



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

3/9/26, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at around 6:30 pm by Chair Temi Ogunkanmi.

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ogunkanmi volunteered to lead the Pledge of Allegiance at around 6:34pm.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Florencio B., Mateo B., Elisabet B., Josue B., Arianna C., Alex C., Eliam G., Peter G., Jacob J., Zoe K., Israel M., Temi O., Julia P., Shreya R., Isla S., Leilani S., Nishant S., Michelle V., Jeremiah W., Erik A., Ameera B., Cesar C., Lydia D., Amelie H., Rachel M., Ezekiel N., Teresa R., Shyla R.

ABSENT: Remy M., Ananya S., Ivan R., Alaia S.

6:36 PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments.

6:37 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Leilani made the motion to approve the minutes from 2/9/2026, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Zoe: Approve:27, Disapprove: 0, Abstain: 1.

6:37 GUEST SPEAKERS

Das button boyz, a custom button making business, helped create special HYC buttons! We met them from the Team Maker Workshop. We made a deal with them, which let us support a local business while getting HYC merch.

6:50 SACRAMENTO TRIP DISCUSSION

The Sacramento Field Trip will be from 7am-7pm. The most important thing to remember is to show up at the Amtrak station at 6:45, as the train will leave promptly at 7:10 am. Please do not be late as the Amtrak does not wait for anyone. In fact, aim to arrive early instead of just on time.

Senator Aisha Wahab - She is a community leader who originally began here in the Hayward City Council! She was the first Afghan American woman elected in a public office of the United States. She implemented policies that reduce economic inequality, expanding homeownership and supporting small businesses. She is also now a Senator of the State of California.

The commission then split up to come up with questions to ask Senator Wahab. Questions the commission came up with:



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1. Will you/how do you hope to help the Hayward community in the future?
2. What opportunity do you have for students in government and politics?
3. How's the government dealing with ICE?
4. What is your approach to handling the budget shortfall currently and what would you do to deal with that as well as rise in grocery prices for low income communities?
5. What would you recommend to young people in terms of affordable housing in the Bay and what is the state doing to support this?
6. Would California be able to become its own thing/idea being able to trade w/other countries if the U.S. decides to cut trading with other countries.
7. What are your thoughts on current political planning?

Interest to speak about immigration policy and how

7:10 AGENCY AND TASK FORCE UPDATES

HUSD: Advisor Ewings shared that on April 18, YEP is doing a YAC showcase, an event showcasing the projects they have been working on over the years. They need HYC members to be judges for these showcases. YAC really wants to hear our voices in order to make this event more youth oriented/led. On March 11, the HYC HUSD committee will be hosting a "It Starts With Us" event, which will showcase all the work that the HYC is doing, to YAC students. The committee needs help from HYC members since they want to host a mock HYC meeting. If you would like to help out, please show up an hour early.

Library: No new updates.

HARD: Director Lamnin shared that tomorrow night (March 10), there will be a "Stripped For Parts" event from 5:30-9. This event will be an examination of the collapse of local journalism in America. The event is free and if you wear your button you will get a free piece of pizza!

Advisor Tibbetts then shared three flyers: summer hiring, a countdown to summer volunteer event at the cherryland community center where people can learn about summer camps and sign up for them, and an Art & Music Scholarship that is open until May 1!

Ropes challenge course ribbon cutting at Rowell Ranch Rodeo on Saturday, April 11th from 11am - 2pm.

7:15 PLANNING PROJECTS

City of Hayward: This group will host a Tobacco and Alcohol Workshop In May. All commissioners are expected to attend. Please share the word at schools and with friends

HUSD: This group is finalizing the event this coming Wednesday. This group plans to host an event in the city hall on March 11. It will be a virtual tour of the city hall and as well as members of YAC being able to see a HYC meeting in session. They might need extra volunteers to help them.

HARD: On Saturday, this group had their teen makers market which was very successful! Now they are planning what they want to do next. HARD just opened a ropes course in the rodeo in Castro Valley. They hope to host an event related to its recent opening.

7:55 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA DETAILS



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Advisory Ewings shared all the finalized details for our Sacramento Field Trip. Please let him or Advisor Padilla know if you can go, immediately.

8:00 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioners Matteo, Commissioner Elizabeth and Commissioner Israel have volunteered for the 4/13/25 HYC Meeting

ADJOURNMENT

Chair Temi adjourned the HYC 7:59 at pm.

APPROVED:

Jen Tibbetts, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District

ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
City of Hayward