



# **CITY OF OAKLAND**

**Youth Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

Monday January 27, 2024

6:00 PM

## General Meeting Minutes

### I. Call to Order at 6:03pm

### II. Roll Call Commissioners

*Haniel Kebede (D1), Kayson Naik (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Mevoh Ajayi (D4), Katie Liang (D5), Amber Johnson (D6) Ella Killingsworth (D7), At-Large Commissioners: Mia Hatfield, Bryce Hunt, Calupe Kaufusi, Nathan YuHeng Li, Ana Xu li, Steve Nguyen, Michelle Wong, Olivia Richardson Feldman, Tengis Temur, Ashley Tchanyoum, Sofia Castro, Diego Garcia*

**Absent:** Haniel Kebede

**Tardy/Left Early:** Ashley Tchanyoum, Steve Nguyen

### III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 12/2/24

Minutes were approved with a vote of: 14-0

### IV. Public Comment/Open Forum

Boy Scouts introduced themselves, present to take notes and observe for Mayor Badge

### V. Check-In

### VI. Item 1: Department of Human Services, Finance Presentation, Kurry Foley

Kurry Foley presented an overview of how money is managed within local government that included several interesting distinctions. The budget in government is not motivated by profit, but rather the goal is to provide quality service that meets community needs. A budget is important because it guides you on costs and time. There are many restrictions and safeguards around how the money is spent because it is the public's money. The Mayor sets a budget every two years, and City Council is responsible for passing it. In Oakland, we have a General Purpose Fund that doesn't have restrictions on ways to spend the money. The current fiscal emergency is focused on general purpose fund (GPF) - there are more expenses than revenue coming in so cuts will need to be made. Less services for seniors, homelessness, other vulnerable communities due to deficit in funding. If it's not general purpose fund, there are usually rules attached. Other types of revenue include things like sales taxes. 3% of Oakland's General Purpose Fund is designated to OFCY. OFCY is City of Oakland's largest grant funding program, it was recently reauthorized through 2033 and totals around 18 million dollars. OFCY funds our Division, Children and Youth Services and the Oakland Youth Commission so we are not facing any potential budget cuts at the moment.

### VII. Item 2: Budget Priorities Survey

Youth commissioners took the Budget Advisory Commission's Survey on Budget Priorities to offer feedback on what youth commissioners wish to prioritize in the next budget cycle. We debriefed the survey and the difficulties in having to choose what matters most, and how important all these services are to the public. We discussed the proposed increase in sales tax that city council will be voting on.

### VIII. Item 3: Report Backs

- A. Oakland Museum Event - Olivia was on panel, 100 ppl attended
- B. Youth Commission received award from ASM Bonta, got to met and network with several elected leaders
- C. Youth Vote will be focused on evaluation, expansion, and systematizing.
- D. CTE Hub met and learned about a work program that they might want to include

### IX. Item 4: Announcements

- A. We have 5 Adulthood trainings scheduled this year - need more facilitators
- B. Apply to Recast ASAP - starts this Friday

- C. Youth Power in SF Event, 2/11, register now, we will present on youth vote
- D. OUSD Seal of Civic Engagement - apply now - emailed out link

X. Closing

XI. Meeting Adjourned at 8:07pm