

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission
Draft Minutes
Monday, August 24, 2026 | 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Commissioner Ortega at 6:02 PM.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Gill led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT:

Abigail Nguyen, Commissioner
Diana Diakova, Commissioner
Jacob Ortega, Commissioner
Jaxson Liu, Commissioner
Jeremy Vu, Commissioner
Kacie Walker, Commissioner
Logan Gill, Commissioner
Sophia Gutiérrez, Commissioner
William Purdy, Commissioner

TARDY:

Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Commissioner
Ashleen Bhandal, Commissioner
Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting packet was posted on August 21, 2026.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 11, 2026 Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission

Commissioner Diakova motioned to approve the May 11, 2026 Minutes.
Commissioner Gill seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Commissioner Ortega opened public comment at 6:11 P.M.

Greg Felios - Stressed that pedestrian safety needs to be top of mind within the community with school back in session and also made the Commission aware of the upcoming election.

With no further speakers, Commissioner Ortega closed public comment.

7. INTRODUCTIONS

The Commission went around the table and shared their names and a fun fact about themselves.

8. ORIENTATION

Staff Member Henig provided a presentation. The presentation covered the purpose of the Youth Commission, what the Brown Act is, the Commission's bylaws, the current workplan, attendance and communication.

9. NEW BUSINESS

1. Elections for Chair, Vice Chair, and Treasurer for 2026-2027 Youth Commission

The Commission voted for the positions of Chair, Vice Chair and Treasurer.

For Chair, Commissioner Abaneh nominated himself. Commissioner Liu nominated Commissioner Vu, Commissioner Vu nominated Commissioner Liu and Commissioner Gutiérrez nominated Commissioner Diakova. Commissioner Diakova received the most votes and was selected as Chair.

For Vice Chair, Commissioners Gutiérrez and Purdy nominated themselves. Commissioner Vu nominated Commissioner Abaneh, Commissioner Abaneh nominated Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Ortega nominated Commissioner Bermudez, Commissioner Liu nominated Commissioner Vu and Commissioner Gutiérrez nominated Commissioner Bhandal. Commissioner Abaneh received the most votes and was selected as Vice Chair.

For Treasurer, Commissioner Purdy nominated himself. Commissioner Diakova nominated Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Vu nominated Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Abaneh nominated Commissioner Vu and Commissioner Bermudez nominated Commissioner Bhandal. Commissioner Nguyen received the most votes and was selected as Treasurer.

2. Recreation Needs Assessment Update

Staff Member Henig provided a report and update on the Recreation Needs Assessment.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Staff Member Henig shared that the next Youth Commission meeting will be held on September 14, 2026.

12. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Ortega adjourned the meeting at 7:41pm

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