

## CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

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### MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

February 10, 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: Ethan Phang

**2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:** The Land Acknowledgment was read by Youth Commission Vice Chair Kara Hughes

**3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Youth Commission Secretary, Marho Akpo, 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/Abbas Chaudhry 10/0/0

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

##### *6.1 Council Conversation (Series)*

The Commission had the honor of welcoming Elk Grove Mayor Bobbie Singh-Allen as the first guest in our Council Conversation series. Following a formal welcome by Chair Abbas Chaudhry, the Mayor gave an update on key City initiatives. The Commissioners asked her what it's actually like to be the Mayor, specifically how she handles the pressure of leading busy City Council meetings and making big decisions for the community. The Commissioners also got a closer look at local projects, like the new permanent homeless shelter being funded by Measure E, the progress on the new Elk Grove Library, and the planned improvement of cellular reception around Costco area. It was a great opportunity to ask questions and learn how the City leadership works firsthand.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.2 Finalize Details of the Future Forward Event*

Secretary Marho Akpo updated the commission on the outreach to UEI College, noting that they have not yet replied and will not be participating in this year's event. The Youth Commission Advisor suggested following up with them again next year. Chair Kara Huges gave an update on the script and slideshow progress and went over the event program to make sure everyone understands how the day will be organized. To ensure a good turnout, a confirmation email will be sent to everyone who signed up to remind them of the date, time, and location of Future Forward event.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.3 Receive report from the Family Fun Day Subcommittee and discuss action*

Communications Officer Kalea Condon suggested a fun idea for the event: a bingo-style stamp sheet that guests can fill out by visiting different booths. The subcommittee liked the idea and decided that anyone who collects enough stamps should get a prize or incentive. It was also proposed to invite "Blooms for Benefit" to the event. However, the Commissioners decided that the club would be a better fit for the "Path to Positivity" event, just like in previous years. When the subcommittee asked for sponsorship, the Co-Advisor encouraged them to reach out to small local businesses. However, Commissioners were also reminded about City rules regarding sponsorships and donations for Family Fun Day. Finally, the Commissioners agreed to intensify effort for performers and artists for event. D&I Liaison Karlee Clark shared the exciting news that the Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Commission indicated they will be supporting the day through a Zumba performance!

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.4 Receive report from the Food Drive Day Subcommittee and discuss action*

The subcommittee reported that the subcommittee will partner with the communications team to focus on outreach. This effort will primarily use Instagram and the city website to promote commission activities and updates.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

A public comment was that the EG Masonic Center Facebook page will share posts for the food drive.

*6.5 Receive report from the D&I Liaison*

Diversity and Inclusion Liaison Karlee Clark updated the Youth Commission on her recent meeting with the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. The main focus

of their meeting was planning upcoming proclamations for Black History Month, Women's History Month, and Autism Acceptance Month. Various subcommittees also shared their latest updates. Finally, the Youth Commission was reminded that they are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of these meetings.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

*6.5 Receive Update from the Communications Officer*

Communications Officer Kalea Condom updated the commission on several upcoming social media projects. First, she is working on the "Meet the Commissioners" post, which will be released once she has professional headshots of everyone. Following the recent discussion with the Mayor, Kalea also plans to create an educational post about public transit.

Looking ahead, she aims to collaborate with "Youth For Good" on a recap post for the Future Forward event happening on February 21, 2026. This will hopefully launch a new series where the commission posts a recap after every major event, such as Family Fun Day, to show the community what was accomplished.

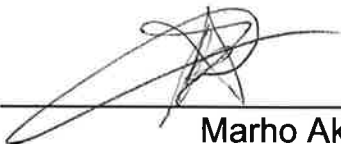
**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

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

The Youth Commission Advisor Omotesho reminded the group about the Peace Forum, hosted by the VI-SH Koranne Foundation, which will take place on February 28 at the Elk Grove Public Library. She encouraged everyone to attend and get involved. Building on updates from the subcommittee report, she also urged the commissioners to promote the upcoming event through word of mouth to help reach as many people as possible. Finally, she let the commission know that the members of the press might be at Saturday's event, so everyone should be prepared for media coverage.

**8. ADJOURNMENT:**

The February 10, 2026, Youth Commission Special Meeting was adjourned at 6:59 p.m.



Marho Akpo  
Youth Commission Secretary