

**Lakewood Community Relations Advisory Commission Minutes  
Of Special Meeting to Vote on Candidates for Youth Advisory Council Task Force  
April 1, 2019; 6:30 p.m., Lakewood City Hall, 12600 Detroit Ave, Lakewood, OH**

**In attendance:** Jessica Sloan (Chair), Rachel Donaldson (Vice-Chair), Chitra Walker (Secretary), Andrew Morris, Gary Rick, Tariq Ata, Walter Wright, Gabrielle Jackson, Robin Beaver and Melissa Garrett (Community Relations Specialist)

**Not present:** Barbara Howell.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Selection of Youth Advisory Council Task Force :**

The Commission was tasked with selecting three candidates from the 21 applications submitted to participate on the 9-Member Youth Advisory Council Taskforce. This Special Meeting was called to select the three candidates to be chosen by the Commission.

There was lively discussion on selecting the candidates. City Council was allotted 3 positions, the Mayor has 3 positions, and the Commission has 3 positions. The 21 applicants were exceptional, each in his/her own way; so the choice was difficult. Melissa Garrett assisted the Commissioners with information regarding the candidates that had already been chosen by City Council. However, using a very judicious process of elimination, the three applicants chosen by the Commission are:

Yusra Abdi – Grade 11

Tristan Rumsey – Grade 11

Tully Worrton – Grade 11

All were satisfied with the process. Melissa Garrett will provide the Mayor with the Commission's choices, so that he can make his three choices from the remaining candidates. There was some discussion on giving the applicants who were not chosen to be on the Task Force the opportunity to automatically be in the pool of candidates for the Youth Advisory Council.

With no further business at hand, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.