



MINUTES
Youth Development Council
February 2, 2026 | 1:30 p.m.

Members		Members		Staff & Guests Present	
Katrina Lunsford, Chair	E	Derrick Woodard	E	Sikandra Grant -Dept. of Transportation	Joylette Stevens
Ginger Garner	P	Ryan Reis	P	Lidia Cordova	Barbara Mincy
Yesse Olivas	P	Linda Griffin	P	Arthur Harris	Drew Zimmerman

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Council Member Yesse Olivas at 1:36 followed by introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Council Member Yesse Olivas called for a motion to approve the minutes of the November 3, 2025, meeting. The motion was made by Ryan Reis, seconded by Amanda Wilson. Council Member Yesse Olivas opened the floor for discussion. There was no discussion. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

Introduction of New Council Members: Linda Griffin & Dr. Andy Oguntola

Council Member Yesse Olivas introduced the two nominated members Linda Griffin with Lakeland Regional Health and Dr. Andy Oguntola Assistant Vice President of Enrollment Management with Florida Polytechnic University. Yesse Olivas welcomed them aboard.

NEW BUSINESS

Recommendation: Approval of 2026 Summer Youth Internship Preliminary Budget

Council Member Yesse Olivas called for motion to approve the 2026 Summer Youth Internship Program Budget on page 5. The motion was made by Andy Oguntola, seconded by Amanda Wilson. Council Member Yesse Olivas opened the floor for discussion. Ryan Reis asked what the budget was for last year Barbara Mincy responded that it was 1.5 million. Ryan commented that reduction in the funding is the cause of less participants this year. There were no questions or concerns. All voted. Motion carried unanimously.

Report: Youth Leaders Report 2nd Quarter PY2025-2026

Council Yesse Olivas directed the members to the Youth Leaders Report on page 6. There were no other questions or concerns. Council member Yesse Olivas opened the floor for discussion. There were no questions or concerns.

Report: Business Services Report 2nd Quarter PY2025-2026

Council Member Yesse Olivas directed the members to the Business Services Report 2nd Quarter PY2025-2026 on page 7-9. Joylette Stevens gave the highlights of report. There were no questions or concerns.

Report: CareerSource Polk Customer Concerns 2nd Quarter PY2025-2026

Council Member Yesse Olivas directed the members to the Polk Customer Concerns 2nd Quarter. There were no questions or concerns.

Report: THMP Motioning Summary Report – December 2025

Council Member Yesse Olivas directed the members to the programming monitoring report on page 10. Yesse Olivas commented there was only an observation. There was no further discussion.

Additional Comments

Council Member Yesse Olivas shared insights from her eight-year involvement with the Summer Youth Internship Program. She highlighted the program’s dual impact, noting its success in providing vital professional development for both current students and out-of-school youth. She spoke passionately about the program’s dual mission: providing career pathways for young participants and the personal fulfillment that comes from molding the youth of today. Council member Yesse Olivas thanked all those present and adjourned the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:47 p.m.