

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting October 07, 2025

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Abbas Chaudhry, Youth Commission Chair, called the Youth Commission Meeting to order at 6:00 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: Marho Akpo

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Land Acknowledgment was read by Commission Chair Abbas Chaudhry

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Commissioner Karlee Clark led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Approval of minutes – (M/S) Abbas Chaundry/Kara Hudes 10/0/0

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Receive a presentation from the representative of Youth For Good, Ethan Do and discuss potential collaboration opportunities.

YouthforGood, an Elk Grove-based 501(c)(3) non-profit dedicated to inspiring teens toward accessible volunteer opportunities, full potential development, and grounding, made a presentation to the Youth Commission regarding a potential collaboration. The organization offers Teen Volunteer Calendars, a Podcast/Videos, and Back to School Kits, proposed hosting a Future Leaders Conference targeting Elk Grove Unified School District (EGUSD) middle and high schoolers. The proposed free Spring event aims to provide students with exposure to volunteer opportunities, career pathways, student leadership, and

financial literacy, focusing on key areas like financial literacy, career exploration, volunteer engagement, students leadership, college preparation, and networking opportunities. Potential participants and panelists suggested by YouthforGood included local volunteer organizations such as the Elk Grove Food Bank and Elk Grove Animal Shelter, representatives from CSD Summer Jobs and Banks for career and financial literacy, and EGUSD Student Board Members and Alumni for leadership and job development. Promotion for the conference would utilize flyers, social media, and various Elk Grove websites and newsletters. Since the Youth Commission already has a planned event, possibly to be sponsored by the Sacramento Credit Union, the subcommittee will discuss and present possible collaborative effort at the next meeting. YouthforGood will be notified of the commission's final decision.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.2 Finalize preparations for The Walk with Us on the Path to Positivity Event
The "Walk with Us on the Path to Positivity" event was confirmed to take place on Saturday, October 11th. The event will feature vendors such as EGUSD SAFE, XHope, and the Elk Grove Animal Shelter to connect attendees with mental health and volunteer resources. Several minor updates were made; bubble machines and games will be added for family entertainment, and eight Elk Grove Ambassadors will assist with the event. The PD will provide a boombox for music. Vice Chair Kara Hudes presented a revised agenda with specific timeframes. Currently, 37 out of the anticipated 100 participants have signed up. The Commissioners were urged to intensify their outreach efforts

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.3 Review the Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 Youth Commission and refocus the Commission's plan for the year.

Commission Secretary, Marho Akpo, read Elk Grove Municipal Code Chapter 2.12 to the Commission. Advisor Omotesho then encouraged the Commissioners to become strong advocates for issues they are passionate about; advising them to select specific issues and clearly define the type of empowerment they want to achieve. Following this, Commissioners brought up potential areas of focus such as immigration protection given Elk Grove's diversity. Also highlighted was the recurring issue of substance abuse, referenced from last year's Youth Needs survey. Further discussion will continue at the next meeting

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.5 Receive report from the D&I Liaison

Diversity and Inclusion Liaison Karlee Clark attended the Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Commission meeting on September 16th and extended an invitation on their behalf for the Youth Commissioners to participate in the upcoming joint Filipino and Diwali History events on October 13th from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. The D&I Commission specifically expressed excitement about the Youth Commission's involvement and noted that attendees are welcome to wear Indian traditional attire for the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.5 Receive report from the D&I Liaison

Communications Officer, Kalea Condon, reported on her efforts to promote the Wellness Walk. She created a Canva flier specifically for social media platforms and suggested reaching out to student groups, such as the National Honor Society, to increase publicity.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- The Commissioners were introduced to the Elk Grove 101 participants.
- A special meeting is scheduled for November because the regular date coincides with Veterans Day.
- Commissioners were reminded to arrive an hour before the Walk With Us on the Path to Positivity is scheduled to start.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The October 7, 2025, Youth Commission Special Meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.



Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary