



## City of San José Youth Commission

District 1 – Anushka Deshmukh  
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez  
District 5 – Dali Guerrero Fernandez  
District 7 – David Huynh  
District 9 – Jingru (Ruby) Yu  
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2  
Akashadha Badu Chakravarthi – District 4  
Fiona Canfield – District 6  
Aldojoell Gonzalez-Muñiz– District 8  
Jinyoung (Kyle) Park – District 10

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### YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

August 25, 2025 | 6:30 PM

San José City Hall, Council Chambers  
200 E Santa Clara St, San Jose, CA 95113

#### **I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day**

##### **A. Roll Call**

**PRESENT:** Chair Kucharewski, Vice Chair Pardeepkumar, Commissioners Deshmukh, Sanchez, Badu Chakravarthi, Guerrero Fernandez, Canfield, Huynh, Yu, Park

**ABESENT:** Commission Gonzalez- Muñiz

**STAFF:** Deputy Director of Public Services Ann Grabowski; Chief of Staff Karla Alvarez; Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada; Administrative Assistant Dziem Nguyen

The meeting was called to order at 6:32 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 10 Commissioners present. 1 Commissioner absent.

#### **II. Consent Calendar**

- A. Approve August 25, 2025, Agenda
- B. Approve May 19, 2025, Attendance
- C. Approve May 19, 2025, Meeting Minutes
- D. Approve Youth Commission Workplan Fiscal Year 2025-2026

On the motion of Commissioner Pradeepkumar, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Commission voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent)

#### **III. Public Record:** There was no correspondence for the Commission to review

#### **IV. Open Forum:** There was no public comment to the Commission

**V. Discussion/Action Items**

**A. INFORMATIONAL: Facilities and Customer Experience Plan (M. Sullivan)**

Margaret Sullivan from Margaret Sullivan Studios presented on the Facilities and Customer Experience Plan.

- MSS was hired to articulate the role and purpose of the facilities for today
- Identify innovative opportunities for funding and partnerships
- Deliverables:
  - Findings and Imagine the Possibilities Report
  - Facilities and Customer Experience Plan
  - Facility Recommendations
  - Customer experience activation
- Process and Methodology
  - Research for community
  - Leadership Questionnaire
  - Branch Questionnaire
  - Library Tours
  - Case Studies
  - Data Driven Demographic Tools
- Feedback from Youth Commission focus group:
  - Equity access to Mental Health
  - Homelessness and Homeless veterans
  - Equitable access to college preparedness materials and opportunities
  - Transition for youth immigrants to integrated into society in a meaningful way
  - Animal rights
  - Public transportation and safety.
- Feedback from Community Survey
  - Neighborhood and Systemwide, majority would like to include:
    - Community Gardens and Reading Gardens highest rating
  - Vision for future Includes:
    - Literate and Curiosity
- Partner Breakfast:
  - Messy Spaces
  - Spaces for Community to Gather: Adult Specific Spaces and Services
  - Learning and Early Literacy
  - Digital Education and Career
- Viva Calle
  - Alum Rock: Outdoor and Rec Spaces, Youth Gathering and Learning, The Arts
  - Berryessa: Community Gathering, Childhood and Early Learning, Outdoor & Rec Spaces, The Arts

No Public Comment.  
The Commission engaged in discussion.

**B. ACTION: Joint Commission Meeting Date (Chair Kucharewski)**

The Commission voted on the Joint Commission meeting date set for October 27, 2025.

No Public Comment.  
The Commission engaged in discussion.

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Babu, the Commissioner approved the election result (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

**C. ACTION: Youth Commission Annual Survey Dates (Chair Kucharewski)**

The Commission decided to hold the Youth Commission Annual Survey from November 25, 2025 to January 20, 2026.

No Public Comment.  
The Commission engaged in discussion.  
On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Candfield, the Commissioner approved the dates to hold the Youth Commission Annual Survey (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

**D. ACTION: Youth Commission Budget Summit Date (Chair Kucharewski)**

The Commission selected two date options for the Youth Commission Budget Summit. The Budget Summit dates will be on February 28, 2026 or March 1, 2026.

No Public Comment.  
The Commission engaged in discussion.  
On the motion of Commissioner Deshmukh, seconded by Commissioner Babu, the Commissioner approved the election result (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

**VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas**

**A. Council Liaison's Report (A. Montes) – In-person**

Council Liaison, Anthony Montes, provided an update to the Commission

- i. Routine Council Items: Increase rates, parking fines, utilities.
- ii. Cardroom Regulations: Cutting two positions from the City since the State already have regulations on this.

**B. Parks and Recreation Neighborhood Services (L. Box)– Virtual**

Parks, Recreation, and Neighborhood Services Recreation Superintendent Lauren Box provided an update to the Commission

- i. Summer Programs:
  1. Community Survey from Recreation Division
- ii. Parks Division:

1. Hop on the Tractor at Emma Pusch Farm Park for variety of Fall Activities
- C. San José Library Report (A. Grabowski)– In-person  
Deputy Director of Public Services, Ann Grabowski, provided the following updates
- i. Launch SJ Earthquakes Library Card at the Earthquakes game on August 9, 2025
    1. Issued 106 library cards and gave away free library books at the game
    2. Issued 300 library cards since this date.
  - ii. Career Online High School Graduation
    1. 24 graduates attended the graduation on August 9, 2025
  - iii. Summer Learning 2025
    1. Increased in 5% on all categories
  - iv. Graphic Novel Making Ceremony
    1. August 13, 2025
    2. Winners will be announced with prizes presented
    3. Speeches from GNMC
  - v. SV Pride 2025
    1. Library will be marching in then parade, free give aways, and festival activities
  - vi. Amanda Nguyen’s “Saving Five” – Book Discussion Panel on August 26, 2025
  - vii. Hidden Heritages on September 6, 2025
  - viii. Fall into Fiction Contest 2025 will take place from September 1<sup>st</sup>-September 30<sup>th</sup>
- D. Commission Chair Report (Chair Kucharewski)
- i. Library and Education Commission – Youth Commission Report is on September 17<sup>th</sup>
  - ii. Neighbor Services and Education - Youth Commission Annual Workplan Report on October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - iii. Viva Calle – Youth Commission Attendance Request for September 7<sup>th</sup>
  - iv. Working Ad- Hocs – Chair and Vice Chair will be working to get approve for next meeting
- E. Commissioners’ Reports per City District

## **VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items**

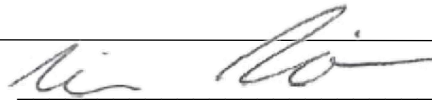
The next meeting will be an in-person Youth Commission Meeting on September 22, 2025.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

On the motion of Commissioner Canfield, seconded by Commissioner Babi the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 pm (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

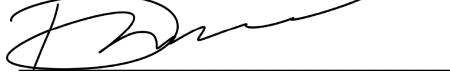
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Chair Marian Kucharewski  
San José Public Youth Commission Chair

ATTEST:  
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY



Dziem Nguyen