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Burleson City Council members unanimously approved the appointment of six new members to the Burleson Youth Council. The six joined the seven current Mayor's Youth Council members.

The new faces include Devon Martinez, Drew Heilman, Elisabeth White, Ethan Johnson, Lauren Pundt, and Zachary Terrell. The returning members include Allison Chappell, Alyssa Williams, Dalton Jones, Lauren Peters, Sara Farris, Taryn Leewright and Trevor Lucas. The terms of new members are June 1, 2012, to May 31, 2014.

There were 24 nominations.

Mayor's Youth Council members are responsible for identifying key issues facing Burleson teenagers, advising the city council on teen-related matters, planning activities and projects for Burleson youth, and maintaining youth council bylaws and structure. Members must be between the ages of 13 and 19 (as of June 1), live in Burleson or Burleson's extraterritorial jurisdiction, have a passion to be the voice of Burleson youth, and show leadership in the community. Youth are nominated by teachers, parents, principals, pastors and neighbors. The student completes a questionnaire then is interviewed by a panel.

There are also two adult voting members on the Mayor's Youth Council. The City is seeking two people to fill those adult voting slots. Adult MYC members must live within the corporate limits of the City or the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The adult voting members must be a counselor or educator from an independent school district or a representative of a non-profit community youth advocacy organization or program.

Non-voting adult members of the Mayor's Youth Council include Mayor Ken Shetter and Kellye Cunningham, City staff liaison/coordinator. There are four vacant non-voting adult seats on the Mayor's Youth Council.

The Mayor's Youth Council was created in May 2007 with a city council resolution. The first youth council was appointed by city council in January 2008.