



Stormwater Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, July 10, 2025 at **3:45 PM**

Farragut Town Hall
11408 Municipal Center Drive

AGENDA

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Business Items
 - A) Introductions
 - B) Election of Officers
 - C) Appointment of Student Member
- 4) Stormwater Coordinator Report
- 5) Other Discussion
- 6) Confirm date of next meeting:
- 7) Adjournment

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Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #6272

Date Submitted: 4/29/2025

Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application

First Name

Caden

Last Name

Watters

Address1

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City

Knoxville

State

Tennessee

Zip

37922

Phone Number

Email

Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:

My largest goal in life is to be an officer in the United States Navy. This goal is a result of my aspirations of challenge, leadership, and service. My constant search for service is a direct product of my constant need to challenge myself. My passion for challenging myself has led me to constantly seek out opportunities that allow me to pursue my passions while also developing as a leader. One of my most notable interests is service to my community through volunteer work. My passion for service started at a young age by simply volunteering with my grandmother at a food pantry. Through stocking shelves, packing boxes, and organizing cans, I developed a deep passion for helping others. This passion has translated into multiple other facets of my life, and I have grown to seek out opportunities that allow me to give back to my community as much as possible. Now in high school, I have been able to pursue my passion for service as an avid member of my school's multiple honor societies. Moreover, I have kept true to my love of challenge and leadership by running for office in my school's National Honor Society, senior board, and now the Farragut Youth Representative Committee. All of these positions, though different in organization, contribute to my aspiration for service by allowing me to serve as a leader in order to give back to the community of Farragut.

Which committees are you interested in serving?

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First Committee Choice:

Parks and Athletics Council (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm) ▼

Second Committee Choice:

Stormwater Advisory Committee (2nd Thursday of each month at 3:45pm) ▼

School Information

School

Farragut High School

Grade level for the 2024-2025 School Year

Junior ▼

Please list any school clubs, organizations or groups you are a member of:

Farragut Lacrosse- I am a varsity lacrosse player for my high school team. National Honors Society- I am a member of my schools National Honors Society chapter, and I have around 30 volunteer hours through the program. Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honors Society)- Participated in multiple math competitions and tutoring over the school year. Engineering Club- Participates in weekly engineering projects. Attended a statewide engineering competition and was a semifinalist in a chosen event. Alpine Ski Center- Has worked at Alpine Ski center for the past 2 years. Worked in sales and repairs in order to contribute to around 5000 dollars in revenue per week.

School Official or Sponsor Name

Katie King

Phone Number

(865) 966-9775

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April 28, 2025

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter on behalf of Caden Watters, who is applying to be a youth representative for the town of Farragut. Caden is a bright and driven leader who will be an asset to the Parks and Athletics Council.

Caden is currently a student in my yearlong Advanced Placement English Language and Composition class. He shows his humble leadership on an almost daily basis. In groups, he is someone who will steer his group back on track; in class discussions, he is always an active participant who is willing to ask questions; and after school, while classmates rush to the parking lot to beat the traffic, Caden is the student who stays after to put the chairs on the desks to help me and the custodian.

Caden is also driven and motivated, and he tends to make thoughtful decisions, which show intrinsic drive and not merely a desire to boost a resume. Since Farragut is now part of the 865 Academy program, students are given an excused absence to have an opportunity to job shadow. Some students found job shadowing opportunities that were not related to anything about which they were passionate, but rather an experience to check the box of having that experience. Caden, however, wants to join the Air Force. When he returned to school from his job shadowing, he shared aerial pictures of Neyland Stadium. His job shadowing was with a pilot, and he got to spend his time learning about something he truly loves, and that shows what drives Caden—he does not make decisions that he would consider a waste of time; he values time and authenticity.

Caden would be a fabulous addition to the Parks and Athletic Council. He is a leader and a creative thinker who will be an active participant in the committee. He will truly represent the youth of Farragut.

