



**CITY OF MIRAMAR  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor, Vice Mayor, & City Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dr. Roy L. Virgin, City Manager   
**BY:** Billy Neal, Director, Parks & Recreation  
**DATE:** March 12, 2026  
**RE:** Temp. Reso. No. 8641 Quarterly Advisory Board Updates

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**1. Introduction**

Teen Council Advisory Board (TCAB)

**Meeting Information**

First Thursday of every month

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: PD Community Room 519/ Vernon E. Hargray Youth Enrichment Center

Staff Liaison: Janine Alleyne-Maragh ([jpalleyne@miramarfl.gov](mailto:jpalleyne@miramarfl.gov); 954-602-3342)

**2. Board Composition**

There are twelve (12) city commission-appointed members on the board: two appointed by each commissioner from Middle School and High School aged Miramar youths. A board chair, vice chair, secretary, parliamentarian, historian, and treasurer are elected by board members. Positions are held until vacated. Below is information on the current board members:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT DATE</b>	<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Sa'Myah Kennedy	Vice Chair	05/07/25 Reso. 25-130 Maxwell B. Chambers	Student, High School	100%
Ahyahna Presume	Member	05/07/25 Reso. 25-130 Avril Cherasard	Student, Middle School	100%
Arielle Burkett Hyndman	Chair	01/25/23 Reso. 23-46 At-Large	Student, High School	100%
Kaidence Cochran	Member	05/07/25 Reso. 25-130 Avril Cherasard	Student, High School	100%
Nickoya McNeil	Secretary	05/07/25 Reso. 25-130 Carson Eddy Edwards	Student, High School	100%
Isabella Clarke	Historian	06/04/25 Reso. 25-147 Carson eddy Edwards	Student, High School	100%
London McNeil	Member	06/04/25 Reso. 25-147 Wayne M. Messam	Student, Middle School	100%
Ryan Patrick Millay	Parliamentarian	06/17/25 Reso. 25-159 Wayne M. Messam	Student, Middle School	100%
Jaden Watson	Member	Yvette Colbourne	Student, Middle School	80%
Kamsiyochukwu Mba	Member	11/15/2021 Reso. 22-48 Yvette Colbourne	Student, High School	90%
Addai Hawkins	Treasurer	06/11/24 Reso. 24-133 Maxwell B. Chambers	Student, High School	80%
Alex Linwood	Member	07/09/25 Reso. 25-180 At-Large	Student, High School	80%

### **3. Activities**

FY26, the board participated in the following events:

- Thanksgiving Turkey Drive
- Breakfast with Santa
- Martin Luther King Parade
- Teddy Riley Fireside Chat
- A Day of Deliberative Dialogue
- Launch "Talk of the City" Podcast

### **4. Accomplishments**

As members of the TCAB they helped represent the voices and concerns of teen in the community. By sharing ideas and participating in discussions, they contributed to decisions and initiatives that support youth programs and opportunities for teens.

### **5. Challenges and Lessons Learned**

As Teen Council Advisory Board members, they faced several challenges that help them grow as leaders. One challenge was balancing their responsibilities between school, personal commitments, and council duties. This experience taught them the importance of time management and staying organized. Another challenge was working with individuals who had different opinions and ideas. Through the experience, they learned how to listen respectfully, communicate effectively, and collaborate as a team to make decisions that benefit everyone.

### **6. Financial Overview**

The board is currently seeking sponsorships and partnerships to assist future outreach efforts as well as in-house fundraising.

### **7. Future Plans and Recommendations**

- Attend upcoming Conference for 2026
- Plan and host Miramar's first regional Teen Council Summit
- Partner with and assist "His House" charity

### **8. Conclusion**

The TCAB has helped to grow leaders and role models. Despite the challenges, they gained important skills such as problem-solving, teamwork, and community engagement. This experience has prepared them to continue making meaningful contributions to school and communities.

The TCAB members also receive innovative leadership training and form relationships with mentors and peers who understand their experience. They can use what they learn from serving on the board to influence key decision-makers and create positive change.