



**City of  
Kalgoorlie  
Boulder**

# **MINUTES**

**of the  
Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council Meeting**

**held at 5:00 PM**

**on**

**21 FEBRUARY 2023**

**at the**

**Kalgoorlie Town Hall**

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## **1 DECLARATION OF OPENING / ANNOUNCEMENT OF VISITORS**

The Chairperson declared the meeting open at 4:56 pm welcoming those present.

Deputy Youth Mayor Braydon Donnell gave an acknowledgment of country.

## **2 RECORD OF ATTENDANCE**

### **2.1 Attendance**

#### **In Attendance:**

Deputy Youth Mayor Braydon Donnell

Youth Councillor Erin Winchester

Youth Councillor Kyle Callaghan

Youth Councillor Elisyah Jackson                      via Telephone Conference

Youth Councillor Gabriella Mullin

#### **Mentors:**

Youth Mentor Cameron Mallory

#### **Council Representatives:**

Councillor Terrence Winner

Councillor Amy Astill

Councillor Kim Eckert OAM

Councillor Kirsty Dellar

#### **Members of Staff:**

Sean Smith                      Senior Youth Officer

Shani Szabo                      Youth Officer

Laura Kingston                      Digital Content & Marketing Officer

#### **Visitors:**

2

#### **Press:**

## **2.2 Apologies**

### **Apologies - Elected Members:**

Youth Mayor            Nandini Gera  
Youth Councillor      Dakota Manley

### **Apologies - Mentors:**

Youth Mentor Esther Roadnight OAM

### **Apologies - Council Representatives:**

Nil

### **Apologies - Members of Staff:**

Nil

### **Leave of Absence:**

Nil

## **3 DECLARATIONS OF MEMBERS' AND OFFICERS' INTEREST**

### **3.1 Interest Affecting Impartiality City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Code of Conduct**

Nil

### **3.2 Financial Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60A**

Nil

### **3.3 Proximity Interest Local Government Act Section 5.60B**

Nil

## **4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES**

### **Committee Recommendation**

**Moved By:**            Youth Councillor Erin Winchester  
**Seconded By:**      Youth Councillor Kyle Callaghan

That the minutes of the Youth Council Meeting held on 06 December 2022 be confirmed as a true record of that meeting.

**CARRIED**  
**(5 / 0)**

## 5 REPORTS OF OFFICERS

### 5.1 Chief Executive Officer

#### 5.1.1 Youth Councillor Resignations

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Mia Hicks Director of Community Development
<b>Responsible Business Unit:</b>	Community Development
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachments:</b>	1. CONFIDENTIAL - Nandini Gera Resignation [5.1.1.1 - 1 page] 2. CONFIDENTIAL - Dakota Manley Resignation Letter [5.1.1.2 - 1 page]

#### OFFICER/ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved By:** Youth Councillor Gabriella Mullin

**Seconded By:** Youth Councillor Kyle Callaghan

That the Committee recommend that Council:

1. Accept the resignation of Youth Mayor Nandini Gera and Youth Councillor Dakota Manley.
2. Appoint the Deputy Youth Mayor, Braydon Donnell as Acting Youth Mayor until an election is called.

**CARRIED**  
**(5 / 0)**

#### Executive Summary

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) has received two resignations from the Youth Mayor and a Youth Councillor.

These resignations have been received as both members are moving from Kalgoorlie-Boulder to pursue further studies and career development opportunities in Perth. It is recommended that these resignations are accepted and that the Deputy Youth Mayor is appointed as Acting Youth Mayor until an election is called.

#### Community Strategic Plan Links

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s:

SAFE: We support families and youth.

**CONNECTED:** We will be connected to our history, culture and community.

**FUTURISTIC:** We plan for the future proofing of our City by being a thinking and innovative society.

**EMPOWERED:** We continue to believe in the principles of representational democracy and are enabled to make decisions about our lives.

### **Budget Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

### **Report**

Youth Mayor Nandini Gera has chosen to resign from her position with the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC). Nandini is unable to continue as Youth Mayor, as she has relocated to attend university. Nandini was elected to Youth Council in December 2021, and was elected as Youth Mayor in April 2022.

Nandini has become an exceptional leader throughout her time with the KBYC, and has grown in her confidence for public speaking, leadership, and decision-making skills. They have contributed remarkable amounts to ongoing projects and delivering events that the KBYC host.

Nandini has represented the KBYC as City at civic functions such as Art Prize Awards Night, Australia Day Citizenship Ceremony, and has undertaken multiple media interviews.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the KBYC are grateful for Nandini's contributions to the KBYC and the youth community and wish her well in all future endeavours studying at university. On 14 February 2023, the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder Deputy Mayor Glenn Wilson and Cr Terrence Winner formally presented Nandini with a certificate of appreciation for all her hard work.