Sincerely,

Laura Smtihey
English Teacher
Farragut High School

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Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #6266

Date Submitted: 4/28/2025

Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application

First Name

James

Last Name

Nguyen

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City

Knoxville

State

Tennessee

Zip

37934

Phone Number

Email

Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:

I'm currently a junior at Farragut High School, and one of my main goals is to serve my community in meaningful ways. I'm especially interested in joining the Stormwater Advisory Committee because I want to grow as a leader while learning from experienced members about important water-related issues in Farragut. In the future and in college, I hope to pursue a career in either healthcare or environmental science, since I've always loved helping others and I'm interested about how we can create healthy interactions between people and the environment.

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Second Committee Choice:

Farragut Tourism/Visitor Advisory Committee (3rd Tuesday of January, March, May, July, September, and November) ▼

School Information

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Grade level for the 2024-2025 School Year

Junior ▼

Please list any school clubs, organizations or groups you are a member of:

Mu Alpha Theta Science Club Chess Club Youth in Government

School Official or Sponsor Name

Katie King

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Recommendation for James Nguyen

James is currently a junior at Farragut high school and is in the top 5% of his very competitive class. He is a dedicated student and regularly seeks out opportunities to get hands-on experiences applying his knowledge in the real world. He's done a research internship at UTK, won awards at last year's science fair, volunteered for the last three years with Remote Area Medical, and more. James is smart, disciplined, and engaged!

James possesses a profound passion for environmental issues, a subject that he approaches with vigor and curiosity. His science fair project last year is evidence of his commitment to understanding complex ecological challenges, and it won two awards in the Environmental Sciences category. He sees environmental stewardship as an essential part of his identity, having grown up surrounded by nature's beauty and complexity.

James is also eager to contribute to the Stormwater Advisory Committee and learn more about how environmental policy is shaped at the community level. His varied experiences across extracurricular activities provide him with a broad perspective, enhancing his ability to contribute meaningfully to the group. I recommend James strongly.

Kind Regards,

Katie King
STEM and Design Academy Counselor
Farragut High School

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Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #6260

Date Submitted: 4/24/2025

Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application

First Name

Margaret

Last Name

Feng

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Tennessee

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37922

Phone Number

Email

Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:

My life goal is to make a true impact on society. Firstly, I see myself as a researcher, working in the field of biology or medical science, where I can contribute to advancements that can save many lives. Specifically, I want to address major health challenges, such as chronic diseases and nutrition. Additionally, I want to continue to promote research for future generations-- so I hope I can be an authentic researcher who has the capability to mentor interested high school students. Ultimately, I aspire to not only advance science but to create a positive change in the community. Besides that, I want to become a leader. I understand the responsibility it will take, but the importance of using a position such as that to make a real, lasting difference. I understand how vital teamwork and communication skills are. Finally, a goal of mine is to stay ethical and humble, no matter what circumstances I will go through. I want to keep true to myself through both personal and educational challenges, maintaining integrity and humility in all situations.

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First Committee Choice:

Farragut Education Relations Committee (4pm; meeting schedule set by Committee in June/July each year) ▼

Second Committee Choice:

Stormwater Advisory Committee (2nd Thursday of each month at 3:45pm) ▼

School Information

School

Farragut High School

Grade level for the 2024-2025 School Year

Junior ▼

Please list any school clubs, organizations or groups you are a member of:

Engineering Club -- Vice President of Competitions (President next year) National Honors Society Crochet Club -- Co-founder Young Bakers Club -- Vice President (President next year) Freshman and New Students - Executive Board member OrcsGirls - Volunteer Knoxville Symphony Youth Orchestra - Violinist and volunteer for younger orchestras I want to mention that none of my commitments will limit the time I will dedicate and my extensive commitment to the role, if chosen—in fact, they give me valuable insight to better connect the Town of Farragut with its youth.

School Official or Sponsor Name

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Recommendation for Margaret "Peggy" Feng

Peggy is currently a junior at Farragut high school and is in the top 5% of her very competitive class. She is a hard working and ambitious student both inside and outside of the classroom.

