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Burleson City Council members approved six new Mayor's Youth Council members at the June 2 council meeting.

The new members include Lindsey Douglas, freshman, Centennial High School; Katelyn Depoy, freshman, Burleson High School; Jonathan Espinoza, junior, Centennial High School; Jaden Griffin, 7th grade, Hughes Middle School; Aidan Rasor, freshman, Centennial High School; and Aaron Todd, junior, Burleson High School.

The six join Chair Elisabeth White, Vice Chair Zachary Terrell, Secretary Ethan Johnson, and members Keegan Craddock, Bailey Douglas, Cory Hood, Devon Martinez, Noah Peters, Hunter Preston, and Shelby Priddy.

In April 2014 city council members approved a resolution that set the Mayor's Youth Council (MYC) membership level at 18 voting members (previously it was 13 voting youth members and two voting adult members), who must live in the city limits or the City's extraterritorial jurisdiction. The 16 youth members must be between 13 and 19 years old. The membership can include nominated youth from all secondary schools serving Burleson, homeschooled students, students who have finished school but are not yet 19, and students who have dropped out of school.

The goal of the MYC is to identify current issues affecting area youth, advise the city council on teen-related matters, plan activities and projects for Burleson youth, and maintain youth council bylaws and structure. Members must have a passion to be the voice of Burleson youth and show leadership qualities within the community.

The Mayor's Youth Council was created May 10, 2007, through a city council resolution. The city council officially appointed the first youth council in January 2008. The MYC meets once a month.