

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting January 13, 2026

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; Kara Hughes; Karlee Clark; Marho Akpo; Omri Nelson; Princeton Mingo; Zara Choudhury

Absent: None

Late: Kalea Condon

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Youth Commission D&I Liaison, Karlee Clarke, 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 Huges/Abbas Chaudhry 10/0/0

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Receive report from Receive report from the Family Fun Day Subcommittee and discuss action

The subcommittee reported that all the booths and activities from last year will be back again this year. They also suggested some new ideas, including puzzle tables, a raffle, basketball, soccer, a petting zoo, and a craft table for kids. Some of these activities might not be feasible due to the event location. The subcommittee plans to work on specific details for the raffle prizes and share at the February meeting. They also proposed having EGUSD students perform the National Anthem, either by singing or playing instruments. Finally, Co-Advisor Gabrielle Flynn will connect the subcommittee with relevant EGPD staff to see how the police department can support them for the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.2 Receive Report from the Future Forward Subcommittee and discuss action

The Commission Advisor reported that publicity for the event has started. Students are already signing up, and the event is a little more than halfway full. Vice Chair Hughes informed the meeting that the subcommittee has started reaching out to people and will keep doing that. Secretary Akpo offered to contact UEI College and SCOE to ask for resources, speakers or a representative for trade schools. She shared what she learned from researching them and thinks they are great local groups to come onboard the event.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.3 Finalize presentation for the Semi-Annual Council Report

The Youth Commission's Historian, Andress Guzman, presented the final draft for the presentation slides. With the help of the Advisors, the Commissioners reviewed and accepted roles for the Council presentation scheduled for the next day, Wednesday January 14, 2026.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.4 Receive report from the D&I Liaison

Liaison Karlee Clark reported that the D&I Commission's December meeting was canceled. Their next meeting is scheduled for January 20th.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.5 Receive Update from the Communications Officer

Communications Officer Kalea Condon gave updates on the plans for the social posts as she continues to work with the City's Media Specialist. The importance of publicizing the "Future Forward" event was emphasized and recommended reaching out to adults like school counselors, club advisors, and career center staff. The Communications Officer plans to keep posting on the Youth Commission Instagram at least once a month. She also suggested having online meetings with other youth commissions to share ideas and potentially work together.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

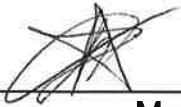
7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Youth Commission Advisor announced that Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen might attend the February meeting. She also tasked the group with developing a program that tackles both mental health and anti-bullying. The commission voted unanimously (10-0-0) to move forward with this initiative, aiming to launch it in

early October to coincide with World Mental Health Day. This project represents a significant step in the Commission's advocacy efforts as they begin brainstorming ways to address these urgent issues.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The January 13, 2026, Youth Commission Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary