



## LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AGENDA

**Thursday, December 1, 2022**  
**7:30 am**

Members and the public are able to join the meeting in-person or virtually.

In-person: 6000 Main St SW Lakewood, WA 98499,  
American Lakes Conference Room (first floor lobby)  
Access Virtually: Zoom link or by dialing in by phone.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82095940122>

Meeting ID: 820 9594 0122

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<https://youtube.com/user/cityoflakewoodwa>

### MEMBERS

Ellie Wilson, Chair  
Community Volunteer & CISL founder  
Dr. Joyce Loveday, Vice Chair  
President, Clover Park Technical College  
Ron Banner  
Superintendent, Clover Park School District  
Mary Dodsworth  
Director, Lakewood Parks & Recreation  
Kerri Pedrick  
Executive Director, Communities in Schools of Lakewood  
Megan Dempsey  
St. Clare Hospital Representative  
Dr. Michele Johnson  
Chancellor, Pierce College  
Dr. Wanda Elder  
Community Member  
Kyle Mangloña  
Community Member  
Mary Moss, City Council Liaison  
Shannon Bennett, Coordinator

### YOUTH COUNCIL LIASION

Hank Jones  
Cynthia Lemus Rodrigues  
Alli Laska  
Fatima Hernandez

### AGENDA

WELCOME - CALL TO ORDER

PUBLIC COMMENT

MEETING MINUTES

- Review/approve October 6<sup>th</sup> November 3rd, 2022 meeting minutes

NEW BUSINESS

- Confirm Christmas Parade Collaboration Ideas
- Continue LPAB Communication Plan discussion


BOARD MEMBER UPDATES

FUTURE MEETING DATE / AGENDA ITEMS

- Thursday January 5, 2023 – 7:30 am  
Regular Meeting, Hybrid Format

ADJOURN

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	<p><b>LAKEWOOD'S PROMISE ADVISORY BOARD</b>  <b>Thursday, November 6th, 2022</b>  <b>In-Person and Zoom Virtual Meeting</b>  <b>Lakewood, WA 98499</b>  <b>7:30 am – 8:30 am</b></p>
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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Ellie Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:33 am

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Promise Advisory Members Present:** Ellie Wilson, Kerri Pedrick, Wanda Elder, Michele Johnson, Joyce Loveday and Ron Banner

**Promise Advisory Members Absent:** Elise Bodell, Megan Dempsey, Mary Dodsworth & Kyle Manglona

**City Council Liaison:** Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

**Youth Council Liaison:** Hank Jones, Alli Laska & Fatima Hernandez

**Staff Present:** Shannon Bennett

**Guest Presenter:** None

**Guest:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

## **MEETING MINUTES**

Ron Banner moved to approve the June 2, 2022 meeting minutes. Joyce Loveday seconded the motion. MPU.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Review LPAB History – Ellie Wilson**

Ellie provided a historical background of the LPAB's history which began in 1990 with the passing of bond and levy campaign for the school district which caused us to take inventory of what was happening in our schools pertaining to the transient student population and research stabilization methods. Looked to Georgia's Communities in Schools for a successful example of working with unsettled youth. Purpose is to deliver 5 Promises authored by Colin Powell and serve as an advisory to City Council on applying the promises to improve our community for our students and families. Dr. Claudia Thomas was an integral part in bringing the information back from Washington DC to Lakewood and forming LPAB. For 7 years Lakewood became one of the cities in the US to receive

the national award of being an excellent place to raise children and families. “Unity in the Community”, Dr. Claudia Thomas.

### **Prepare for Joint Session with City Council - Shannon Bennett**

Successes for the year include Youth Summit, two primary work plan goals of mental health and workforce development to include contracts with Joshua Chambers and Career TEAM.

Regarding our goals for the upcoming year, members agreed our goal will be to reengage our communication efforts with the community and our youth. Goals include resuming monthly newsletter and reviewing and improving our communication of how we’re facilitating the promise goals to our local youth and to better define the City’s expectations for our role in fulfilling the 5 Promises. Michelle suggested we pick one of the promises for the year and follow it through. Hank recommended we choose one that aligns with the Youth Council goals of youth leadership. Ellie recommended more mentoring and job shadowing opportunities. Edith suggested working on mental health, which aligns with the healthy start promise. Kerri encouraged increasing the communication between the Clover Park School District and helping our positive stories and youth successes are shared with the public through the development of a balanced and coordinated communication plan. Ellie suggested reaching out to all community groups to plan events our Youth Council can be engaged in. Ron recommended we pursue efforts to change the narrative from negative to positive. Mary M. suggested the Multicultural Coalition will advertise our efforts. Michele suggested we turn to our YC members for ideas on how to reach the youth through social media and that communication must come at all levels. Hank agreed that we need to meet youth where they are and that many social media outlets are outdated (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and that the most effective way is through our schools clubs, student groups and sports.

