



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday January 12, 2025

5:30 PM

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General Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order at 5:31pm
- II. Roll Call Commissioners

Haniel Kebede (D1), Kayson Naik (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Mevoh Ajayi (D4), Merwy Pablo Ortiz (D5), Cesia Gonzalez (D6), Ella Killingsworth (D7) At-Large Commissioners: Calupe Kaufusi, Nathan YuHeng Li, Ashley Tchanyoum, Dylan Granger, Naiomi Paz Romero-Price, Pelayo C.D. Llamas III, Sophia Tien Nguyen, Edward Lorenzo, Fozyah Alarqaban, Elizabeth Moreno
Absent: Haniel Kebede (D1), Fozyah Alarqaban, Edward Lorenzo
Tardy: Kayson Naik (D2)
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Approve Minutes for 11/17

Ashley moved to approve, Quincy 2nd, motion passed; Minutes were approved with a vote of 13 aye, 0 nay
- IV. Check In
- V. Public Comment

NO PUBLIC COMMENTS
- VI. Item 1: Staff Introduction - Sara Tiras

Sara Tiras has led the Oakland Youth Commission for the past 3 years, and was a high school teacher for 10 years before. She was born and raised in the Bay Area, and has lived in Oakland for 20 years. She has been working with youth since she was 16 years old, and has been a lifelong activist for social change. Her role on the youth commission is to staff the commission - do the behind the scenes work to set up opportunities for youth to lead and give their input and share their perspectives in city government and on city issues. She is here to support youth to take on new leadership opportunities for youth to grow into their leadership while they serve on the commission.
- VII. Item 2: Guest Presentation: Randolph Bell, Vision 980 Overview, Updates and Opportunities

Randolph Bell came to present to the Youth Commission updates and opportunities to support with community engagement and feedback on the Vision 980 project. Bell runs a gallery in East Oakland and a consulting firm, RBA, and is working on the project Vision 980. He presented on the history of the construction of the 980 freeway and the disruption and displacement that was caused to mostly black communities in West Oakland and South Berkeley from this 2 mile stretch of freeway, between the 1940-1970's. Under the Biden administration, cities received large grants to research the impacts of urban renewal projects and to examine potential solutions for repairing the harm caused by these projects. Vision 980 is in phase 2 of the research process and more youth and community input is needed. Bell proposed how the youth commission could help support and facilitate a community feedback day in the next few months.
- VIII. Break and Icebreaker game
- IX. Announcements
 - A. Opportunities for OYC Projects and Actions

1. *Sara Tiras presented on ongoing projects and leadership opportunities to plug in on Oakland Youth Vote, CTE Hub, Adulthood Training, Recast grantmaking. Commissioners voted to work on Vision 980 in the next few months as an additional project. Commissioners will fill out survey to share what projects they would like to work on.*
 - B. KALW Event for Youth Activists in the Bay - Saturday 1/31
 1. *Second event in a series connecting Youth Activists from around the Bay Area, two workshops will be offered on social media organizing and podcasting. Several commissioners expressed interest in attending.*
 - C. *Present Annual Report to LEC - Tuesday 3/10*
 1. *Commissioners volunteered to give the annual report to LEC*
- X. Closing - Commissioners shared what they appreciated from tonight's meeting
- XI. Meeting Adjourned at 7:26pm

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Estimated Time: Please note that the estimated time is just an estimate. The Youth Commission does not guarantee that the timeline will be strictly followed. If you wish to comment on a specific item, it is important to always come as early as possible.

Open Forum: This agenda item is an opportunity for community members to comment on an item of interest that is relevant to Oakland's Youth Commission. If there are no community members interested in speaking, Oakland Youth Commissioners will choose a youth issue to discuss.