



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday March 2, 2026

5:30 PM

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting officially begins at 5:30 P.M.

Minutes:

- I. Call to Order at 5:33pm
- 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), Merwy Pablo Ortiz (D5), Pelayo C.D. Llamas III, Fozyah Alarqaban, Elizabeth Moreno*

Tardy: *None*
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Approve Minutes for 2/23
 - A. Motion to approve minutes by Mevoh, seconded by Kayson,
 - B. Minutes approved 8-0
- IV. Check In
- V. Public Comment
 - A. Two members of the Budget Finance Commission came to speak about a new initiative to ask city council to identify how much funding the city is spending on services that directly support Transitional Aged Youth (TAY) so we can better assess efforts to support this critical period of transitioning from youth to adulthood. They requested to be added to a future youth commission agenda to give a more informed presentation of their proposal.
- VI. Item 1: Guest Presentation, Becky Frank, Caltrans Phase 1 Report on Vision 980

Becky Frank and Hunter Oatman returned to the youth commission to report out the findings from the phase 1 Caltrans report on re-envisioning a new purpose for the 980. They explained the phases of the long term project:

Phase 1: Identify a new concept and vision for transportation and land use along the entire 980

Of the 3 possible scenarios for 980:

Enhance (0 new land, low impact), Cover (14 new acres and moderate impact) or Remove (42 to 67 acres of new land, High cost, time and construction impact)

Results- which scenario did Oaklanders want:

1. Remove: 68% West Oakland, 49% non West Oakland
2. Enhance: 20% West Oakland, 33% non- west oakland
3. Cover: 12% West Oakland, 18% non-west oakland

Enhance does not meet assessed goals, 14 passes and 20 fails on equity

Cover 20 passes and 14 fails on equity

Remove 22 passes and 12 fails on equity

Phase 2: Conduct more technical analysis and feasible analysis of concept and vision. Goals for the next phase:

- Collaborate with study partners, stakeholders and the public
- Continued community led approach from phase 1
- Determine future implementation strategies and cost estimation

VII. Item 2: Social Media strategies and planning for this year

A. OYC will continue with our “District of the Month” feature on Social Media, highlighting a district in Oakland, who leads it and the youth commissioners will do a video of either - street interviews in their neighborhood, or a rapid fire interview of themselves.

B. We brainstormed some video ideas for Recruitment to film in the next month.

VIII. Item 3: Report Backs and Announcements

A. OMCA event on Black Spaces and Reparations

B. Recast process started

C. Youth vote learned about the curriculum and how to register voters

IX. Closing

X. Meeting Adjourned at 7:23