



# City of Methuen, Massachusetts

## **Youth Action Committee**

### OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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### AGENDA

Wednesday February 15, 2023 - 7pm via Zoom Web Conference

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. ROLL CALL
3. ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA
4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION
5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES - 10/6/2022, 11/10/22, 2/7/2023
6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - a. **What is MYAC?** Update (Methuen's Youth Action Committee) including past and current work. Discussion led by Calysa Alba, Callie Delano, and Mariah Dyer.
  - b. **Volunteer Activity completed over the holidays** - Santa Parade, Coat Drive - Debbie's Treasure Chest, Thanksgiving Meal Efforts - Neighbors in Need, Methuen Tree Lighting Event
  - c. **Debrief Mental Health Discussion at 2/7/2023 meeting**
7. PRESENTATION - Pilot Program on Participatory Budgeting - **Empowering Methuen's youth to participate more directly in the annual budget process of the City.** Discussion led by Clr. Jessica Finocchiaro
8. NEW BUSINESS
  - a. **Methuen's 10 Year Plan** - A discussion about Methuen's new plan to better our City. Discussion led by Gabriel Garcia and Matthew Torres.
  - b. **16 Year Old Voting Rights in Massachusetts** - A discussion about the new push in Massachusetts for municipal voting rights of people 16 years and older. Discussion led by Callie Delano.
9. UPDATES: ANNOUNCEMENTS, COMMUNITY RESOURCES, EVENTS
10. ANY OTHER FEEDBACK FOR METHUEN'S GOVERNMENT
11. NEXT MEETING: AGENDA ITEMS, DATE/TIME/LOCATION
12. ADJOURNMENT

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Respectfully submitted,  
Jessica Finocchiaro, City Councilor  
Chair, Youth Action Committee



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## USEFUL INFORMATION & RESIDENT ACCESS

**ACCESS ACCOMMODATIONS:** Anyone needing an access accommodation to participate in City of Methuen programs or services, please contact Sandy Almonte, ADA/DEI Coordinator at 978-382-2123 or [salmonte@ci.methuen.ma.us](mailto:salmonte@ci.methuen.ma.us) at least two weeks in advance, or two business days before any board or commission meeting. This notice is available in alternative formats upon request.

YAC Homepage: <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/youthactioncommittee>

**WATCH ON TV LIVE:** Channel 8 (Comcast) or Channel 32 (Verizon)

**WATCH ONLINE LIVE:** <https://www.methuentv.org/methuen-government-tv-live-stream/>. Meetings are viewable on-demand within 1-3 business days at <https://methuen-ma.viebit.com/>, direct link to YAC meetings:

[## PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:](https://methuen-ma.viebit.com/index.php?folder>Youth+Action+Committee</a></p></div><div data-bbox=)

**WRITTEN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION VIA EMAIL.** You may choose to submit your public participation by contacting City Council Clerk Linda Gagnon at <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/users/lgagnon/contact> or a City Councilor who is a member of the committee prior to the meeting. City Councilor's contact information can be found here: <https://www.cityofmethuen.net/city-council>

**ZOOM/REMOTE MEETINGS - PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** For Methuen residents who wish to speak live regarding an agenda item during remote meetings please visit:

<https://www.methuentv.org/govmeet> to signup with Methuen Community Studios (aka MCTV) by NOON on the day of the meeting. Residents are responsible for accurately entering their contact information in order to receive the invitation/instructions. You will receive an email confirmation once your sign up is processed. You can participate using a computer or phone.