

**City of Gilroy
Youth Commission Minutes
Monday, November 10, 2025 | 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 Sophia Guterrez, Commissioner Logan Gill, Commissioner Anna Nguyen, Commissioner Jacob Ortega , Commissioner Benedict Pham, Commissioner Maya Sanchez, Commissioner Thanmay Sarath, Commissioner
Absent	None

4. SECRETARY'S REPORT

The meeting packet was posted on November 7, 2025.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. Approval of the Minutes from October 13, 2025 Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission

Motion 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

1. Involvement in Youth Leadership Organizations

Henig and McPhillips reported on the Silicon Valley Youth Climate Action, a local youth activist organization focused on addressing climate change. Staff explained that even if the Commission decides not to pursue a legislative issue that pertains to the environment, they can still be engaged with the local chapter, Morgan Hill/Gilroy group.

Staff also shared information about the Association of California Youth Commissions (ACYC), who are hosting a virtual conference on Saturday, November 15. Three commissioners are planning to attend the conference--Pham, Ngyuen, and Bhandal. Henig has submitted an application to join ACYC and is waiting to hear back.

9. OLD BUSINESS

1. Discussion of FY26 Youth Commission Work Plan

The Commission discussed the following items on its work plan.

Henig provided an update on the Intergenerational Dance, including that there are no more tickets available; it's sold out at 70 attendees. The seating will consist of 10 tables, with 7 seniors and 1 youth commissioner at each table. Also, commissioners will meet with their dance committees one more time and there will be an all-commissioner scheduled set up for Wednesday, November 19 after school. The final setup will occur two hours before the dance begins (4:00 p.m.), which is scheduled for Friday, November 21 at 6:00 p.m.

On the legislative front, a committee was formed made up of Commissioners Gill, Ortega, Sanchez, Nguyen, Bhandal. They will meet prior to the next regularly scheduled meeting and make a recommendation to the commission in December about which legislative issue they should explore this term. Staff reminded the commission that the issue must be something that the City has jurisdiction over.

During the week of November 24, four commissioners volunteered to help seniors with their personal digital devices. They are commissioners Bermudez, Pham, Nguyen, and Sarath. Lastly, Commissioner Abaneh explained what's involved with Breakfast with Santa, which will occur on Saturday, December 6 at the Senior Center.

10. STAFF/COMMISSION COMMENTS

Henig reviewed the planning and setup schedule in the lead-up for the intergenerational dance.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Nguyen adjourned the meeting at 6:42 p.m.