, Voter registration, Same day voting, Ballot initiatives, Student fees, Capital budget issues, Free speech issues</p>
<p>2:30 pm</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourns</p> <p>Result: Members agreed to attempt to meet again on December 12th</p>

Notes: plans for next meeting include; discussion and discussion on legislative issue, bill proposals, discussion on strategy for more year long involvement, and follow up on last year's issues.

**Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting
December 12th, 2009, 10 am – 1pm
Towson, MD**

Minutes

In attendance: Loretta Ajogho, Daniel Arias, Joseph Aryakalayil, Edward Burroughs, Matthew Cox, Nicholas Dahl, Rachel Drozinski, Pallavi Jammi, Ethan Kahn, Jean Lee, Jonae Lloyd, Josh Manley, Yoonjin Min, David Murry, Stephen Nyitrai, Jordan Pelavin, Dennis Teegan, Martin Thompson, Collan Vaness, Alan Xie, Malcolm Young

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>
10:00 a.m. - 10:20 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions: Members went around the room, and introduced themselves.
10:20 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	Approval of Minutes: Movement that the minutes will be approved by email, since there is not a quorum.
10:25 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Teambuilding Exercise: Members learned to work together and how to communicate more effectively; using strategies to think creatively, and be more successful.
10:35 a.m. – 10:55 am	Overview of Legislative Process: Michael Hawkins from the Governor’s Office of Children gave a presentation about how a bill becomes a law. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Takes council members through the legislative process, explaining the steps along the way, using personal stories and examples. • Encourages council members to be active in the political process.
10:55 a.m. - 11:10 a.m.	Financial Literacy Education: Legislation that makes it mandatory to pass a class about financial literacy in order to graduate high school. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mandatory in 29 states, recommended in 43, including MD. • In Prince George’s County mandatory to offer pilot program in 3 schools. • Howard County teaches through the years, not a specific class. Has been a hot button issue. • Many bills on this issue have been through the legislature, and there is already a financial literacy task force. • Possibility to offer these kinds of classes to the public, not just those in school. • Generally an issue passing mandates, even if the local jurisdiction supports the issue.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Questions about what this will entail- mandated curriculum, or mandate that class must be offered.
<p>11:10 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Legislative brainstorming: Members broke up into four groups to brainstorm ideas for our legislative proposal.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each group came up with a list, which they then shared with the entire membership in attendance. <p>Reporting Out and Voting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The overall group discussed the lists, and debated the pros and cons of each proposal, allowing time for questions from the group. • Each member was given 3 votes, and was able to choose which of the ideas they liked most. <p>Results:</p> <p><u>First Round of Voting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial Education (12 votes) 2. Student Members of Boards of Education (11) 3. Drivers Education (8) 4. Kill the HSA (6) 4. Voter Registration (6) <p><u>Second Round of Voting</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Financial Education (11) 2. Student Members of Boards of Education (10) 3. Drivers Education (1) 4. Voter Registration (1) <p><u>Our issue for the year will be Financial Education.</u></p> <p>Lunch</p>
<p>12:15 p.m.- 12:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Student Hunger Toolkit: Kimberly Chin, from MD Hunger Solutions gave a presentation on child hunger, and how it affects us on a small and large scale basis.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Goal is to end childhood hunger by 2015 • Gave a basic definition of hunger, and explained how members can recognize the problem, and some possible solutions.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encouraged members to promote food programs, and maximize program visibility, while not making students in need of these programs feel insecure. • Work to encourage anonymity of students in programs • Grab and Go program- allow for students to still eat, even if they cannot get to school early enough to get breakfast. • Breakfast and lunch available at almost every school. Dinner offered to some students who are in an after school activity with an enrichment program. • Maryland is one of 14 states to offer suppers for students. • Summer meals program available for students at various locations. Program does not need to have an enrichment component. • WIC- program for women and children. Provides nutritious food for developing children, and women who are pregnant. Works very well, since it is offered at the health clinics many pregnant women go to. • SNAP program (food stamps) allow for needy to buy almost any product they need. Easy use and low stigma for the program has caused for a higher use of this program. • Programs used more in downward economy • Maryland has a relatively high cost of living, so the poverty level is unrealistic. • Discussion of what members can do to have an impact on hunger in their communities.
<p>12:55 p.m.- 1:00 p.m.</p>	<p>Wrap up: Council agreed to meet again on Sunday January 10th, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at: Maryland City at Russett Branch 3501 Russett Common, Laurel, MD 20724 301-725-2390</p>

**Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting
January 10th, 2010, 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Laurel, MD**

