



**CITY OF MIRAMAR  
INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Mayor and City Commissioners  
**FROM:** Dr. Roy L. Virgin, City Manager   
**BY:** Billy Neal, Director, Parks & Recreation  
**DATE:** November 14, 2024  
**RE:** Temp. Reso. No. 8281, Q3 2024 Teen Council Advisory Board Update

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**1. Introduction**

Teen Council Advisory Board (TCAB)

**Meeting Information**

Day: 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday/ Month

Time: 6:30 PM

Location: Parks and Recreation Conference Room/ 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 information on the current board members:

<b>NAME</b>	<b>ROLE</b>	<b>APPOINTMENT DATE</b>	<b>BACKGROUND</b>	<b>ATTENDANCE</b>
Shaniya Grace	Chair	08/17/22 Reso. 22-158 Wayne M. Messam	Student, Highschool	100%
Jayden Jean Louis	Vice Chair	09/01/2021 Reso. 21-156 At-Large	Student, Highschool	90%
Arielle Burkett Hyndman	Secretary	01/25/23 Reso. 23-46 At-Large	Student, Highschool	100%
Sa'myah Kennedy	Parliamentarian	08/17/22 Reso. 22-158 Alexandra P. Davis	Student, Highschool	90%
Nickoya McNeil	Historian	06/22/22 Reso. 22-137 Alexandra P. Davis	Student, Highschool	100%
Gabriel Sculley	Treasurer	06/21/23 Reso. 23-128 Maxwell B. Chambers	Student, Highschool	100%
London McNeil	Member	08/16/23 Reso. 23-172 Winston F. Barnes	Student, Middle School	100%
Kristiana Sotelo	Member	06/22/22 Reso. 22-137 Winston F. Barnes	Student, Highschool	10%
Troy E. Baptiste	Member	05/15/24 Reso. 24-108 Wayne M. Messam	Student, Middle School	30%
Kamsiyochukwu Mba	Member	11/15/2021 Reso. 22-48 Yvette Colbourne	Student, Highschool	90%
Addai Hawkins	Member	06/11/24 Reso. 24-133 Maxwell B. Chambers	Student, Highschool	50%
VACANT SEAT	Member	Yvette Colbourne		

### **3. Activities**

FY24, the board participated in the following events:

- Participated in the Martin Luther King Parade activities.
- Presented at the Juneteenth Celebration Event: “What does Juneteenth mean to me?”
- Traveled to Washington D.C. and attended the NLC, meeting Florida Representatives and House Members, and touring the Capitol.
- Packed items for “His House” charity
- Volunteered at various City events.

### **4. Accomplishments**

Several council members have used to their exposure and experience to garner scholarships, internships, and speaking opportunities - in turn expanding their horizons exponentially. Because of various activities they are building a name for themselves inside and outside of the City of Miramar. They’ve become a model for other Cities in building their own Teen Councils.

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

Communicating the ideas of twelve young people while trying to coordinate with the city, as well as juggle school activities, and studying has helped mold the council into a more cohesive unit. They experienced the disappointment of seeing one of their projects not come to fruition but learned to pivot and tackle a larger and more meaningful effort that is currently in process.

### **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 NLC Conference in Tampa, FL November 11-14, 2024
- Plan and host Miramar’s first regional Teen Council Summit
- Partner with Broward County Middle and High Schools in Miramar

### **8. Conclusion**

The TCAB began humbly with many of the members taking up a leadership role for the first time. There have been bumps in the road – but they are coming

along. Having been exposed to other Teen Councils and groups from across the state and country over the last two years has opened their imaginations and made them want to be more than what they began. They are just starting to see what they are capable of and are excited to see what they can accomplish together and with the City of Miramar.