

LGBT YOUTHLINE – 2025 Annual General Meeting

Thursday, September 24, 2025

Virtual Meeting

6:30pm – 8:00pm EST

Meeting Agenda

Meeting Chair: Jerico Espinas, Co-Chair, Board of Directors

1. Welcome & Introduction
2. Determination of quorum
3. Approval of agenda & Approval of minutes from AGM 2024 – *see Minutes in appendix*
4. Presentation: 30 years of YouthLine
5. Financial update (Explained by Svetlana Rafailova, Auditor from Clarkson Rouble LL)
6. Approval of auditor for 2025-2026: Clarkson Rouble LL
7. Ratification of board members:
 - a. Board members renewing terms
 - Nicole Dylan Madison
 - b. Slate of 5 recommended board candidates for vacant seats
 - Kess Carpenter
 - Kai Flicker
 - tehjler leadbeater
 - Sophie Kuhn
 - Bilal Khan
8. Outgoing board members
 - Jerico Espinas
 - Rohan Kulkarni
 - Nira Sohi
 - Karel Peters
 - Melissa Liu
9. Catching up with YouthLine - Highlights from Our Annual Report
10. Adjournment (end of meeting)

Appendix: Minutes from AGM 2024

LGBT YOUTHLINE – 2024 Annual General Meeting

Wednesday, September 26, 2024

Virtual Meeting

6:00pm - 8:00pm

Meeting Minutes

- **Meeting Chairs:** Jerico & Rohan
- **Meeting Commenced:**
- Keynote speaker: Caleb Wesley
 - Caleb Wesley (he/they) is a member of Moose Cree First Nation. Caleb's relationship with LGBT YouthLine started back in September 2018 when he joined the lines as a peer support volunteer. For the next three years, Caleb volunteered on the lines both in-person pre-covid and remotely post-covid. Caleb eventually joined the LGBT YouthLine as staff in September of 2021 as a shift supervisor and the Coordinator of Online Learning. Throughout Caleb's time at YouthLine, they were active in all aspects of volunteer training and has supported dozens of past and current helpline volunteers. Their work at YouthLine has been so informative to how Caleb approaches community work and how he continues to support those around him. Today, Caleb works at Toronto Metropolitan University as the Coordinator of Indigenous Knowledge and Science Outreach.
- Determination of quorum
 - *Determination of quorum: quorum has been met with a total of 11 voting members present*
 - *Breakdown of present voting members: 11 voting members present, 2 by proxy*
 - ♣ Rohan Kulkarni
 - ♣ Benjamin Gillis-Kent
 - ♣ Nicole Madison (by proxy)

- ♣ *Priyanka Sharma (by proxy)*
- ♣ *Karel Peters*
- ♣ *Nira Sohi*
- ♣ *Melissa Liu*
- ♣ *Reneyah Brown*
- ♣ *Keziah Oduro*
- ♣ *Jerico Espinas*
- ♣ *Sophia Kuhn (joined after the approval of minutes)*

- Approval of agenda
 - *Motion to approve the meeting agenda:*
 - ♣ *Moved: Rohan Kulkarni, Second: Benjamin Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 11 in favour*

- Approval of minutes from AGM 2023 – see *Minutes in appendix*
 - *Motion to approve the minutes from last year's Annual General Meeting, as presented in the package:*
 - ♣ *Moved: Rohan Kulkarni, Second: Benjamin Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 8 in favour*

- Keynote speaker

- Financial update (Explained by Auditor from Clarkson Rouble LL) – see *Audit document*
 - *Explanation of YL financial situation from the auditor:*
 - ♣ *Thanks to Tyler for support during the audit process*
 - *Motion to approve the financial statements for 2023-2024, as presented in the package and explained by YL's auditor*
 - ♣ *Moved: Jerico Espinas, Second: Benjamin Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 9 in favour*

- Approval of auditor for 2022-2023: Clarkson Rouble LL
 - *Motion to approve Clarkson Rouble LL as YL's auditor for the current fiscal year*

