



MEMORANDUM

TO: Hampton Planning Commission

FROM: Henry Godfrey, Junior Youth Planner

DATE: September 18, 2025

SUBJECT: September Youth Planner Memo

During the month of August, the youth of Hampton enjoyed the National Night Out. Throughout the city, many departments such as the Hampton Police and Fire Department, Community Engagement, as well as small businesses such as a small polo business and many community colleges universities attended this event. HYC informed the citizens of Hampton about the roles of the commission, the Youth Master plan as well as how to apply.

Another highlight event in August was the Student Pass Palooza. Students were given the opportunity to explore more about the Hampton Road Transit system, received free bus passes throughout the City of Hampton, and learned more about the Hampton Youth Commission.

The concluding event in August was our Annual Retreat. During this retreat the Commission builds out their work plan for the year, elect the new cabinet, and get to know new commissioners. Day 1 included a brief civics training on different aspects of community development such as environment and economy. Day 1 concluded with the new Commission being appointed by City Council.

On Day 2, allowed the new—and returning—commissioners to learn about the work each Committee does. After brainstorming ideas for the Grants Hearing, Teen Town Halls, and other events, the commission hit the streets. We partnered with the Clean City Commission to do a public clean up around Sandy Bottom. On the final day, we elected the executive team! This was all in preparation to present the Executive Team at our Jamboree. The Stakeholders Jamboree gave the Hampton Youth Commissioners the opportunity to interact with their City Council on a personal level.

Here's what's coming up for the month of September. The Youth Engagement Grant Cycle opened on September 1st, in preparation for the Grants Hearing happening December 15th. Our first meeting is on August 8th, as well as our quarterly recruitment. If you know anyone interested in becoming a commissioner or applying for a grant, please let us know.

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact Henry Godfrey, Junior Youth Planner at henry.godfrey@hampton.gov or 757-728-5225.