Minutes

In attendance: Loretta Ajogha, Ruqayyah Alabaari, Ocie Banks, Edward Burroughs, Rachel Drazinski, Marina Finnegan, Steve Glickman, Kathryn Henry, Julio Jimenez, Ethan Kahn, Jean Lee, Michael Lenett, Jonae Lloyd, Jordan Pelavin, Matthew Popkin, Thomas Senecal, Molly Sinnott, Dennis Teegardin, Collan Vaness, Steven Wang, Alan Xie, Andrew Franklin

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>
1:00 p.m. - 1:10 p.m.	Welcome and Introductions: Members introduced themselves
1:10 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.	Approval of Minutes: Minutes approved, with the addition of adult co-chairs to the attendance list.
1:15 p.m. - 1:25 p.m.	Teambuilding Exercise: Members explained what three items they would bring with them to a deserted island.
1:25 p.m. - 1:45 pm	Committee Membership: Members joined committees, and voted on chairs and vice-chairs. Members tabled the voting of executive board members
1:45 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.	Funding Opportunities Starbucks- needs letter of intent (\$10,000-\$30,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of program would we want to use the money for? Pepsi- projects are posted online, and receive votes (\$5,000-\$250,000) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First 1,000 proposals accepted Ideas for uses of money
2:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.	Senator Pugh- Guest Speaker <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discussed how she got to be a Senator, and her political basis • Spoke about the need of doing research <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Many-faceted research. Opposition, legislators, issues, etc. • Talked about some of the legislation that she has worked on and some of the legislation she is currently trying to pass. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wants to raise compulsory age for attendance in schools. ○ GED options bill ○ Prisoner ID

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spoke about how politicians are elected to fight for their issues, not to go with the members of their party, or their higher ups. • Need to look for ways to make better current legislation, not just change what there is no legislation on. • Getting bills passed is about relationship building • About quality of legislation, not amount. • Stressed the importance of knowing, and understanding the issues, as well as getting involved in the political process.
<p>2:45 p.m.- 3:20 p.m.</p>	<p>Maryland Out of School Time- Ellie Mitchell</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One of 39 state networks focusing on creating opportunities for student development outside of the classroom. • About 30% of Maryland youth are completely unsupervised after school • Focusing on quality programming, not just program existence • Funding for out of school programming has decreased over time • Summer, and after school programs • Hope to introduce legislation in the upcoming session in order to establish funding, via checkbox on tax returns, in order to be revenue-neutral to the state. This would also help build public awareness. • Building local coalitions. • General support favors programming, even if it calls for more funding • Kati Henry will serve as council liaison to MOST. • Participation in programs increases attendance in school, which helps with drop-out rates. • Building year-round programming
<p>3:20 p.m. -3:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>3:35 p.m. -4:00</p>	<p>Legislative Agenda</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mlis.state.md.us -bill index, to follow legislation • Task force (2008) recommended requirement of financial literacy for graduation. • Prince George’s county passed bill to require offering of financial literacy classes. • Legislation with fiscal note will be difficult to pass • Creative funding ideas, VS general knowledge • 2008 –senate bill 714 • Senator Klausmier introduced the bill in the Senate. Delegate Dana Stein in the House.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Only Indiana requires financial lit. for graduation ● Nine states require offering of financial literacy courses. ● Other states are looking to pass bills for requirement. ● Legislative committee should meet with county delegations on SMOB voting issues ● Maryland Coalition for financial literacy ● look for creative ways to offer financial literacy, not just required classes
<p>4:00 p.m. -4:05 p.m.</p>	<p>Wrap Up: Members agreed to meet February 6th, in Glen Burnie.</p>

Notes: list of counties, in order for car pool.
<http://www.msa.md.gov/msa/mdmanual/26excom/html/14financial.html>

**Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting
February 20, 2010, 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm
Goucher College- Baltimore, MD**

Minutes

In attendance: Rachel Drozinski, Steve Glickman, Deshaun Hill, Jean Lee, Josh Manley, Jordan Pelavin, Matthew Popkin, Molly Sinnott, Dennis Teegardin, Martin Thompson, Malcolm Young, Jazmin Lockett, Jonaé Lloyd, Thomas Metzger, Marina Finnegan, Delegate Olszewski, Senator Lennett