The position of Youth Mayor will become vacant, and it is recommended that the responsibility as chairperson and Acting Youth Mayor reside with the Deputy Youth Mayor Braydon Donnell until an election is called.

Youth Councillor Dakota Manley has chosen to resign from the KBYC. Dakota no longer has the capacity to contribute to the KBYC, as she has chosen to relocate with her family outside of Kalgoorlie-Boulder. Dakota was elected to the KBYC in November 2017 and served as Youth Mayor from 2019 – 2021.

During Dakota's time with the KBYC, she has shown strong leadership skills and commitment to improving the lives of young people in the community. Dakota has been thanked for her contribution and dedication over the last 6 years while apart of the KBYC, and the youth community.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder and the KBYC wish Nandini and Dakota well in their future endeavours.

### **Statutory Implications**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

### **Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

### **Community Engagement Consultation**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

### 5.1.2 Youth Councillor Applications

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Mia Hicks Director of Community Development
<b>Responsible Business Unit:</b>	Community Development
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Absolute Majority
<b>Attachments:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CONFIDENTIAL - Cristabell Mbeyela - Youth Council Application 30.01.23 [5.1.2.1 - 3 pages]</li> <li>2. CONFIDENTIAL - Emilee Stewart - Youth Council Application 14.02.23 [5.1.2.2 - 2 pages]</li> <li>3. CONFIDENTIAL - Roza Nicholas - Youth Council Application 14.02.23 [5.1.2.3 - 2 pages]</li> <li>4. CONFIDENTIAL - Ewan Ellers - Youth Council Application 14.02.23 [5.1.2.4 - 2 pages]</li> <li>5. CONFIDENTIAL - Summer Nicholas - Youth Council Application 14.02.23 [5.1.2.5 - 2 pages]</li> <li>6. CONFIDENTIAL - Zion Puyaoan - Youth Council Application 11.02.23 [5.1.2.6 - 3 pages]</li> </ol>

#### OFFICER/ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved By:** Youth Councillor Erin Winchester

**Seconded By:** Youth Councillor Gabriella Mullin

That the Committee recommends that Council:

- 1) Endorse the following members as Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Councillors:
  - Cristabell Mbeyela
  - Emilee Stewart
  - Roza Nicholas
  - Ewan Ellers
  - Summer Nicholas
  - Zion Puyaoan

**CARRIED**  
**(5 / 0)**



## **Executive Summary**

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) is currently recruiting new members to join the committee in a period of significant growth and development. The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder has received six applications to join the KBYC, the applications are from strong applicants who are active members in the community. The Officer's recommendation is to endorse the applications.

## **Community Strategic Plan Links**

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s:

**SAFE:** We support families and youth.

**CONNECTED:** We provide public spaces that facilitate a diverse range of activities and strengthen social bonds within the community.

**EMPOWERED:** We provide opportunities for genuine engagement with the community to inform the Council's decision-making.

## **Budget Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

## **Report**

After attending a casual Youth Council meeting, Cristabell Mbeyela, Emilee Stewart, Roza Nicholas, Ewan Ellers, Summer Nicholas and Zion Puyaoan submitted applications to join the Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council (KBYC) .

The City's Youth Services team and Youth Councillors have been actively recruiting for new members and through the recruitment campaign have attracted six prospect candidates for the committee.

In the applications received, the applicants were asked why they were interested in joining Youth Council; a common identified theme from the applicants was that they were motivated to address the issues around the lack of safe spaces for young people; outside of their regular attended clubs or groups. In this report, a brief summary of each candidate has been provided.

Cristabell Mbeyela is a 12-year-old Kalgoorlie-Boulder local, who is eager to be a part of the KBYC as a previous student leader in primary school with interests in continuing that journey on developing leadership skills. With a passionate about sports and having won many trophies and medals through school, as well as representing their high school for sporting carnivals in Perth. The key issues facing young people that Cristabell has identified are; young people are self-conscious due to their background and culture, and the second issue being young people are unmotivated due to the lack of activities in the town. Cristabell is wanting to create a culturally inviting environment for youth in the community. The officer recommendation is to accept Cristabell's application as a new KBYC member.

Emilee Stewart is a 15-year-old Kalgoorlie-Boulder local who is wanting to bring positive and meaningful contributions to the young people in the community. As the Deputy Head Girl at their high school and an active member of the Goldfields Rep Club, their passions are being involved in the arts area with singing and acting. The key issues facing young people that Emilee has identified are; the struggle to access health care facilities and lack of community involvement. Emilee's aim is to assist youth in finding an easier way to access services and create a fun and safe environment for the youth community. The officer recommendation is to accept Emilee's application as a new KBYC member.

