

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission
Minutes
Monday, October 13, 2025 | 6:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order by Chair Nguyen at 6:01 p.m.

2. INTRODUCTIONS

Staff Liaison Henig introduced Commissioner Guterrez, who was then sworn in by City Clerk Mancera. An icebreaker game followed.

3. FLAG SALUTE

4. ROLL CALL

Attendance	Attendee Name
Present	Biruh Abaneh, Commissioner Alazander Cruz Bermudez, Commissioner Ashleen Bhandal, Commissioner Diana Diakova, Commissioner Sophia Guterrez, Commissioner Logan Gill, Commissioner Anna Nguyen, Commissioner Jacob Ortega , Commissioner Maya Sanchez, Commissioner Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner
Absent	Benedict Pham, Commissioner

5. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting packet was posted on October 10, 2025.

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

Motion to approve the minutes was made by Commissioner Sarath. Commissioner Diakova seconded. Motion passed 10-0-0.

7. PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

No comments were made by the public.

8. NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of FY26 Youth Commission Work Plan

The Commission discussed the following items on its work plan.

They brainstormed ideas that could become their adopted legislative issue. The following ideas were mentioned: a policy to spray and neuter stray cats within city limits given the influx; Replacing all plastic sold in Gilroy with seaweed plastic; Targeting homeless & providing essential resources for the; a health-care issue that impacts youth and teens. The Commission wants to brainstorm more ideas at its next meeting before they select a topic and form a committee.

For the intergenerational dance, the two committees—Music/Games and Décor/Theme—reported on their findings. Commissioner Gill, who is on Music/Games, mentioned the type of songs and list of games they plan to provide at the dance. For Decor/Theme, Commissioner Abaneh discussed the theme, types of decorations, and how the room will look on the night of the dance. Nguyen also mentioned adding movie posters on the wall. Both committees will meet again before the November meeting date. Commissioner Guterrez will join the decor/theme committee and offered to design the program flyer.

For Tech Day, since it's during GUSD's Thanksgiving break (not GECA's), three (possibly four) commissioners will support seniors with their technological devices from November 24 through November 26. They are commissioners Nguyen, Bermudez, Sarath, and possibly Pham.

During the apparel and logo design discussion, Sarath and Abaneh provided apparel options based. The Commission opted to go with purchasing both a T-shirt and a quarter-zip sweatshirt with a logo featured only on the front of each item. However, since the purchase of both items would be slightly over the budget maximum of \$550, Henig was going inquire if the Commission can use non-spent funds from intergenerational dance to cover the gap. If it cannot, then the Commission would opt for a two-sided logo T-shirt.

Four logo designs were presented by commissioners Bhandal and Sanchez. The Commissioners selected design number one, which was made by Sanchez. However, there were a few edits commissioners would like to make to the design. As a result, it was decided that Sarath, Abaneh, Bhandal, Sanchez, and Guterrez, would meet separately to finalize the design.

10. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Henig reminded the Commission if they had not RSVP to the November 20 Commission Recognition Dinner, they should do so as soon as possible. Also, he reminded them that he will only be sending emails to their city email account from here on out.

11. ADJOURNMENT - Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 7:27 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly adopted at a meeting of the Youth Commission of the City of Gilroy.

/s/ Adam Henig,
Secretary