In her role as Vice President of Competitions in the Engineering Club, Peggy's leadership skills have been evident. During her tenure, the club's membership has blossomed from 20 to 100 members in one school year, and their success in competitions is commendable. Additionally, she helped raise over \$15,000 in grants and donations to lower the cost of attending the state competition from \$250 to \$90 per student.

Peggy is interested in serving on the Education Relations Committee because she thinks youth involvement is important to the community. In her leadership positions, she has seen firsthand how impactful it can be when students are able to share their ideas and make meaningful contributions. She will bring a unique perspective with an open mindset and an authentic understanding of what students need.

Kind Regards,

Katie King
STEM and Design Academy Counselor
Farragut High School

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Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #6271

Date Submitted: 4/29/2025

Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application

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Ruhaan

Last Name

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Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:

I plan to pursue a career in science and technology policy in the federal government, where I will use my technical skills and experience to engage with lawmakers and advocate for science-based national policies that will lead our country towards a sustainable future. More specifically, my goal is to develop and implement innovative technical solutions to make our cities and critical infrastructure more resilient and sustainable to combat the impacts of environmental change. I also believe that a strong technical expertise is crucial to implement successful and impactful policies. So, I aim to achieve my goals using my knowledge and skills in computational sciences to solve major environmental and societal challenges facing our country.

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First Committee Choice:

Stormwater Advisory Committee (2nd Thursday of each month at 3:45pm) ▼

Second Committee Choice:

Parks and Athletics Council (2nd Tuesday of each month at 6pm) ▼

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Junior ▼

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Mu Alpha Theta (Math Honors Society), National Honors Society (NHS), Science Club, and Computer Science Club

School Official or Sponsor Name

Katie King

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Recommendation for Ruhaan Singh

Ruhaan is currently a junior at Farragut high school and is in the top 5% of his very competitive class. Having grown up in Knoxville in the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, he has been hiking, boating, and camping since a young age. His forays into the Smokies and other National Parks and his interest in STEM subjects lead Ruhaan to an interest in studying earth and environmental science.

Being the Youth Representative on the Stormwater Advisory Committee would give Ruhaan real-world experience in dealing with environmental stewardship relevant to controlling and monitoring water levels, pollution, and other nuances of stormwater management. Exposure to the government and policy side will inform his later studies in environmental sciences.

Ruhaan brings a remarkable depth of experience for someone his age. From programming and smart kayak for those with disabilities to interning with NASA, and another internship at ORNL that “used a novel transformer architecture to forecast streamflow”, Ruhaan will be able to lend his knowledge and expertise to the committee from day one.

Please give Ruhaan’s application your most thorough consideration.

Most Sincerely,

Katie King
STEM and Design Academy Counselor
Farragut High School

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Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #6273

Date Submitted: 4/30/2025

Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application

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Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:

Currently, I strive to become a leader in a community that I love. Due to prior hardships, I was unable to fulfill this objective, as I was totally distracted from what was most important from me: those people I'm surrounded by. Slowly, I have been able to piece my life up again, and whilst doing so, help others in need, which brings me substantial joy. Through recent leadership roles that I have acquired, I have noticed that I am able to make closer ties with my peers because, in these circumstances, both parties are involved in the same goal, same agenda, and organization. I find that there is something so beautiful about social collaboration, and I hope that I continue to place others first in a world that seems so cut throat. (Which, I intend to do) In addition, I'm keenly passionate about the environment and strive to make a difference in the grand scheme of things. I have always advocated for clean waterways, new forms of energy, and individual action that can be taken in merely seconds. I've used social media platforms to encourage people to be more proactive, and I was able to send this message out to numerous people. Ultimately, I want to go into university to study environmental science so that I can advocate for the environment from, both, humanitarian and science perspectives.

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First Committee Choice:

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Second Committee Choice:

Arts and Beautification Committee (3rd Monday of each month at 11:30am) ▼

School Information

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Junior ▼

Please list any school clubs, organizations or groups you are a member of:

- President of the Environmental Club - Historian of Student Government Organizations - Citizens' Climate Lobby Member - Member of the National Honors Society

School Official or Sponsor Name

Michelle Platt

Phone Number

325-455-6551

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Recommendation Letter: Sora Imai

I highly recommend selecting Sora Imai as a student representative on the Town of Farragut Committee. As the President of the Environmental Club, she has demonstrated exceptional leadership, managed multiple subcommittees and collaborated effectively with community groups. She actively participates in school leadership meetings, is involved in the National Honor Society, and Student Government Alliance, serving as its historian. Her impressive academic record, with 11 college credit courses, showcases her ability to balance rigorous coursework and extracurricular activities. Ms. Imai is a civic-minded, responsible, and energetic young woman who would be an asset to the Town Board.

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Youth Representative Committee Application - Submission #6268

Date Submitted: 4/29/2025

Town of Farragut Youth Representative Committee Application

First Name

Stephen

Last Name

Xiao

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Phone Number

Email

Briefly describe your life goals/aspirations:

My future aspirations involve going to college and majoring in Aerospace Engineering. I want to make a positive impact on the world, and my pursuit in aerospace, fostered by my interest in space and aircraft, will lead me to observe the changes firsthand. To this day, it truly amazes me how airplanes that hold thousands of pounds in the air can stay afloat and even fly. This curiosity has led me to strengthen my understanding of the structure and physics of planes with my desire to answer some of the childhood questions I had. I fully believe that curiosity is the strongest trait in solving real-world problems. Without curiosity, new innovations will not be as strong, communities will never thrive the way they do, and individuals would not be unique from others. I have pushed myself to stay curious even in the most challenging or tedious times, which I believe is a valuable trait that I will continue to utilize going forward into my future.

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I am also a part of the National Honor Society (NHS), an organization providing community activities and volunteer opportunities. I am also a part of an organization at my school called Hope Squad, which is a group of members selected by their peers to represent their grade in helping spread awareness of suicide prevention and working to create a positive and safe environment for everyone. Hope Squad organizes activities that spread suicide awareness and a positive attitude throughout the school and community. I currently hold a leadership position as the Junior Class President for Hope Squad. I am involved in various school clubs, including the Science Club, Astronomy Club, Math Club, and Chess Club. Through these clubs, I enjoy interacting with a variety of people. I also hold major leadership positions in some of these clubs, where I learn how to work as a team and serve the community. Along with these, I understand the importance of leadership and communication within a team of people, as I fully believe these 2 skills are essential for a team to function successfully. I am the Secretary of the Science Club, President of the Astronomy Club, and the former Vice President of Competitions for Chess Club. I am a former member of Student Government Association (SGA) where I was one of the 16 representatives in my sophomore class who organized events for the student body and community activities/efforts.

School Official or Sponsor Name

Jake Gullede

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To Whom It May Concern:

I am pleased to recommend Stephen Xiao for the youth representative for the Town of Farragut. He is in the top 5% of all students I have had the pleasure of teaching for a myriad of reasons. I currently have Stephen in my AP Calculus AB/BC class this year as a junior. His attitude towards setbacks, problem-solving skills, and general interest in learning make him a great fit for this role.

Stephen is one of those students who is naturally more reserved, so it took a little bit of time for me to get to know him compared to most of his classmates. However, he has proven to be a strong mathematician, natural helper, and critical thinker. I have enjoyed getting to see him struggle with some calculus concepts only to come out stronger on the other side. He enjoys learning about the history of why certain concepts were formalized, notation used in writing it on paper, and what languages have influenced mathematics. One area of improvement would be his ability to lead in times of conflict. He is level-headed and liked by most everyone, so I know he could be successful in helping manage moments where conflict arises.

Stephen has my highest recommendation for this role. He has shown excellence in so many different areas of his life, whether it is in his classes at school or his extracurricular activities. Please do not hesitate to contact me for more information or if you have any other questions.

Best,



Jake Gullledge
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