

# CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

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## MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting September 09, 2025

### **1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:**

Femi Omotesho, Youth Commission Advisor, called the Youth Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Abbas Chaudhry; Andres Guzman; Ethan Phang; Kalea Condon; Kara Hughes; Karlee Clark; Marho Akpo; Omri Nelson; Princeton Mingo; Zara Choudhury

Absent: None

Late: None

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** The Land Acknowledgment was read by Commissioner Kara Hughes

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Commissioner Marho Akpo led the Pledge of Allegiance

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA:** None

**5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** None

### **6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:**

*6.1 Receive information from the Walk with us on the Path to Positivity subcommittee and discuss action.*

The subcommittee's proposal was reviewed and it includes a walk, picnic, music, swags, tying ribbons on trees and dropping painted rocks along the walk path, tabling by community resource providers, therapeutic animals from EGAS Comfort Club, games among other fun activities for the day. The subcommittee was tasked to come up with a very feasible plan for the rock painting as soon as possible since the next meeting is just a few days before the events.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## *6.2 Nominate and Vote on Appointment of 2023-2024 Youth Commission Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Historian, Communications Officer)*

The advisor read the list of the Youth Commission appointed roles, positions, responsibilities and commitments. This was followed by nominations and voting.

Chair – Commissioner Abbas Chaudhry was the lone expression of interest in the position of Chair. His interest was seconded by Commissioner Andres Guzman. The appointment passed with a 10/0/0 vote.

Vice Chair – Commissioners Kara Hughes expressed interest in the position of Vice Chair. Commissioner Marho Akpo motioned Kara Hughes to be appointed as Vice Chair; Abbas Chaudhry seconded the motion. The appointment passed with a 10/0/0 vote

Secretary – Commissioner Marho Akpo and Ethan Phan expressed interest in the position of Secretary. Andres Guzman seconded the motion by Marho Akpo to be appointed as Secretary. The appointment passed with a 9/0/1 vote.

Historian – Commissioners Andres Guzman, Karlee Clark, and Princeton Mingo expressed interest in the position of Historian. Kalea Condon seconded the motion by Andres Guzman to be appointed as Historian. The appointment passed with a 10/0/0 vote.

Communications Officer – Commissioners Kalea Condon and Ethan Phang expressed interest in the position of Communications Officer. Princeton Mingo motioned Kalea Condon to be appointed as Communications Officer. Marho Akpo seconded the motion. The appointment passed at a 10/0/0 vote.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## *5.4 Identify a youth liaison for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission*

Commissioner Karlee Clark volunteered to be the Youth Commission liaison for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. There was no opposition to her volunteering.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

## *5.5 Discuss any project ideas and plan for the upcoming year.*

The Commission discussed a variety of projects for the year. The Commission confirmed the Shape My Future, Family Fun Day, Scholarships, Food Drive and Elk Grove Clean-Up events.

Subcommittees were established accordingly:

Family Fun Day – Andres Guzman, Karlee Clark, Princeton Mingo, Abbas Chaudhry, and Kalea Condon

Shape my Future – Kara Hughes, Marho Akpo, Omri Nelson, Zara Choudhury, and Ethan Phang

Scholarships – Kara Hughes, Abbas Chaudhry, Ethan Phang, Omri Nelson, and Zara Choudhury

Clean Up Elk Grove – Marho Akpo, Ethan Phang, Kalea Condon, Princeton Mingo, Andres Guzman

Food Drive – Kara Hughes, Marho Akpo, Karlee Clark, and Zara Choudhury

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Advisor Omotesho encouraged the Commissioners to promote the Elk Grove 25th Anniversary photo shot competition to other young people.

Additionally, Commissioners Omri, Kara, Karlee, and Ethan volunteered to participate in a video for the Walk With Me event. They are working with Ms. Robinson, the City's Social Media Specialist, to get the video.

Finally, special meetings are being scheduled for October and November.

**7. ADJOURNMENT:**

The September 9, 2025, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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