



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

04/08/2025

6:00 PM

Youth & Teen Center
2446 Cabrillo Avenue
Santa Clara, CA 95051

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

This meeting was called to order by Chair Liang at 6:04 p.m.

- Present** 11 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Simren Garg, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Srikha Gopiseti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Ryan Kim, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Kira Liang, Commissioner Malia Martin, and Commissioner Samarth Suresh
- Absent** 4 - Commissioner Maryam Ismail, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Hiranya Parekh, and Commissioner Brian Rong

A motion was made by the Commissioner Suresh, seconded by Commissioner Martin to excuse Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Parekh, Commissioner Rong and Commissioner Mehta from the April 8 meeting. The motion was carried by the following votes:

- Aye:** 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopiseti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh
- Absent:** 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Rong

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. [25-391](#) Action on the Youth Commission Meeting Minutes of March 11, 2025

Amend with the following changes to the March 11, 2025 meeting minutes: change the date from April 4th to April 5th under the Community Building with Santa Clara residents objective.

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez that this item be recommended for approval as amended. This motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Rong

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

2. [25-392](#) Discussion and Possible Action on Youth Commission FY 2024/25 Work Plan & Goals

Community Building with Santa Clara residents:

The committee made the decision to postpone the SC Hacks Hackathon event to next year's term, due to low enrollment. Committee is continuing the planning of their multicultural event, Harmony of Cultures. This event will be held at the Teen Center on Saturday, April 26th. Committee will send out invitations to local high school clubs to participate. This event will include cultural performances, food, and music.

Public Outreach & Education:

The committee met with representative from QCorner and learned about their organization's resources. Commissioners reached out to our library to organize a possible future NARCAN demonstration for the public. The committee will continue to develop New Resident Welcome resource packets and suggestions for improving the publication, including: incorporating photos, and utilizing free online translation services.

Youth Empowerment:

The committee reported on the Santa Clara Speaks event held on April 3rd at the Teen Center. The Santa Clara Youth Commission, with the Santa Clara High School Wellness Center, hosted a panel discussion about middle-to-high school transition for students and parents. Topics included:

- Academic expectations in high school,
- Social and emotional adjustments,
- Parent support strategies, and
- School-life balance

The event ended with a Q&A session. The goal was to help families navigate this transition by offering advice from school professionals and current high school students.

STAFF REPORT

Karen Guzman, Youth Services Librarian, discussed upcoming Library events and resources for our teen population. These programs included free online tutoring, mental health resources, and Bricks by the Books event that will be held on May 10th at the Central Park Library.

Gayle Ichiho, Recreation Supervisor, announced the recommended Youth Commissioners for next year's term. This year's outgoing and incoming Youth Commissioners will be recognized at the upcoming May 13 City Council meeting. She also confirmed that our last Youth Commission meeting for this year's term will be held after the City Council meeting in the City Hall cafeteria.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

None

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Martin, seconded by Commissioner Israni that this meeting be adjourned at 6:21 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 11 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Garg, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Kim, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Liang, Commissioner Martin, and Commissioner Suresh

Excused: 4 - Commissioner Ismail, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Parekh, and Commissioner Rong

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