



# **CITY OF OAKLAND**

**Youth Commission**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Monday March 17, 2025**

**6:00 PM**

**Please See the Agenda to Participate in the Meeting**

## General Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 6:01pm
- 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:** *Quincy Russell, Amber Johnson, Bryce Hunt, Steve Nguyen*
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 3/3/25

*Minutes were unanimously approved*
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum

*Robyn Levinson from OFCY, here to observe the meeting*
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Presentation from Brooklyn Williams, and Chief Joshi, Dept Violence Prevention

*Brooklyn Williams and Chief Joshi shared their personal stories of how their lives have been affected by sex trafficking in Oakland, why they are passionate about combating the issue and the different work they have done and currently do to address this problem. Youth Commissioners asked how the work is affected by current political climate locally and nationally, as well as the origins and historical context for how Oakland became a hub for sex trafficking. We learned how youth are uniquely affected by the issue due to different identities and socio-economic conditions that leave youth (particularly LGBTQ, Foster, Homeless, and Illiterate youth) at risk and needing protection, money, and survival outside their homes.*
- VII. Item 2: Prep Questions for Meet and Greets with Council Members

*Youth commissioners voted on questions drafted by the Executive Committee to ask our council members at our Spring Retreat.*
- VIII. Item 3: Report Backs from Recent Actions/Projects
  - *Mevoh and Mia presented to POC on the Youth Commission and our budget for the next year was approved.*
  - *Calupe and Diego reported out on the Budget Town Hall last week*
  - *Michelle, Katie, and Nathan shared about the Adulthood training they did last week at OUSD's Ethnic Studies conference - 30 students attended and it went well.*
- IX. Item 3: Announcements and Calendar
  - *Spring Retreat is this Sat 9:30-10:30pm, please be on time, bring permission slip*
  - *UC Davis Youth Conference this Sunday 1:00-8:30pm*
  - *UC Berkeley Symposium on Youth Vote is April 2nd, Katie and Ashley will be on one panel that Sara is moderating.*
  - *Next Digital Equity Action in Sacramento is April 30 - 10 youth commissioners interested in joining Oakland Undivided*
- X. Meeting Adjourned at 8:03pm