

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting December 09, 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: None

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Youth Commission Communications Officer, Kalea Condon, led the Pledge of Allegiance

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

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

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Receive report from the Advocacy Subcommittee and decide on the specific area of priority for the year

On behalf of the Advocacy subcommittee, Vice Chair Kara Hudes, presented two recommended area of focus for the year, namely: Youth Employment and Substance Abuse. After careful deliberation for possible pathways to create a genuine impact, and a vote of 10/0/0, it was agreed that the Commission would focus on Youth Employment. This was chosen because many students want real jobs and empowering them for future work such as writing good resume and preparing for interview would make a lot of difference.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.2 Receive Report from the Future Forward Subcommittee and discuss action

The Youth Commission reached a consensus to partner with Youth for Good to lead the promotional efforts for the upcoming Future Forward event. Recognizing that event publicity has been a historical challenge, the collaboration will focus on utilizing school pathway connections, campus clubs, and a multi-platform social media outreach strategy. Designed for middle and high school students, the event will serve as a launchpad for youth employment advocacy by offering workshops on resume building, interview techniques, and internship opportunities. The comprehensive program also includes sessions on financial literacy, scholarship applications, career preparedness, volunteerism, and networking. To further support attendees, the event will provide complimentary professional headshots.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.3 Finalize Input for the January Semi-Annual Council report

The Commission identified items to go into the Council report and assigned the Historian, Andres Guzman, to prepare the PowerPoint presentation. He will utilize a template provided by the Advisor, and the final slides will be presented for review at the next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.4 Receive report from the D&I Liaison

Liaison Karlee Clark attended the November 18 Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Commission meeting noting that the session focused on strategic planning for the upcoming year. She reported that the D&I Commission invited the Youth Commissioners to join a future session. The Commissioners agreed that they will attend the March 2026 D&I Commission meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.5 Receive Update from the Communications Officer

Communications Officer Kalea Condon briefed the Commission on her discussions with the City's Social Media expert, Sydney. To improve youth engagement in Elk Grove, she recommended launching a dedicated social media awareness campaign. This plan includes utilizing a Linktree on Instagram to streamline access to meeting logistics and the official website. Additionally, the Commission intends to feature profiles of each commissioner on social media to personalize the brand and increase visibility.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Advisor is coordinating with Council regarding attendance at the Youth Commission meeting and will provide feedback as soon as it is confirmed..

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The December 9, 2025, Youth Commission Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 p.m.



Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary