



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 4, 2026

5:30 PM

Please See the Agenda to Participate in the Meeting

Meeting Minutes

- I. Call to Order at 5:34pm
- 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, Fozyah Alarqaban, Elizabeth Moreno
Tardy/Leave Early: Dylan, Naiomi
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Approve Minutes for 4/27
 - A. Cesia motioned to approve minutes Pelayo seconds motion; Minutes were approved with a vote of: 12 to 0
- IV. Check In
- V. Public Comment
 - A. *No public comment given*
- VI. Attendance approvals - Calupe Kaufusi 4th absence, 4.27.26
 - A. Kayson moved to approve Pelayo seconded vote approved with a vote of 12 to 0
- VII. Item 1: Guest Presentation: Melissa Yu, Sierra Club
 - A. *The Sierra Club is coming to present on behalf of the [Bay Area Clean Air Coalition \(BACA\)](#) who is advocating for timely implementation of the Bay Area Air District's zero-emission home appliance rules. These rules are critical to protect our air by ensuring that the most polluting gas-fired appliances are replaced over time with pollution-free alternatives. The Air district is now in the process of finalizing the rules and they're slated to go into effect starting early next year. They are looking for youth advocacy groups to sign on to support this initiative.*
 - B. *OYC voted to support the implementation and sign onto the letter, two youth commissioners volunteered to write public comment to be read on Wednesdays meeting*
- VIII. Item 2: Guest Presentation: Karen Roye and Stephisha YCoy-Walton, Oakland Budget Advisory Commission (OBAC)
 - A. *Recently, OBAC approved the establishment of an Ad Hoc Subcommittee focused on developing a proposal to the City Council requesting the creation of a "Transitional-Age Youth (TAY) budget baseline." The goal of this effort is to better understand how City investments in transitional-age youth are currently structured across departments and funding streams, and to improve transparency around those spending patterns.*
 - B. *Mevoh, Ashley and Pelayo are interested in following up to help advocate for this to city council in the future*
- IX. Item 3: Guest Presentation: Delilah Aviles, Youth Spirit Artworks Town Hall
 - A. *Presenting about our youth-led organizing efforts in East Oakland particularly around equitable development, the Coliseum redevelopment, its impact on displacement, and ways young people can get involved. Youth Spirit Artworks*

(YSA) are currently responding to urgent needs to support youth navigating a sudden transition out of our program. In the long term, YSA is advocating for policy changes to ensure YSA's right to return following redevelopment, as well as the creation of a youth housing and program trust fund.

B. Youth commissioners were very interested in supporting future actions to help fight for YSA housing shelter to be protected

X. *Item 4: OYC Report Backs - postponed due to lack of time*

XI. Item 5: Announcements

A. Calendar

B. Survey - *commissioners took an end of the year survey to help plan for the end of the term and determine how many seats would be open to new commissioners*

C. Recruitment Updates - *application will be closed Sunday May 10*

XII. Closing

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:32pm