



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday March 18, 2024

5:00 PM

General Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order at 5:03pm
- II. Roll Call Commissioners

COMMISSIONERS: Sarah Turley (D1), Calupe Kaefusi (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Anokhi Meta (D4), Katie Liang (D5), Amber Johnson (D6) Brian Ibarra Morales (D7), At-Large Commissioners: Mia Hatfield, Sophia Hesseltine, Bryce Hunt, Areli Chavez, Nathan YuHeng Li, Ana Xu li, Steve Nguyen, Michelle Wong, Haniel Kedebe, Olivia Richardson Feldman

Absent: Areli Chavez, Nathan Li, Quincy Russell, Amber Johnson
Tardy (left early): Steve Nguyen
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 3/4/24
 - A. Minutes approved with a vote of 14 - Ay, 0 - Nay
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum
 - A. Introduction from Sophia Navarro, from Dept of Workforce Development
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Guest Presentation: Quinallison Dovey, Workforce Development

Quinallison Dovey came to present on the structure, functions, funding, and operations of the Department of Workforce Development. She came to connect to the youth commission as part of an effort to better understand where youth learn about jobs and careers, potential barriers to obtaining work, and future methods the City could employ to better reach youth regarding workforce development opportunities. The Youth Commission shared our initial research project investigating the experience of youth transitioning to adulthood and asked if we can present our findings to the Department of Workforce Development at the conclusion of our research process, in which she enthusiastically agreed.
- VII. Item 2: Update on Oakland Youth Vote Hurdles and Actions

Youth Commission staff presented an update on recent attacks on the Oakland youth vote at the County Board of Supervisors. We played clips from a recent meeting in which county residents have been calling in to make baseless claims on potential threats to youth voting, and urging the Board to halt their implementation of the youth vote for 2024 school board elections. The Oakland Youth Vote Coalition is planning a mass mobilization in response to this misinformation on Tuesday March 26, and it will be considered an OUSD school field trip for students who attend the meeting. After presenting, eight youth commissioners expressed their interests in attending or speaking at the meeting.

VIII. Announcements

Review meetings and calendar:

CTE Hub and Youth Vote CLC Meetings this week

YPAR committee, Youth Vote Action, and Executive Committee Next Week

Off for OUSD Spring Break

Upcoming Advocacy Day on April 10 in Sacramento for Digital Equity in Oakland

IX. Meeting adjourned at 7:04pm