



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Agenda

Monday November 4, 2024

6:00 PM

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If you have any questions, please email Sara Tiras, Staff to the Youth Commission at stiras@oaklandca.gov - Children and Youth Services Division

General Meeting Agenda

Meeting officially begins at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order at 6:10pm
- 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: Ana, Mia, Calupe, Steve, Katie
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 10/21

Minutes were approved unanimously, by a vote of 15 Ay to 0 Nay
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum

Speakers from Bay Area United Academy - offers academic and athletic support as well as community for young people through soccer. Currently working on getting a field in order to expand and reach more Oakland youth. Submitted an RFP to Parks and Rec last week for use of field near the Coliseum. There is a lack of access to playing fields in Oakland. Many of their practices and games get cancelled due to lack of rec space.
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Swearing In Ceremony Debrief

Commissioners reflected an overwhelmingly positive experience with the Mayor, and many shared as returning commissioners it felt comfortable, more like a conversation instead of just an interview. Commissioners found her answers to be thorough and insightful, and appreciated her passion showed through her answers. The OYC also appreciated she was seriously discussing collaborations between the mayor and the youth commission. Some questions that arose were related to homelessness, and the clearing of homeless encampments.
- VII. Item 2: Understanding the National Elections - What's at Stake, Understanding the Electoral College and Rank Choice Voting

Commissioners discussed what are the key issues at the forefront of this election and why it is being called the most important presidential election in modern history. OYC Staff reviewed how the electoral college works, which swing states to watch in the Presidential election, the work of Seed the Vote in bringing people to work in battleground states, and what to expect and watch for in the coming days. Commissioner Olivia Richardson Feldman also reviewed how rank choice voting works and what some of the pros and cons, and previous controversies have been.
- VIII. Item 2: Committee Updates and Report Backs
- IX. Announcements
 - CA youth commission conference via Zoom - 11/9
 - Next Meeting 11/18
 - Reminder to vote tomorrow on election day -11/5
- X. Meeting Adjourned at 7:25

AGENDA MEETING INSTRUCTIONS:

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Open Forum: This agenda item is an opportunity for community members to comment on an item of interest that is relevant to Oakland's Youth Commission. If there are no community members interested in speaking, Oakland Youth Commissioners will choose a youth issue to discuss.