

YOUTH COMMISSION

**AUTHORITY: By order of Code of Virginia, Section 2-146
By-laws adopted 7/25/2000**

NUMBER OF MEMBERS:

- a. The Board shall be composed of fifteen (15) members.
- b. There shall be give (5) members appointed by each locality to ensure equal representation from each.
- c. One member from each locality shall be a youth member (youth members are those who have not reached their eighteenth birthday at time of appointment).
- d. No more than two members (2) members from each locality may be employed by local or state government, youth or family services agencies, or elected government officials.
- e. Members representing Staunton shall be appointed by the City Council for the City of Staunton, Virginia.
- f. A vacancy may occur through resignation or non-attendance. All vacancies shall be filled by the original appointing locality, and shall be for the unexpired term.

MEETS: 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

TERMS OF OFFICE: 1, 2 and 3 year terms

The youth member shall be appointed for a term of two years. The other four seats shall be filled initially (whether by youth or adults) as follows: one for a term of two years, one for a term of three years, one for a term of four years, and one for a term of five years. Thereafter, all designated youth seats shall be filled for a term of one year and all other seats for a term of three years. Youth members may serve additional terms so long as they remain under the age of eighteen at the time of reappointment. Other members, whether youth or adult, may serve up to three consecutive terms.

PURPOSE:

To provide positive youth development and reduce juvenile delinquency through interaction, active involvement, and cooperation with the community, agency representatives, the public and local youth.

The Office of Youth shall have at least one paid professional employee known as the Director.

The Office of Youth shall implement the strategies to accomplish goals and objectives as established and authorized for the youth commission.

Carol Blair - Staff Liaison
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