



YOUTH COUNCIL YOUTH COUNCIL
Town Council Chambers
3 S. Timber Ridge Parkway, Severance, CO 80550

YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES
Monday, December 1, 2025, at 5:00 PM

Chair: Torry Rowell
Vice-Chair: Mackenzie Williams
Treasurer: Kai Sapinoro
Vice-Treasurer: Charlie Vandermark
Secretary: Summer Flores
Vice-Secretary: Kollyns Kelly
Members: Soren Simpson, Sophia Farrington-Valdivia, Sophia Cabazos
Alternate Member: Noah Abram and Alix Getitis
Audience: Gary Martin, Council Member Karen Hessler
Staff: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager
Lindsay Radcliff-Coombes, Deputy Town Manager
Sarah Jacobsen, Town Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

1. Roll Call

Present

Members: Sophia Cabazos, Torry Rowell, Summer Flores, Sophia Farrington Valdivia, Charlie Vandermark, Soren Simpson, Kai Sapinoro, Mackenzie Williams, Kollyns Kelly and
Alternate Members: Noah Abram and Alix Getitis

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Approval of 11.3.25 Minutes

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Rowell, seconded by Member Flores to Approve the meeting minutes from 11.3.25. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

4. Public Comment

The purpose of the Public Comment is for members of the public to speak to the Youth Council on any subject not scheduled on the agenda. To accomplish scheduled agenda items, comments should be limited to three minutes for those attending in person or an appropriate time as deemed by the Chair. The Youth Council is not obligated to make decisions or take

action on comments but may choose to schedule the matter for a later discussion. Those addressing the Youth Council, please state your name and address and sign-in.

Gary Martin with the Windsor Severance Historical Society shared the story of a 9-year-old resident who successfully petitioned the Severance Town Council to change the Town's code to allow throwing of snowballs.

B. REGULAR MEETING

1. Ice Breaker

2. Chair Appointment

The Members cast their votes for Youth Council Chair, and Torry Rowell was appointed by the majority.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Flores, seconded by Member Vandermark to appoint Torry Rowell as Chair. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

3. Vice Chair Appointment

The Members cast their votes for Youth Council Vice Chair, and Mackenzie Williams was appointed by the majority.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Chair Rowell, seconded by Member Kelly to appoint Mackenzie Williams as Vice Chair. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

4. Secretary and Vice Secretary Appointments

The Members cast their votes for Youth Council Secretary, and Summer Flores was appointed by the majority. The Members cast their votes for Youth Council Vice Secretary, and Kollyns Kelly was appointed by the majority.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Vandermark, seconded by Member Farrington-Valdivia to appoint Summer Flores as Secretary. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Flores, seconded by Member Farrington-Valdivia, to appoint Kollyns Kelly as Vice Secretary. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

5. Treasurer and Vice Treasurer Appointments

The Members cast their votes for Youth Council Treasurer, and Kai Sapinoro was appointed by the majority. The Members cast their votes for Youth Council Vice Treasurer, and Charlie Vandermark was appointed by the majority.

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Vandermark, seconded by Chair Rowell to appoint Kai Sapinoro as Secretary. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

MOTION WAS MADE BY Member Flores, seconded by Member Farrington-Valdivia, to appoint Kollyns Kelly as Vice Secretary. All Members present voting Yes.

MOTION PASSED

6. Formation of Subcommittees

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager

Two subcommittees will be formed for the Youth Council Logo and the Youth Council Webpage, with the following members volunteering to participate.

1. Logo Committee with the following members: Kai, Soren, Alix, Sophia C, Sophia F, Charlie and Mackinez

Members were tasked with creating the logo and considering the following: What does Severance mean to you? Selection of colors for the logo. What will the logo represent and why?

2. Webpage Committee with the following members: Kollyns, Summer, Torry and Noah
Members were tasked with the following consideration in forming a webpage: What should be on the page? What do you want to get across to the audience? Research and look through the existing Town's website.

7. Presentation: Town Management's Role in Local Government

- Discussion
- Staff Presentation: Nicholas Wharton, Town Manager, Lindsay Radcliff-Coombes, Deputy Town Manager

8. Service Project Discussion

Members discussed several project ideas. The top two projects are Mental Health and a Town Clean up.

1. More recreation in town, projects that improve existing facilities/parks
2. Youth clubs
3. Park clean up
4. Mental health
5. Adding more art and/or gardens throughout the town
6. Mini community fair
7. Dog water fountains at the parks
8. Teens and senior dinner
9. Technology help day
10. Blankets for the homeless
11. Fundraiser for the Town
12. Public pool
13. Suicide prevention
14. Youth engagement and online boards
15. Youth parade

9. Moment of Silence

Vice-Chair Williams motioned for a moment of silence for Ervin Wood. Second by Secretary Flores.

C. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

TOWN OF SEVERANCE



Torry Rowell, Chair

ATTEST:



Summer Flores, Secretary