The group decided to focus the November meeting on ours and Youth Council’s involvement in the City’s annual Christmas Parade.

Kerri suggested we limit our time spent on announcements and updates, or communicate them in a different manner, so we can spend more time engaged in conversation and planning during our meetings.

Joyce announced a new business item. A team is putting together WA Student Achievement Council letter of interest for a grant and would like LPAB to be a partner. \$125k will be used for a one year planning grant to stimulate collaboration and asked LPAB to write a letter of support. The point is to open access to higher education and help improve early access and remove barriers to secondary education. If awarded, the grant funds will be spent to hire, a consultant to help with planning retreats, CIS to gather input from students and families, and a navigator to help coordinate the efforts of the consultant, and to connect students and families to CISL and other publications. Michele moved to take a vote to support the application and provide a letter of support. Ron seconded and the motion and the group approved the motion unanimously. Kerri and Ellie will work to draft the letter by the October 17<sup>th</sup> deadline

### **BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Michele announced applications have been received and are currently under review for a RFP that was issued as a collaborative effort by the colleges to community based organizations with the purpose of promoting post-secondary education and helping students (currently with no plans to attend post-secondary education) to navigate grant application systems (FAFSA, WAISA, etc.). The search for her replacement as Chancellor is down to three candidates. There will be public


forums held at each campus to gain the public’s input on the candidates. On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, the college will host a gala celebrating its 25 year anniversary. Student enrollment is struggling a bit, but is up a little with in-person sessions back in place.

Ron announced that school is back in session. The district is 14 students shy of projected attendance numbers. The data has shown we need to go through some redistricting. The school board proposed to bring the experience down to 7.8%, as compared to the State 10% requirement, and a vote will take place on September 10<sup>th</sup> and the plan has to be in effect by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Electronic impact surveys are out and we received a 25% return in less than 24 hours. This past year CPSD settles with three of their unions. October is Principal Appreciation month. Golden Clover cards are available free to our senior population and provide access to school events. CPSD is hiring and will be hosting a booth at the upcoming Truck & Tractor Day.

**ADJOURN**

Ellie Wilson adjourned the meeting at 8:32 am.

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Prepared by: Shannon Bennett, Human Services Coordinator	Date:
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Ellie Wilson, Chair	Date

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

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**City Council Liaison:** Mary Moss, Deputy Mayor

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**Staff Present:** Shannon Bennett

**Guest Presenter:** None

**Guest:** None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

NONE

## **MEETING MINUTES**

No minutes were approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Mary D. provided a historical background of the City of Lakewood annual Christmas Parade. Members agreed to decorate a truck and distribute Lakewood's Promise bracelets during the December 10<sup>th</sup> Christmas Parade.

Members continued discussion about communication plan. Michele recommended we focus less on publishing monthly updates and focus more of fulfilling one or more of the 5 Promises in the upcoming year. Kerri recommends we focus on combatting the negative messages out there by sharing the positive events / messages about our CPSD students. Mary D. recommended creating a common tagline amongst our partners to streamline communication of the positive experiences we're all doing through our different programs. Michele suggested we determine if the 5 Promises are still the important things in a young person's life and if they are, then LPAB can take the leadership role

in the ways in which the 5 Promises get promoted and suggested the possibility of a logo being create of what the 5 Promises look like today and market it in a way that reaches a vast audience and that everyone use the logo when fulfilling the initiatives that coincide with the 5 Promises. Cynthia Rodrigues commented on what kind of messages youth currently want to get, to include mental health and fun activities and agreed the Youth Council can distribute the messages. Members also recommended naming a ADHOC committee to help develop a LPAB communication plan.

A brief discussion was had about finding a replacement LPAB member once Michele Johnson steps down. No new member information was determined. Staff will verify if responsibility lies on Pierce College and what the process looks like.

Mary announced City Hall is trying to support the library’s efforts and communities access to them as best they can while a new location is determined.

**BOARD MEMBER UPDATES**

Mary M. Finished a balanced budget. Leaders in the process have been extremely wonderful in het process and Council has been good stewards with the money available. Just met with Congresswoman Strickland. Multicultural Coalition are hosting a gala for Dr. Claudia Thomas on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Currently in the process of finalizing the details.

Kerri provided an update on volunteers being let back into the schools and CIS is currently recruiting mentors with focus on providing our youth with caring adults. Interested persons can logon to <https://lakewood.ciswa.org/volunteer/>

Michel announced Pierce College enrollment is struggling like all other colleges and will be going to legislature with other local colleges. Recently got back from NY City recently presented the trustees with their Regional Equity Leadership Academy, where they were coined as “Fierce Pierce” by colleagues for their language and actions centered around equity and black and brown students.

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