



CITY OF HAYWARD

Hayward Youth Commission Official Minutes

1/12/26, 6:30 PM

MEETING

A regular meeting of the Hayward Youth Commission was called to order at by Temiloluwa Ogunkanmi, Chair of the HYC at 6:35

CALL TO ORDER Pledge of Allegiance

Pledge of Allegiance called by Chair Temiloluwa Ogunkanmi.

6:35 ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mateo B., Alexa C., Eliam G., Peter G., Jacob J., Zoe K., Remy M., Temiloluwa O., Julia P., Nishant S., Jeremiah W., Ameera B., Cesar C., Amelie H., Rachel M., Ezekiel N., Teresa R., Shyla R., Elisabet B., Israel M., Anaya S., Ivan R.,

ABSENT: Florencio B., Josue B., Arianna C., Shreya R., Isla S., Leilani S., Michelle V., Erik A., Lydia D., Alaia S.

6:40 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Julia and seconded by Commissioner Nishant
19 Approved, 0 Disapprove, 0 Abstain

6:40 PUBLIC COMMENTS

Alasia Clean & Green Commission President- Clean and Green Commission came to see how the Youth Commission works, with a possible idea to bring their own commissioners along to witness a Hayward Youth Commission meeting. Anyone is welcomed to come along to the Clean & Green Commission meetings. Volunteers are wanted as well as an event happening on 1/17/26 for a clean up event where any volunteers are appreciated. Bring along gloves, and hats for a better experience in cleaning up.

6:41 GUEST SPEAKERS

Norma Dib YEP - Bridge To College (YEP). Bridge to College as well as Youth Advisory Committee (YAC). Bridge to College is an amazing and local program that essentially allows students in 7th - 12th grade to attend/do college level classes that gain college credits as well as exposing students to how college will be like with an opportunity like this. Allows students to take general education classes like theater(i.e.). As well as everything being free for students taking these courses. Currently called Dual Enrollment, as students who've taken these classes have an overall 25% increased rate of high school graduation since they've been exposed to what the average college class is supposed to be like. As well as being able to receive better overall scores on tests/assessments. As currently 7th graders will be eligible to enroll/do in Dual enrollment during the spring time with a 2.0 GPA minimum in order to be eligible for attending. As well as there being online Dual enrollment classes for high schools only. As



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after each class is completed, there are college credits that are earned. As a majority of classes have transferable credits. As for the process of being able to begin enrolling into these classes, there are about 2-3 applications that are required to do beforehand/to do in order to attend these classes.

The YAC is the youth advisory committee is a program for elementary - middle school students, but high school students can join the committee that overviews this program. As it empowers young students by allowing them to speak out on issues within their school that they feel that is impacting the school and how they shall fix them through projects. As on April 18th, there will be a showcase showing these ideas that each of the participating schools have done. Youth Commissioners are given the privilege to aid these students in their presentation as well as there being an event for the students here in the City Hall.

Sabrina Aranda - Hayward Unified School District, as well as the League Of Women Voters. The League of Women voters is a nonpartisan political organization that provides voting education as well as providing advocacy as a nonpartisan political organization. That also does action and advocacy. As this program has allowed students in Oakland Youths to vote with the ages voting for their school board was 16 & 17 year olds as they obtained this through their own campaigning. To join this, there is a process in order to do this, the first step being communicating with the city council about this. The Hayward Youth Commission has been provided with the courtesy of being the first group that the League Of Women Voters has spoken to about this thrilling opportunity as the HTC also is backed by the largest recreation park district as well.

7:10 AGENCY REPORTS

City Of Hayward - Mayor Salinas, speaking about how important it is to vote. As an anecdote he gave was when the first time he ran, a majority of voters were over 75, as the majority of the youth wasn't into voting as due to this it affected his first time running greatly as he had lost.

Are you gonna buy the drinks and snackies for the event ? - Commissioner/Chair Temmi

Director Hatcher of HARD mentions how loneliness is a real thing in the sense/terms/ideas that it is something more affecting that we think.

HUSD, free event on 1/19/26 at 4:30 pm at the Hayward Performing arts center in honor of Martin Luther King as well as there being an Earth Day Poster& Writing Contest with the ability to earn up to \$200 for a first place winner as well as other prizes.

HARD has a volunteer opportunity at the Hayward shoreline as well as there being a free teen event known as the "Great Hayward Cakeover" where we are able to learn about cake techniques. As it is Friday 6th from 4:30 - 6:30 pm on February 6th. as well as a K-pop Dance Night on 1/23/26.

City of Hayward/Library - The Hayward Library changed hours for 2026 as they close an hour earlier on Thursdays as well as being closed completely on Mondays for both locations due to budget cuts.



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7:20 PM - SACRAMENTO TRIP DISCUSSION

The Sacramento trip is set on Thursday March 26th 2026 is the best day to do this trip. As well as the time frame is 7am - 7pm as the method to go is using Amtrak and the currently planned schedule is to Walk to the Capital, Tour the Capital,, then walk to Old Town for Lunch, then Visit a Museum and come back to Amtrak. As the current stipend for us is \$30.

Commissioner Elizabeth set the motion forth for using up to \$3,500 for the Sacramento field trip and seconded by Commissioner Zoe

15 Approved, 0 Abstain, 0 Disapprove

7:35 ANNOUNCEMENTS/AGENDA ITEMS

7:57 COOKIE DETAILS

Commissioner Matteo, Commissioner Amelie and Commissioner Remy volunteered.

ADJOURNMENT

8:03pm

APPROVED:

Larry Ewings, Hayward Unified School District
Hayward Area Recreation & Park District

ATTEST:

Ivan Padilla, Hayward Youth Commission Advisor
City of Hayward