

Youth Budget Commission Meeting

07/16/2021

Minutes

Commissioners in attendance: Co-Chair Ford, Commissioner Huelsmann, Commissioner Krauss, Co-Chair Shaver, Commissioner Zumdahl, Commissioner Cates, Commissioner Crabb

Commissioner in attendance by proxy: Commissioner Vega, Commissioner Montorio Archer, Commissioner Flores, Commissioner Lightford.

Others in attendance: Paula Corrigan-Halpern, Kiara Jackson, Eric Mayo, Ali Schoon, Kelly Sparks, John Gordon, Carly Ogletree, Claire Jones-Anderson, Kate Peterson, Jennifer Butler, Marc Staley

1. Approval of Minutes (Co-Chair Shaver)

Co-Chair Shaver welcomed the commission to the July meeting and thanked those who were able to attend or send someone as a proxy, given that this time of year is vacation season. He introduced John Gordon, who is joining the commission on a contract basis to help manage the increasing workload. Gordon introduced himself to the commission and provided his contact information. Co-Chair Shaver stated that there would be some changes to the August meeting that the commission would discuss later on in the meeting. Co-Chair Shaver introduced Eric Mayo, who then conducted the roll call.

Mayo conducted the roll call, asking if all the attendees could see and hear clearly, as well as asking if commissioners would agree to voice votes rather than roll call votes. The commissioners agreed to the voice vote motion. Commissioners Cates, Crabb, Ford, Huelsmann, Krauss, Shaver, and Zumdahl were reported as present. Commissioners Flores, Lightford, Montorio-Archer, and Vega had proxies present. Co-Chair Shaver then called for a vote to approve the minutes for the June Youth Budget Commission meeting and asked a commissioner to make a motion. Commissioner Cates made the motion, Commissioner Zumdahl seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved unanimously.

2. Working Group Proposals

Co-Commissioner Shaver announced that the first item on the commission's agenda for the meeting would be discussing the proposal for the creation of the commission's working groups. He stated that his hope for the working groups is that they would be largely autonomous in how they shaped their processes and came to their policy recommendations. Eric Mayo was given the floor and he discussed the plan for creating the groups. The plan is for there to be two working groups. Mayo then informed the commission that one group will focus on the developmental goals of healthy, safe, and stable while the other working group will focus on the developmental goals of educated, employed, and connected. Mayo said that each working group will be made up of between five to seven commissioners. Commissioners can ask to be assigned to a certain group, but if they have no preference or do not reach out to either Mayo or Gordon in due time, then they would be randomly assigned. Mayo expressed his hope that each working group would meet once before the commission's next meeting in August. He also said that staff can arrange for various experts to meet with the working groups in order to better formulate their recommendations. Commissioner Krauss asked for a reminder of the tasks of the working groups. Co-Chair Shaver said that the working groups will focus on each of those developmental goals that they are assigned, which will allow them to focus more attentively creating policy recommendations. He then asked if there were any more questions regarding the plan for the working groups, which there were none, and then called for a motion to approve the plan. Commissioner Huelsmann made the motion and Commissioner Cates seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Legislative Update: Claire Anderson-Jones

Co-Chair Shaver introduced Claire Anderson-Jones, who is a staffer with Senate Majority Leader and Commissioner Kimberly Lightford. Anderson-Jones then proceeded to give the commission an update regarding legislation of importance to the commission that had passed in the most recent General Assembly or that was still active in the legislative process. She reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 budget, along with the supplemental budget bills that addressed the four pillars of the Legislative Black Caucus agenda. She went into detail about the four pillars, consisting of criminal justice, education/workforce development, economic access, and health care. Anderson-Jones then went on to discuss other bills that passed the General Assembly, such as legislative redistricting, cannabis law reform, and the creation of Juneteenth as a state holiday. Commissioner Cates recognized the importance of the SAFE-T Act (the criminal justice pillar). Co-Chair Shaver opened the floor for questions, and there were none. Jones-Anderson provided her contact information should they have any questions. Co-Chair Shaver and the other commissioners thank Claire for her time and for Commissioner Lightford's work during session.

4. Budget Update: Marc Staley

Co-Chair Shaver introduced Marc Staley from the Governor's Office of Management and Budget to give the commissioners an overview of the Fiscal Year 2022 budget that was passed by the General Assembly. Staley reviewed the budget as it related to the agencies that provide a large amount of the youth services in the state. He agreed to send the presentation to the commissioners so that they could study it further. Co-Chair Shaver opened the floor for questions and asked Staley about the additional funds for violence prevention, which Staley said would total approximately \$100 million. Staley informed the commission that the funds were a mix of state general revenue funds and funds from the American Rescue Plan. He explained that the state is not currently spending those funds, as it is waiting for guidance from the federal government on how to properly spend those funds. Co-Chair Shaver then asked for clarification on how organizations and service providers who received PPP funds from the second COVID relief bill would be impacted. Staley stated that most of the PPP funds were sent out in the previous fiscal year and that the federal government is reviewing the loan forgiveness process to determine who is eligible for loan forgiveness and what the next steps will look like. He stated that, most likely, it will be easier to fund a provider if their second round of funds are being used for different programs than the previous round to avoid double dipping. Co-Chair Shaver returned to the question of violence prevention funds, and how some of that funding could be used for mental health services at the community level. Staley answered that the Department of Human Services is working on developing the program and they are planning to use the funds over multiple years.

5. August Youth Panel Discussion: Co-Chair Shaver

Co-Chair Shaver moved onto the next agenda item, which was discussing the plan to include youth in the August commission meeting. He stated that the commission has really focused on learning as much as possible about the fiscal scan while also attempting to include a variety of youth in the process. He said that he had learned a lot from talking with youths who have participated in this process and that in the August meeting they will combine the fiscal scan with youth voices. Co-Chair Shaver announced that the commission will invite youth from throughout the state to participate in a presentation of the fiscal scan and a follow up discussion. He asked for 2-3 volunteers to lead the presentation. Commissioner Huelsmann stated that it will be important to include a diverse set of commissioners so that the presentation will reflect the diversity of youth in Illinois. Co-Chair Shaver said that commissioners should reach out to staff about volunteering to lead the presentation and if there are no volunteers, then staff would assign the role. Commissioner Krauss volunteered to develop the presentation and take part in the presentation.

Co-Chair Shaver stated that the presentation will be about 45 minutes long, which along with the presentation by the Children's Funding Project, will require the commissioners to vote to approve extending the August meeting beyond its normal time frame. Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to extend the August meeting to

90 minutes in length. Commissioner Crabb made the motion, which was seconded by Commissioner Cates and the vote passed unanimously. The August meeting will be extended so that it will end at 3:00 PM.

6. Public Comments

Co-Chair Shaver opened the floor for public comments; there were none.

7. New Business

Co-Chair Shaver stated that Friday, August 20th from 1:30 PM-3:00PM will be the next Youth Budget Commission meeting where they will cover the fiscal scan presentation to youth from across the state, the Children's Funding Project presentation, and an update on the working groups. Mayo said that the FY 20 fiscal scan was now available online and he provided the link. He said that the focus will now be on coming up with policy recommendations, while staff works on side analysis and the formatting of the scan.

8. Adjournment

Co-Chair Shaver asked for a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Krauss made the motion, Commissioner Crabb seconded the motion, the motion was approved unanimously, and the meeting was adjourned at 2:31 PM.