

**YAC MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE**

**Jamira Burley**, Temple University  
**Philip Dawson**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Scott Dubin**, Central High School  
**Charles Graham**, Roman Catholic High School  
**Dustin Krautter**, Temple University  
**Philip Lindsay**, Temple University  
**Blaise Mannino**, Temple University  
**Kagiso Reed**, Mastery Charter High School  
**Emily Shaeffer**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Erik Virbitsky**, University of Pennsylvania  
**Ashley Wagner**, Temple University  
**Matthew Zaccagni**, LaSalle University

**SEPTA REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE**

**Nilda Rivera-Frazier**, SEPTA Customer Service & Advocacy

**GUEST PRESENTERS**

**Raelund Dickerson**, The Transit Cooperative Research Program

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**Agenda Item: Approval of March 23, 2010 Minutes**

**Action Taken:** The minutes from the March 23, 2010 session were not submitted at the opening of the meeting, and their approval was postponed to a future session.

**Agenda Item: Guest Presentation on the Transit Cooperative Research Program (TCRP)**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Ms. Raelund Dickerson delivered a presentation to the YAC on the Transit Cooperative Research Program:
  - The TCRP was established in 1992 as part of the National Academies with the support of the Federal Transit Administration
  - The organization serves as a medium for research into timely transit issues, with a focus on disseminating solutions to current problems
  - TCRP reports focus on many areas of the public transportation industry, including Administration, Human Resources, Operations, Policy and Planning, Special Projects, Service Configuration, and Maintenance.
  - TCRP products available to transit agencies include reports, syntheses, legal digests, software, and web documents.
    - Most reports are available online in PDF format, and printing and delivery of hard copies is entirely funded by the FTA.
  - TCRP representatives are active in all areas of the country, and assist transit agencies in taking advantage of their resources
  - The TCRP is constantly seeking individuals to join its Ambassador Program, which provides personal incentives and covers travel expenses for agency work.
  - The TCRP accepts proposals for new research on a yearly basis
    - Transit agencies can submit a problem statement for new research by mid-June 2010.
    - All research projects are funded by the federal government.
- Ms. Dickerson encouraged the YAC to approach her if it becomes interested in performing research on youth transportation needs.
- Ms. Dickerson also reminded the YAC that a wide selection of TCRP reports is available on [www.tcrponline.org](http://www.tcrponline.org) for their consultation.

**Agenda Item: Chair's Report**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Mr. Dawson reported that the YAC's series of spring outreach events was progressing successfully and according to schedule.
- Mr. Dawson noted that he had presented Ms. Rivera-Frazier and Mr. Kim Heinle with the results of a meeting he attended in March with the University of Pennsylvania's New Student Orientation Director. He reported that SEPTA staff was actively reviewing the material in order to draft a proposal for involvement in NSO activities.
- Mr. Dawson reported that a meeting had been scheduled with a representative of Arcadia University for May 4, 2010 in order to discuss new student orientation involvement with that institution. He said that he planned on attending the meeting with Ms. Hwang, and invited other interested members to join them.
- Mr. Dawson reminded members that an outreach event would be taking place the next day at Arcadia University, and requested more volunteers for the table there.
- Mr. Dawson noted that he had delivered a report on the YAC's progress at the March plenary meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee. He informed members that the CAC expressed a desire for the YAC to devote more energy to engaging suburban youth and schools. Mr. Dawson stressed the importance of the YAC representing all youth in the SEPTA service area, and requested that all subcommittees endeavor to focus more on suburban youth in the coming months.

**Agenda Item: Outreach and Communications Subcommittee Report**

**Discussion Summary:**

- *Mr. Krautter delivered the report due to Ms. Hwang's absence.*
- Mr. Krautter noted that YAC tables at recent outreach events have attracted large amounts of students, and observed that locating tables near other student activities was a successful strategy for encouraging youth to interact.
- Mr. Krautter reported that the YAC had held an outreach event with a table and a hybrid bus at Temple University for Earth Day during the previous month.
- Mr. Krautter specified that the time and location of the next day's event at Arcadia University, and said that it would be part of a larger Spring Fling celebration being held by the university.
- Mr. Krautter reminded members that another outreach event with an information table was scheduled for May 15 at Drexel University, and added that more details would be forthcoming.

**Agenda Item: Service Evaluation Subcommittee Report**

**Discussion Summary:**

- *Mr. Dawson delivered the report due to Mr. Nussbaum's absence*
- Mr. Dawson reported that completion of the high school Youth Rider Survey was progressing well in the time since research permission was granted by the School District of Philadelphia. He announced that Parkway-Northwest High School was the most recent target school to complete the survey.
- Mr. Dawson noted that many other high schools would be scheduling dates to have the survey administered to their students during the upcoming month, and requested that members volunteer to represent the YAC and deliver the survey at those institutions.

**Agenda Item: General Discussion**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Mr. Dawson suggested that members discuss possible outreach activities that the YAC could plan for the summer season.
- It was suggested that the YAC investigate setting up a booth at a Welcome America event.
  - Ms. Rivera-Frazier noted that SEPTA's participation in Welcome America had not yet been determined.

- It was suggested that the YAC take a role in the Phillies' College Night, held in early September.
- It was suggested that the YAC develop a promotion association with the Center City District's Sips program.
- A member noted that some outreach events could continue on college campuses since some schools utilize a quarter-based calendar that keeps students on campus until the early summer.
- Ms. Burley announced that the Philadelphia Youth Commission would be holding a Civic Opportunities Fair on May 11, and that the School District of Philadelphia would be holding a Leadership Conference and Resource Fair on June 19. She suggested that the YAC investigate participating in both events.

**Agenda Item: Closing Remarks and Scheduling of May Meeting**

**Discussion Summary:**

- Mr. Dawson reminded members that the YAC had been invited to help staff a SEPTA booth at National Train Day at 30<sup>th</sup> Street Station on May 8, and noted that any member could volunteer to participate.
- Mr. Dawson reminded members that the YAC had been invited to attend the dedication of the North Philadelphia Transportation Center on April 29.
- Mr. Dawson reminded members that the YAC had been invited to attend the celebration of the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Airport Line on April 28.
- Mr. Dawson reminded members that the YAC would be formally recognized for its work by the SEPTA Board at its May 27 meeting. He added that a photograph would be taken of the group that day to accompany an article on the YAC in the American Public Transportation Association's magazine.
- Mr. Dawson reminded members to check the YAC's official webpage on [www.septa.org](http://www.septa.org) for updates on outreach events.

**Follow-up Items:**

- It was suggested that the YAC consider utilizing the Calendar feature on its Google Group to organize upcoming events internally.

**Action Taken:** The May plenary meeting was scheduled for Thursday, May 27, 2010 by the consent of all members present, to be held immediately after the 3:00pm SEPTA Board meeting.

**Agenda Item:** Adjourn

**Action Taken:** Meeting adjourned