

# YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Via Zoom

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

**ATTENDANCE:** **Members:** Chris Edgar, Leah Hamilton, Lori Parish, Petrea Rea, Kathy Shay, Megan Slater  
**Guests:** Joe Davis, Laura Heid, Wendy Provan, and special guests of Megan Slater – Gabby and Ava, 10<sup>th</sup> grade students in Victor.  
**Staff:** Amanda Lesterhuis, Jennifer May

## Introductions/Approve Minutes from November 12, 2020

The minutes were unanimously approved by all in attendance.

## Around the Room Updates

Ms. Hamilton shared that Optimax normally hosts school tours and allows job shadows and other outreach to students, but then COVID happened. Optimax had to re-envision how they reach members of the future workforce. They then produced “Creating Your Future with Optimax – a Virtual Tour” flipbook. The flipbook offers a 15 minute tour of the Optimax facility and provides career pathway videos. The entire flipbook is posted in a recent Finger Lakes Feature at <https://fingerlakesworks.com/finger-lakes-features-creating-your-future-with-optimax-a-virtual-tour/>.

Ms. Rea stated that WFL-BOCES received their 103<sup>rd</sup> referral today and they are getting good responses from school districts. She also reported that they are providing student sessions during school breaks and the “Parent Universities” have been well attended.

Ms. Lesterhuis asked Gabby and Ava if there has been any talk at their school about the need for career exploration youth events, like the FLWIB hosted prior to COVID. The students responded that it would be helpful to have people share first hand experiences in different jobs with the students. Ms. Parish asked the students if there has been anything in their virtual learning that the FLWIB might be able to use in a virtual career exploration event, but the students replied that they have not been shown any useful tools and they have had to learn a lot of materials on their own.

Ms. Lesterhuis invited all in attendance to join the career exploration event planning session, scheduled for March 11<sup>th</sup>, at 11:00 a.m., via Zoom.

## Upcoming Events

NYATEP Virtual Youth Practitioner’s Lab

- i. March 30th and 31st with additional session offered on 4/6
- ii. <https://www.nyatep.org/2021-youth-learning-lab> (Early bird registration ends 3/16)

Rochester Careers in Construction Virtual Event for High School Students/Teachers

- i. March 16th and March 18th (duplicate sessions)
- ii. <http://www.rochestercareersinconstruction.com/career-fair>

NYATEP “LGBTQI+ Inclusion in the Workforce” – April 6<sup>th</sup>

## Summer Youth Employment Program (SYEP) Update

Ms. Provan stated that she has been told to expect that the funding will remain flat.

Mr. Davis assumes Yates County will be given their full allotment on time. He also stated that Yates will be able to start planning for the program earlier this year.

**Next meeting: Thursday, May 6, 2021 3:00-4:30 p.m.**

**ACTION ITEM: Ms. Lesterhuis to send Doodle Poll to members to establish a standing meeting date. The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 4:10 p.m.**