

City of Bloomington

Commission on the Status of Children & Youth

Hooker Conference Room #245, at City Hall at Showers Plaza, 401 N. Morton Street, Bloomington, Indiana on the Third Tuesday of every month at 5:30

p.m.
In-person and Zoom Meeting, [Bloomington.in.gov/cscy](https://bloomington.in.gov/cscy)

Minutes

Mar 18, 2025

Attendance Key: ☒ Present ☒ Absent ☒ On Zoom

NA	Commissioner (Vacant) Mayor -2026	✓	Katie Hopkins Mayor -2026	NA	Commissioner (Vacant) Council -
X	Tatiana Peters Council - 2025	✓	Erin Reynolds Council - 2025	✓	Eugene (Fred) Schick Council - 2025
X	Leah Gilbertson Mayor - 2024	Z	Callie Rakas Mayor - 2024	✓	Shelby VanDerMoore Mayor -2024
✓	Staff Liaison	Andrew Shannon, Safe & Civil City Director			

Quorum: Yes

1. Call to order: Mar 18, 2025

- Motion to approve: Fred made a motion to begin the meeting at 5:36pm
- Second: Shelby
- Motion: Passed

2. Introductions None

3. Request for additional agenda items No

4. Approval of Minutes: Mar 18, 2025

- Motion to approve: Shelby
- Second: Callie (and Katie ☐)
- Motion: Passed

5. New Business

a. Update on Lemonade Day

- We are invited to attend the monthly meeting of the “Lemon Council” to get a better idea of what the program is doing; they meet on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Laura expressed the need for us to participate in Lemonade University by creating a booth for the participating kids. Booth topics could include anything that would be pertinent to running a lemonade stand. The Lemonade University day will be May 17th and Lemonade Day is June 7th. Laura also expressed a need for volunteer judges to participate on Lemonade Day; you have to pay for your own lemonade, but you get a T-shirt! Connect with Erin if you’re interested in this. We can also help by

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spreading the word, being a community sponsor, or helping create prize packs.

b. Annual Report

- Erin shared what she has done so far for the Powerpoint presentation we'll be presenting to the city council. We are planning to express that 2024 was a planning and building year, and we are hoping to take more action in 2025. Our new organizational systems and subcommittees should allow us to be more efficient and effective. Katie suggested we include a screenshot of the spreadsheets Erin created to help us stay organized as a visual representation of the work we've been doing. We will be presenting to the city council in April, but we don't know the date yet. Andrew is going to reach out to Aubrey to find information about our budget to include in the financial section of the report.

6. Old Business

a. Next Gen Advocacy

- Erin and Sophia have still not been able to connect, so we had a vote to suspend the partnership until such time as someone else steps forward to continue it. Fred motioned to hold the vote and Katie seconded. The vote passed 4-0; Callie didn't vote since she was on Zoom.

b. H.O.P.E. Packs

- Andrew and Erin will meet on March 26th to discuss the logistics of funding and city approval, so that we can work on getting the packs made and distributed.

c. 2025 Events/Initiatives Calendar

- Leah is trying to contact Tandem Community Birth Center and Postpartum House about being our Q1 guest speaker, April 15th.

7. Committee Reports

a. Chairperson's Report (Erin): Erin and Andrew have connected with Pam Bessler, who leads an organization called RoboBoosters that wants to do a demonstration at City Hall. The office of the mayor cannot sponsor the event, so they are wondering if CSCY can instead. Andrew suggested we invite the team to the monthly CSCY meeting so we can get details about what they are hoping to do.

b. Youth Advocate (Erin, Leah, Fred): Reminder to all of us to check out the Kids Count data book.

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- c. **Community Relations:** (Shelby, Katie, Callie, Fred): Erin has made a template for reaching out to guest speakers and will put it in the drive.
 - d. **Signature Events** (Callie, Erin, Katie): We are planning to get together in the next couple weeks to plan. Before that meeting, we need access to the old S.W.A.G.G.E.R. nomination form so we can decide what updates to make. We would also like to make sure this gets into the drive so that we can make sure future commissioners have access as well.
 - e. **Data/Reporting/Communications** (Tatiana, Leah, Shelby): None

8. City Staff Liaison Report

- a. Andrew shared that Jennifer Crossley is willing to come in and do training for us to review protocol on Robert's Rules of Order, etc. and may attend one of our future meetings. Upcoming city events: Asianfest, March 27th, 5pm, BCT; Women's History Month luncheon, March 27th, 11:30am, convention center; 10th Annual MC3 Summit, November 13th, convention center; 2026 Black History Month kickoff, February 7th, 4pm, city hall; 2026 Black Market, February 14th, 10-2, atrium; 2026 BHM Poster Board event, February 21st, 12pm, atrium; 2026 BHM Gala, February 28th, 6pm, Woolery Mill. Andrew emailed commission members a copy of financial information for the Commission on the Status of Black Males if we would like to use it as a template for ours. Erin will update the template with our info so Andrew can send it to Aubrey to finish filling in. Andrew will not be present for our April meeting-happy anniversary!

9. Announcements/Community Updates: None

10. Adjournment

- a. Motion to approve: Shelby made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:47pm.
- b. Second: Fred
- c. Motion: Passed