



CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday May 5, 2025

6:00 PM

Please See the Agenda to Participate in the Meeting

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting officially begins at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

- I. Call to Order at 6:06pm
- II. Roll Call Commissioners
Haniel Kebede (D1), Kayson Naik (D2), Quincy Russell (D3) Mevoh Ajayi (D4), Katie Liang (D5), Amber Johnson (D6) Ella Killingsworth (D7), At-Large Commissioners: Mia Hatfield, Bryce Hunt, Calupe Kaufusi, Nathan YuHeng Li, Ana Xu li, Steve Nguyen, Michelle Wong, Olivia Richardson Feldman, Tengis Temur, Ashley Tchanyoum, Sofia Castro, Diego Garcia
***Absent:** Amber, Ana, Steve, Calupe, Kayson*
***Tardy:** Tengis*
- III. Welcome, Agenda Review, Agreements & Approve Minutes from 4/21/25
Minutes were approved unanimously
- IV. Public Comment/Open Forum
NO PUBLIC COMMENT GIVEN
- V. Check-In
- VI. Item 1: Guest Presentation from Ruth Meza and Celina Chan, Department of Transportation

Feedback gathering: voting activity in the community to gauge people's preference on lighting, wayfinding, and other decorations for the undercrossing

Top themes:

- lighting improvements: must be functional, easy to maintain, avoid overstimulation/distraction, complement community, and enhance safety. The lighting also must be paired with safety measures. Survey revealed that most people preferred colorful lighting.
- strong positive feedback for art that represents Oakland's culture/history.
- Maintenance was a big concern → trash should be picked up regularly, new modifications should be easy to maintain
- Big concern about personal safety and traffic when traveling through undercrossing
- Big support for adding bright and bold colors. Suggestions to add color on ceilings, columns, and walkways to brighten up the undercrossing
- interest in adding greenery (plants, trees) → conflicts with concerns about maintenance
- Navigation: Most preferred text-based, colorful navigation
- wayfinding: Most preferred straightforward signage
- Fencing: People preferred the idea of see-through fencing rather than fencing that is completely closed off
- Community engagement feedback: People felt strongly about community engagement in this project and suggested that the project team collaborate with community ambassadors. OakDOT website: www.oaklandca.gov/undercrossings

VII. Item 2: Attendance Authorizations

- A. Ana 6th, 7th, 8th AB - 4/7 and 4/21 and 5/5
 - 1. 14 approved, 1 abstained
 - B. Olivia - 4th AB 4/21
 - 1. Authorized unanimously
 - C. Haniel - 4th AB 4/21
 - 1. Authorized unanimously
- Executive committee recommends authorization for all absences
 - OYC votes to approve/authorize all absences

VIII. Item 3: Report Backs

Digital Equity Day of Action:

- A. Met with State Assemblymembers to share about 3 bills on digital equity - including 1 to require affordable plan \$15/month
- B. Shared stories relating to digital equity

ReCast:

- C. Reviewed grant proposals
- D. Finalization & selection of granted proposals in late May

CTE HUB:

- E. Head of Office of Equity
- F. Meeting with Head of Social Studies as well
- G. Getting school district to take on OYV
- H. Allowing students to register in class, giving them the opportunity to in 11th/12th grade classes

IX. Item 3: Announcements and Calendar

Calendar

- A. Closing Celebration
 - 1. Show of hands who can come
 - 2. Will send some alternative dates to everyone leaving OYC - not everyone can come - June 1st or June 8th

X. Social media update

- A. May 12 we will film D3 interviews
- B. Everyone text me 1 question for interviews
- C. Tengis → Calupe (Defemery Park)
- D. Nathan → Ashley (JLS)
- E. Kayson → Quincy (Chestnut St)

XI. Recruitment Update

- A. Not coming back: Mia (D1), Olivia (D2), Ana (D2), Tengis (D3), Bryce (D4), Diego (D4), Katie (D5), Steve (d5). Sofia (D6), Amber (D6)
- B. Who's interested in interview panels: Katie, Diego, Mia

XII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:58pm