CITY OF OAKLAND

Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Monday, November 2, 2026

5:30PM

Oakland City Hall

1 Frank H. Ogawa Plaza

Hearing Room 4, 2nd Floor

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Standing Oakland Youth Commission Meeting Agenda

Meeting officially begins at 5:30 P.M.
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Meeting Minutes

I. Call to Order at 5:41pm

II. Roll Call Commissioners

Present: Dylan Granger (D1), Kayson Naik (D2) Merwy Pablo Ortiz (D5), Cesia Gonzalez (D6) At-Large Commissioners: Naiomi Paz Romero-Price, Pelayo Llamas, Inara Shafiq, Anahita Abcarian-Scott, Sophia Tien Nguyen, Edward Lorenzo, Ashley Martin Chales, Eddy Velasquez

Absent: Mevoh Ajayi (D4), Ella Killingsworth (D7), Stephanie Francisco Ahilon, Camila Petrovich, Izara Durades (D3)
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III. Welcome, Agenda & Agreements Review

IV. Approve Meeting Minutes from 10/19 (Action)
Minutes were approved with a vote of 11-0

V. Check In

VI. Open Forum (All Topics)

VII. Item 1: Guest Presentation – Randolph Belle on Vision 980 and Caltrans Sea Level Rise Study (Information)

Guest Randolph Belle from EvOak! came to present to the Youth Commission with updates from their prevision community engagement work re-imagining the 980 freeway and the story-telling platform that came out of that project. Randolph then shared his new project with Caltrans, a Sea Level Rise Study on the East Side of the Bay Bridge, from Emeryville, through the MacArthur Maze, and the Toll Plaza area. Randolph spoke to commissioners about the existing conditions of the study area, and the threats rising sea levels present to people and infrastructure, especially in North and West Oakland, in the next 75 years. Youth commissioners engaged in community feedback by mapping where along the study area they worked, lived, traveled, and recreated. Commissioners then shared the top 3 categories Caltrans should prioritize as they plan for this rise in sea levels, including access to recreation and green spaces and protecting against air pollution.

VIII. Break & Icebreaker

IX. Item 2: Election Workshop (Information)

OYC staff prepared a mini-workshop about the Nov. 3 elections where youth commissioners shared their own reflections on elections and voting, then went to stations to learn about key races on the ballot. Youth commissioners discussed the elections for OUSD school board (which 16 & 17 year-olds can vote in and is a Youth Commission project with the Oakland Youth Vote coalition), Oakland City Council and Mayor, Oakland Measures EE and FF and regional Measure RTM, and CA propositions with in-depth information on Props 39 and 40. Youth commissioners discussed what they knew, what questions they had, and responded to different prompts for consideration before whole-group debrief and appreciations.

X. Item 3: Teen Survey Updates (Action)

Youth commissioner Naiomi shared the feedback process OYC engaged in for the "Teen Survey," and staff members Molly and Robin explained next-steps for this project, including piloting the survey at the upcoming Oakland School of the Arts and Town Nights event A Concert in Cloud Park on Friday, 11/6 from 4-7pm. Youth commissioners volunteered to help distribute the survey at this event before all commissioners took it themselves.

XI. Report Backs & Announcements

Oakland Youth Vote Core Leaders Committee – Youth commissioners Sophia and Naiomi shared the work they've been doing for the past two weeks with communications and civic engagement to mobilize Oakland

Youth Voters. They also shared how to make a voting plan and how many 16 & 17 year-olds have currently returned their mail-in-ballots.

<u>Community Task Force for the Edward Shands Adult Center</u> – OYC staff Molly shared an opportunity to join the OUSD community task force to determine what to do with this vacant property and 3 youth commissioners volunteered to be considered.

XII. Closing

Commissioners shared what they appreciated from tonight's meeting

XIII. Meeting Adjourned at 7:35pm.

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<u>Estimated Time</u>:

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.

<u>Open Forum</u>:

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.

A speaker card must be completed to speak during Open Forum.

If you have any questions, please email Molly Perlmutter, Staff to the Youth Commission at MXPerlmutter@oaklandca.gov - Children and Youth Services Division