



City of Santa Clara

Meeting Minutes

Youth Commission

12/09/2025

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 Chari Martin at 6:03 p.m.

Present 15 - Commissioner Allysa Domensino, Commissioner Mateo Espinal, Commissioner Seoyun Chong, Commissioner Namita Gaidhani, Commissioner Sriksa Gopisetti, Commissioner Julianna Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Neha Israni, Commissioner Drew Madriaga, Commissioner Rebecca Kunze, Commissioner Malia Martin, Commissioner Samaira Mehta, Commissioner Aneesha Vemu, Commissioner Brian Rong, Commissioner Samarth Suresh, and Commissioner Niharika Uppalapati

CONSENT CALENDAR

1 [25-1684](#) Action to Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the November 18, 2025 Meeting

Recommendation: Approve the Youth Commission Minutes of the November 18, 2025 Meeting

Amend with the following changes to the November 18, 2025 minutes: change major to mayor under Youth Commissioner's report.

A motion as made by Commissioner Gaidhani, seconded by Commissioner Arias Hernandez that this item would be recommended for approval as amended.

Aye: 15 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS

None

GENERAL BUSINESS

- 2 [25-1686](#) Discuss and Take Action on Youth Commission FY 2025/26 Work Plan & Goals

Recommendation: Discuss and take action on the activities and efforts in support of the Youth Commission's Work Plan & Goals for FY 2025/26.

At the December 9, 2025 meeting, the Youth Commission continued discussions regarding its work plan priorities and goals for the FY 2025/26 term. Commissioners developed mission statements for each committee to align with their work plan goals.

1. The **Community Building Committee**: developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted dates for their events and activities. Next Committee meeting will be on December 9th at 6:45 p.m.
2. The **Youth Empowerment Committee**: developed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas for collaboration with the Library on services for teens. Next Committee meeting will be on December 9th at 7:00 p.m.
3. The **Civic Engagement Committee**: discussed a timeline for the rest of the term and drafted ideas and layout for the welcome packages for new Santa Clara residents. Next Committee meeting will be on December 9th at 7:15 p.m.

STAFF REPORT

Karen Guzman, Teen Librarian, shared information about resources and programs for teens, including a Teen Yoga Workshop for stress relief on December 11th and activities with JIAREN. Teens are also invited to join the Library Card Art Contest, created specifically for their age group. Also, promoting STEM zone and looking for volunteers for their event in April.

COMMISSIONERS REPORT

Commissioner Gaidani announced that the Sister Cities of Izumo program is seeking host families for Japanese exchange students. The students will arrive starting on January 25, 2026.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Mehta, seconded by Commissioner Espinal to adjourn the meeting at 6:21 p.m. The motion was carried by the following votes:

Aye: 15 - Commissioner Domensino, Commissioner Espinal, Commissioner Chong, Commissioner Gaidhani, Commissioner Gopisetti, Commissioner Arias Hernandez, Commissioner Israni, Commissioner Madriaga, Commissioner Kunze, Commissioner Martin, Commissioner Mehta, Commissioner Vemu, Commissioner Rong, Commissioner Suresh, and Commissioner Uppalapati

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