- ♣ *Moved: Jerico Espinas, Second: Benjamin Gillis-Kent*
- ♣ *Result: 9 in favour*
- Ratification of existing and new board members:
- *The board notes that four current board members will be renewing their positions on the board:*
 - *Jerico Espinas*
 - *Karel Peters*
 - *Benjamin Gillis-Kent*
- Approval of Board Member term extension
 - *Motion to renew Jerico's term*
 - ♣ *Moved: Rohan Kulkarni, Second: Ben Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 9 in favour, 1 abstain*
 - *Motion to renew: Karel Peters*
 - ♣ *Moved: Rohan Kulkarni, Second: Jerico Espinas*
 - ♣ *Result: 6 in favour*
 - *Motion to renew: Ben Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Moved: Rohan Kulkarni, Second: Jerico Espinas*
 - ♣ *Result: 8 in favour, 1 abstain*
- *The YL board presented a slate of five candidates, recommended to fill 'Youth' positions on the Board of Directors.*
- *Results of balloted vote:*
 - *Motion for Keziah Oduro to become a board member*
 - ♣ *Mover: Rohan Kulkarni Seconder: Ben Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 9 in favour, 1 abstain*
 - *Motion for Priyanka Sharma to become a board member*
 - ♣ *Mover: Rohan Kulkarni Seconder: Jerico Espinas*
 - ♣ *Result: 8 in favour, 1 abstain*
 - *Motion for Reneyah Brown to become a board member –*
 - ♣ *Mover: Rohan Kulkarni Seconder: Jerico Espinas*
 - ♣ *Result: 9 in favour, 1 abstain*
 - *Motion for Melissa Liu to become a board member –*

- ♣ *Mover: Rohan Seconder: Ben Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 9 in favour, 1 abstain*
- *Motion for Austen Koecher to become a board member –*
 - ♣ *Mover: Rohan Seconder: Jerico*
 - ♣ *Result: 9 in favour, 1 abstain*
- Outgoing board member recognition
 - Tamara Sylvester, Co-chair, 3 years
 - Mariana Cortes, Director, 1 year
 - Kimber Kunimoto, Director, 1 year
 - Vincent So, Director, 2 years
- Catch up with Youth Line: Highlights from our Annual Report
 - Peer Support Helpline
 - ♣ 67 volunteers
 - BIPOC: 61%
 - Trans (umbrella): 48%
 - Northern: 4%
 - Rural: 3%
 - ♣ Top issues discussed:
 - Mental Health & Isolation – 33%
 - Peer, Sexual or Romantic Relationships – 30%
 - Family Relationships – 23%
 - Same 3 issues from last year, but the numbers have increased
 - Training and Online Learning
 - ♣ 19 volunteers completed 12-week peer support training
 - ♣ Modules on Auzmor, scenarios, team-building
 - ♣ Enhanced our online platform
 - More favourable response from trainees, gave feedback they feel more prepared
 - Youth Organize

- ♣ 2SLGBTQ+ youth program in Peel and Halton
- ♣ Led by a Youth Advisory Committee and
- ♣ 4 workshop series, multiple workshops
- ♣ 3 drop-in spaces
- ♣ Released an anthology from the results of workshops: Coming Home: A Youth Anthology
- ♣ Completing environmental scan and evaluation of Peel and Halton services for 2SLGBTQ+ youth
 - Overwhelmingly good feedback from the region
- Strategic Planning process
 - ♣ Last strategic plan was in 2019 – pre-pandemic / pre-remote
 - ♣ New strategic plan with the help of Shorelines Collaboratives
 - ♣ In-person retreat at Soulpepper Theatre to collaborate on the strategic planning process
 - ♣ Added advocacy to our strategic plan
 - ♣ Emphasized ideas of solidarity and self-determination
 - ♣ New strat plan can be viewed here: [news release for our 2024 strategic plan](#)
- Adjournment (end of meeting)
 - *Motion to adjourn the meeting:*
 - ♣ *Moved: Rohan Kulkarni Second: Ben Gillis-Kent*
 - ♣ *Result: 8 in favour*