

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission
Minutes
Monday, January 12, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 6:02 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

Present	Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Commissioner Ashleen Bhandal, Commissioner Diana Diakova, Commissioner (late 6:05pm) Logan Gill, Commissioner Sophia Guterrez, Commissioner Anna Nguyen, Commissioner Jacob Ortega, Commissioner Benedict Pham, Commissioner Maya Sanchez, Commissioner Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner
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Absent	None.
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4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting packet was posted on January 9, 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from December 8, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission

Commissioner Abaneh requested that a correction be made to the misspelling of his last name. Staff advisor Henig will amend the current minutes. Motion with the amendment to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Ortega. Commissioner Gill seconded. Motion passed 11-0-0

6. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of FY26 Youth Commission Work Plan

The following was discussed during this item:

- Chair Nguyen discussed the digital assistance program that occurred during the week of December 15. Ortega noted that it seemed slower this year than last year, but he was able to provide more personal attention.
- Legislative Committee members provided an update about what each member would be focused on.
 - **Sanchez** - Research what has worked in other cities
 - **Gill** – Research different options for protective bicycle barriers. Which one(s) would work best in Gilroy? He'll also research the various directional traffic options (middle lane, opposite ends of the road, etc.).
 - **Bhandal** - Discuss the challenges with instituting protective bicycle barriers such as less street parking and funding.
 - **Ortega** - Research recent studies that have been done on this topic and what were their findings.
 - **Nguyen** – Implementation using a pilot project. What does it entail? How much would it cost? How do you determine if it's effective? What impact did it have on the neighborhood?

The committee will meet again next week to share its findings.

- The OpportuniTEEN Fair Vendor Committee provided an update on their status. Thus far, five vendors have confirmed their attendance. Committee members need to do more outreach to prospective vendors to meet the goal of 25. The committee will meet in two weeks.

10. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Henig mentioned that he set up a registration link for parents of commissioners to register them for the upcoming Youth Advisory Council Conference on Saturday, March 7 in Los Altos. The deadline to register is February 1. Also, Henig mentioned that if anyone was interested in leading a session, they should let him know. Commissioner Bermudez would like to lead a session about how to organize an intergenerational dance.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 6:33 p.m.