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>
2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Members introduced themselves</p> <p>Minutes were unable to be approved, since not enough members were in attendance. The minutes will be approved via email.</p>
2:10 p.m. – 2:20 p.m.	<p>Teambuilding Exercise</p> <p>Members played a team-building exercise.</p>
2:20 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.	<p>Legislative Agenda</p> <p>1) Legislative committee Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The members discussed the bill currently in the state legislature, giving full voting rights to the member of the Maryland state Board of Education. 2. Discussion of testimony for the bill. 3. Focus needs to be on financial literacy, as well as SMOB voting rights. 4. Montgomery County SMOB voting rights bill- went through House, ran into issues in Senate. Approved with amendments in the Senate, and sent back to House for approval. <p>2) Discussion of 'Annapolis Day' field trip</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Possibility to hold the trip on the day of the hearing of the bill on financial literacy. 2. If not, Mondays and Fridays work best. 3. Trying to work out a day where we can meet with as many people as possible. 4. Try to set up meetings with our representatives to lobby for the legislation.

<p>2:40 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.</p>	<p>Public Hearing</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Overview of the purpose and workings of a public hearing. 2. Responsibility of the council in terms of the meeting. 3. How the council will be approaching the hearing this year. 4. Discuss all sides of the issue before the meeting. 5. Find people on both sides of the issues before the meeting, so discussion can take place. 6. Possibility to change the focus of the hearing. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Gang violence in schools b. Human trafficking. c. Use of electronic devices while driving d. Bill to protect college, and possibly high school age student reporters. House bill 257 e. Voting registration- say day registration f. Guardianship and voting issues. g. Compulsory education h. Waiting period between high school drop outs and the GED i. hunger 5. Tentative date set for May 1st. 6. Possibility to hear more then one issue during the day. 7. Have committee split into groups to focus on different issues.
<p>3:30 pm.—3:50 pm</p>	<p>SHIP conference. Conference on health in schools. Looking for a key note speaker who has a track record of speaking to groups, and has a dynamic story to tell. The conference is August 2nd.</p>
<p>3:55 p.m. – 4:00p.m.</p>	<p>Wrap Up</p>
<p>4:00 pm</p>	<p>Meeting Adjourns</p> <p>Next meeting will be held Saturday, March 13th 10:00am- 1:00pm Bethesda Library, 7400 Arlington Road Bethesda, MD 20814-5399, (240) 777-0970</p>

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**Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting
March 13, 2010, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
Bethesda, MD**

Minutes

In attendance: Dennis Teegardin, Alexandra Frosh, Jean Lee, Kathleen Woell, Ethan Kahn, Matthew Cox, Jiayi N Yang, Matthew Popkin, Yoonjin Min, Nicholas Dahl, Marina Finnegan, Thomas Senencal, Edward Burroughs, David Guhl, Steve Glickman, Alan Xie, Danielle Evennou

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>
10:00 a.m. – 10:10 a.m.	<p>Welcome and Approval of Minutes</p> <p>Members introduced themselves A quorum was not present. Those present voted unanimously to recommend approval of the minutes to the full Council.</p>
10:10 p.m. – 10:20 p.m.	<p>Teambuilding Exercise</p> <p>Members did a team-building exercise.</p>
10:20 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.	<p>Danielle Evennou, Forum for Youth Investment</p> <p>Danielle presented an update on the work of the Forum and discussed both the Ready by 21 Agenda and work on the National Youth Council, which has both conference calls and in-person meetings coming soon. For details, her email is Danielle@forumfyi.org. This is an opportunity for our youth members to be engaged on the federal level regarding a federal youth council, learn about the online toolkit to strengthen youth councils and participate in nationwide subcommittees on issues important to state level and county level youth councils.</p>
10:40 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	<p>Legislative Update</p> <p>Ed Burroughs updated the Council on the status of the Financial Literacy and SMOB bills, and promised to send an email with information about how to help for both bills.</p> <p>Annapolis Field Trip</p> <p>The Members agreed that Mondays are best, with two weeks notice. It was agreed that the best use of the day would be to meet with each member's</p>

Maryland Youth Advisory Council Meeting
April 17th, 2010, 10:00 am – 1:00 pm
College Park, MD

Minutes

In attendance: Ruqayyah Albaari, Daniel Arias, Ocie Banks, Matthew Cox, Andrew Franklin, Jonae Lloyd, Jordan Pelavin, Martin Thompson, Katie Woell, Matthew Popkin, Loretta Aku, Steve Glickman