Roza Nicholas is a 14-year-old who has grown up in Kalgoorlie-Boulder. A highly active member in the community with involvement in Police Rangers, XLR8 Youth Group, Scouts and Salvation Army Youth Shed, Roza is currently in a school production of The Wizard of Oz and passionate about basketball. The key issues that Roza has identified for young people in the community are; that there is a lack of a youth drop in zone leading to boredom amongst the youth community and young people struggling with school tend to have limited support. The officer recommendation is to accept Roza's application as a new KBYC member.

Ewan Ellers is a 14-year-old local, who is eager to join KBYC as they want to develop their skills as a young leader. With a passion for soccer, robotics and spending time with their dad working with audio equipment, Ewan has a creative mind and feels they can bring an outside the box look on issues young people are facing in the community and events the KBYC host. The issues that Ewan has identified for young people are; bullying between friends' groups in and outside of school and suicide rates increasing in the community. The officer recommendation is to accept Ewan's application as a new KBYC member.

Summer Nicholas has grown up in Kalgoorlie-Boulder and is currently 15 years old. Summer is involved with a lot of community groups including Salvation Army Youth Shed, YM Hockey Club, XLR8 Youth Group and Scouts. She is wanting to join KBYC is to become even more connected and active in the community involving young people. The key issues in the youth community that they identified are; aggressive behaviours and fighting amongst different cohorts of people, the second issue is self-harm/suicide amongst young people that is not spoken about openly enough. Summer realises that the issues are not completely preventable but wanting to address the issues and create more awareness in efforts to minimize effects on the youth community. The officer recommendation is to accept Summer's application as a new KBYC member.

Zion Puyaoan is a 13-year-old Kalgoorlie-Boulder local. They are involved with the Salvation Army Youth Shed on the weekends. Their passions are programming, poetry, and painting. They want to join the KBYC to create safe environments for young people in the community and creating inclusive opportunities for all young people. The key issues Zion has identified that young people face are homophobia, racism, and discrimination. They believe that the reason behind these issues are lack of knowledge and education. They want to provide more educational opportunities to the community that will hopefully limit these issues not only for young people but the broader community. The officer recommendation is to accept Zion's application as a new KBYC member.

**Statutory Implications**

The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council is a committee established under the *Local Government Act 1995* (Section 5.8). The Kalgoorlie-Boulder Youth Council is solely an advisory body and under Section 5.10 of the *Local Government Act 1995* requires an absolute majority vote before an appointment of a person to the committee can be made.

**Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**Community Engagement Consultation**

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

### 5.1.3 Youth Week WA 2023 State Launch

<b>Responsible Officer:</b>	Mia Hicks Director of Community Development
<b>Responsible Business Unit:</b>	Community Development
<b>Disclosure of Interest:</b>	Nil
<b>Voting Requirements:</b>	Simple
<b>Attachments:</b>	Nil

#### OFFICER/ COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

**Moved By:** Youth Councillor Kyle Callaghan  
**Seconded By:** Youth Councillor Gabriella Mullin

That the Committee, recommends that Council:

1. Formally accept the invitation from the Minister for Youth for the City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder to host the State Launch for Youth Week WA 2023.

**CARRIED**  
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#### Executive Summary

Kalgoorlie-Boulder has been selected by the Department of Communities as the host city for the state launch for Youth Week WA 2023. The purpose of this report is for the Youth Council to recommend that the offer is accepted and that an invitation be sent to the Minister for Youth to come to Kalgoorlie-Boulder as part of the launch.

#### Community Engagement Consultation

No community consultation was considered necessary in relation to the recommendations of the report.

#### Community Strategic Plan Links

This report links to the Strategic Community Plan through the following Guiding Theme/s:

**SAFE:** We will deliver a safe and activated community that can be used day and night.

**CONNECTED:** We provide public spaces that facilitate a diverse range of activities and strengthen social bonds within the community.

**CONNECTED** We deliver the community better connectivity with the rest of Australia and the world.

**Budget Implications**

There are no financial implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**Report**

In January, the Department of Communities wrote to Andrew Brien, CEO, City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder requesting that the City host the launch of Youth Week WA for 2023.

Youth Week WA is being held from 14 to 21 April 2023 and the Youth Council is in the process of developing a calendar of events in collaboration with other youth agencies and stakeholders. The launch event will be held as part of the already budgeted and scheduled events.

The City of Kalgoorlie-Boulder's Councillor Amy Astill has been selected, for the second year, as a Youth Week Ambassador for 2023.

Youth Council will invite the Minister for Youth to attend the opening and engage with local young leaders on topics and issues that matter to young people in Kalgoorlie-Boulder.

**Statutory Implications**

There are no statutory implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

**Policy Implications**

There are no policy implications resulting from the recommendations of this report.

## **6 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next Youth Council Meeting will be held on 04 April 2023.

## **7 CLOSURE**

There being no further business, the Chairperson thanked those present for their attendance and declared the meeting closed at 5:02 pm.