

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION Regular Meeting April 14, 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; Ethan Phang; Kalea Condon; Kara Hughes; Marho Akpo; Omri Nelson; Princeton Mingo; Zara Choudhury

Absent: Andres Guzman, Karlee Clark

Late: None

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

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Youth 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/Princeton Mingo 8/0/0

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Finalize details of the Family Fun Day events

The Commissioners finalized the vendor lineup and the sequence of events for Family Fun Day. The program will open with a performance by the School of Rock from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM, followed by a potential Zumba session led by the Chair of the Diversity and Inclusion Liaison. The afternoon will also feature a Lion Dance performance by the Cosumnes Oaks High School club. While all previously established activities remain on the agenda, the Commission integrated a scavenger hunt, with specific details to be concluded on the morning of the event.

Additionally, this event marks the beginning of a formal collaboration with Evolve, who confirmed their attendance. Support for the event continues to grow, with confirmed donations offered by both Steve's Pizza and the Masonic Group.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.3 Receive report from the Food Drive Day Subcommittee and discuss action
Youth Commission Vice Chair Kara Hedges presented the official graphic for the upcoming Food Drive, confirming that the collection period will run from May 4th through May 14th. During the presentation, she encouraged commissioners to promote the event within local schools, clubs, and their personal networks. Additionally, she emphasized that active participation from the commissioners themselves is vital to the drive's success. Designated drop-off locations include City Hall, District 56, the Elk Grove Police Department, and the Animal Shelter. There was request for hardcopies of the flyer.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.4 Discuss the "Day of Service" Project
The Commission discussed the proposed day of service at a local shelter for the unhoused. Following initial consultations with the facility, the next steps will involve a site tour to identify specific areas where the Commission can provide the most impactful support. Once this visit is complete, the Commission will determine whether to launch an independent project or collaborate with the Elk Grove Community Assistance Network (EGCAN) on their established service day. Due to the limited time remaining in the current term, the project will be postponed until the next Commission year.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.4 Discuss the Path to Positivity Event
The subcommittee reported they were still ideating and talked about colors of the day being representative of Mental Wellness and Anti-bullying. The subcommittee was advised to start by planning the campaign slogan, graphics, and advertisement methods. They will provide further updates during the May meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.5 Receive report from the D&I Liaison
There was no report. The Diversity and Inclusion (D&I) Commission Liaison, Karlee Clarke, was away on an excused absence.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.6 Receive Update from the Communications Officer

The Communications Officer reported that work continues on the “Meet the Commissioners” posts, themed “The faces behind the scene.”

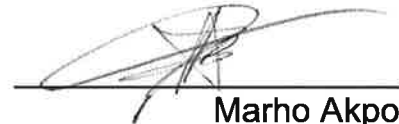
PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Commissioners received puzzle sets sent to them by the City Manager. Following this, attendees of the California Youth Empowerment Commission Forum shared their key takeaways from the event. Commissioners were reminded of the opportunity to apply for a position on the board. They were also reminded to RSVP for the Mayor’s Volunteer Reception, which takes place on April 27, 2026.

8. ADJOURNMENT:

The April 14, 2026, Youth Commission Regular Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marho Akpo', is written over a horizontal line.

Marho Akpo
Youth Commission Secretary