<i>Time</i>	<i>Agenda</i>
10:00 a.m. - 10:10 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions: Members introduced themselves.
1:10 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.	Approval of Minutes: Not enough members to grant approval, without suggestion.
10:15 a.m. - 10:25 a.m.	Teambuilding Exercise: Members completed a team building exercise.
1:25 a.m. - 1:30 am	Legislative Wrap-Up- Legislative Committee Members discussed some of the bills that were in the General Assembly this session. Including; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Financial literacy- failed in assembly • SMOB rights- passed • HAS's no bills this session • High school dropout age- failed in assembly. Most bills that did not pass were because of the fiscal note.
10:30 a.m. - 10:35 a.m.	Discussion of Annapolis Trip <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members were able to meet with the governor, and discuss statestat with him. • Members are going to look at the statestat website and provide feedback.
10:35 a.m. - 11:20 a.m.	MYAC Hearing Update-Public Affair Committee Hearing will focus on Financial Literacy, and requirements for community service. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft of invitations has been made up • Invite list is also being drafted, trying to get more kids to attend this year. • If meeting cannot be held in Annapolis, then we need to find a back up location. • Contact MASC members, for invitations. • Local outreach- people that members know personally. • Invited senators and delegates from relevant committees and sub committees, both Senate and House leadership, governor, luitenent

	<p>governor, board of education, and state superintendent of schools.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back up plans- on a Saturday. Possibly at UMD, or Baltimore city hall. • Thomas and Senator Lennett will decide on the panel. • Financial literacy task force- could provide testimony or serve on the panel. • Speak to the state comptroller's office about their take on the bill. • Speak to people at UMD about community service. • Collect testimony from various sources. • About half an hour of testimony on each subject. • Meeting will be two hours long.
11:20 a.m. - 11:40a.m.	<p>Next Year/ Annual report Committee split into two groups to review last year's annual report, and discuss what we can do to make next year's better.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited bio to 3-4 sentences. Name, school, grade, county, how they were selected to participate in the council. • More information on the hearing • Good amount of information on the bills. • Report should be bound nicer. • Possibly include a group picture. • Actual text of the bill establishing council is not needed. • Summary of our testimony • More official looking- index, page numbers, etc.
11:40a.m. - 12:10 p.m.	Working Lunch
12:10 p.m.-	<p>Next Year Discussed which members would be able to return to the council next year.</p>
12:55 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.	<p>Wrap Up Next meeting is set for June 19th.</p>

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Let Your Voice Be Heard

Maryland Youth Advisory Council 2010 Maryland Youth Empowerment Forum- Mock Legislative Hearing

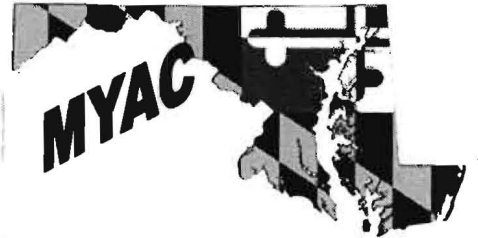
On behalf of the Maryland Youth Advisory Council (**MYAC**), we would like to invite you to join us for the **2010 Maryland Youth Empowerment Forum/Mock Legislative Hearing** in our state's legislative capital of Annapolis on Saturday, May 22, 2010. You are invited to participate in and witness a mock legislative hearing designed to discuss the exciting issue of :

- of requiring financial literacy programs as a graduation requirement within Maryland's public schools and
- creating more meaningful community service within Maryland public schools.

We value your opinion and participation, and we see you as someone who would take particular interest in programs that prepare students for their futures. The hearing will feature the oral testimony of teens, educators, and experts before a committee of legislators, school officials, youth representatives, and other prominent stakeholders. Testimony will address the importance of financial literacy, argue for or against the expansion and revision of state curriculum, and discuss legislation passed this year that addressed financial literacy. Arguments will be subject to questioning, consideration, and deliberation by the mock committee in the fashion of a true legislative hearing.

The Maryland Youth Advisory Council was established through legislation in 2008 to ensure that Maryland youth are given the opportunity to provide feedback and recommendations regarding public policies and programs that affect their future and to take a leadership role in creating meaningful change. We truly hope that you will take advantage of this unique opportunity to witness and be a part of a snapshot of the Maryland legislative process.

To RSVP or for more information, email Jordan Pelavin at to MYACHearing2010@gmail.com by Wednesday, May 19th. If you would like to testify at the hearing or if you are unable to attend but still wish to submit written testimony, contact Andrew Franklin at andrewf@glenelg.org. We hope to see you there!



2010 Maryland Youth Empowerment
Forum
Hosted by the Maryland Youth
Advisory Council (MYAC)

10:00 am – Noon
Education, Health and Environmental
Affairs Committee Room
Miller Senator Office Building
11 Bladen Street
Annapolis, MD 21401
Saturday May 22, 2010

