

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission
Minutes
Monday, May 11, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 6:04 p.m.

2. FLAG SALUTE

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner
Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Commissioner
Ashleen Bhandal, Commissioner
Diana Diakova, Commissioner
Sophia Gutiérrez, Commissioner
Anna Nguyen, Commissioner
Jacob Ortega, Commissioner
Maya Sanchez, Commissioner
Logan Gill, Commissioner
Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner

ABSENT:

Benedict Pham, Commissioner

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting packet was posted on May 8, 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the April 14, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission

There was an edit to the April Minutes suggested by Commissioner Diakova. On Section 10, the sentence was incomplete. Henig acknowledged that the sentence should have read (underline portion was missing): *Henig requested that the entire Commission be present for the end-of-year presentation to City Council on Monday, May 4 and to wear the Youth Commission T-shirt.*

Sarasth motioned to approve the minutes with the amendments. Gill seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

6. INTRODUCTIONS

None.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

None.

8. PRESENTATION

1. Blue Skies Initiative

Community Development staff presented on a presentation about Blue Skies, which is described in the staff report.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Change Youth Commission Meeting Schedule in August 2026.

Henig presented his staff report about changing the August meeting date from August 10 to August 24, in order to have the first meeting after school is in session. Commissioner Sarath motioned. Bermudez seconded. Motion pass 10-0-0.

10. OLD BUSINESS

1. Receive and comment on the FY26 Commission Work Plan

Henig provided an update on the work plan. The Commission has completed all the items except for the May 16 Creek Clean-up, which hadn't happened yet. He also recapped the presentation to Council, which he commended the chair and legislative committee members.

11. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

1. Reflection of the 2025-2026 term

During the reflection, the Commissioners reflected on a successful school year. Suggestions for next year mostly included items pertaining to OpportuniTEEN Fair such as having a posted schedule of the raffle, schedule of commission assignments, and more speakers in the gym. Henig also commended the commissioners who attended and presented at YAC Attack Conference.

2. Congratulations to outgoing seniors: Anna, Ben, Jacob, and Maya.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 6:28 p.m.