

Youth Commission Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, May 8, 2023, at 6:30pm
Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Services Center/YAP
1730 Oregon St., Berkeley CA 94703

The Commission may discuss any items listed on the agenda but may take action only on items identified as Action.

1. Call to Order (Chair)
2. Roll Call (Secretary)
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair)
4. Approval of Minutes for April 10, 2023 (Chair)
5. Public Comments (2 min)
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Chair)
9. Youth Commission responsibility (Secretary)
10. Action: Youth Commission Work Plan 2023-24
11. Adjourn

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Kesarwani	Vacant	BUSD/Vasudeo	Vacant
Taplin	Vacant	BUSD/Babbitt	Nicholas Sanders
Bartlett	Teairra Brown	BUSD/Student Director	Vacant
Harrison	Vacant	BUSD/ Culter	Vacant
Hahn	Django Morgan	BUSD	Ki’ donyae Bell
Wengraf	Anna Khan-Akselrod	BUSD	Vacant
Robinson	Anjani Chokkalingam	BUSD	Nina Thompson
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In-Person

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1. Call to Order (Chair) 6:37pm
2. Roll Call (Secretary) Present: Weisberg, Khan-Akselrod, Chokkalingam, Morgan, Sanders, and Thompson. Absent: Powell. Excuse Absent: Khan-Akselrod
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair) M/S/Thompson/Weisberg; Aye's: Weisberg, Khan-Akselrod, Chokkalingam, Morgan, Sanders, and Thompson Noe's: none. Abstain: none. Absent: Powell and Khan-Akselrod.
4. Approval of Minutes for March 13, 2023 (Chair) M/S/Thompson/Chokkalingam; Aye's: Weisberg, Khan-Akselrod, Chokkalingam, Sanders, and Thompson Noe's: none. Abstain: Morgan. Absent: Powell and Khan-Akselrod.
5. Public Comments (2 min)
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Chair)
9. Discussion: Review the current Youth Commission Work Plan
10. Discussion: Create the 2023 Youth Commission Work Plan
11. Action: Form a Health Services Survey Sub-committee
M/S/Thompson/Mogan; Aye's: Weisberg, Khan-Akselrod, Chokkalingam, Sanders, Morgan, and Thompson Noe's: none. Absent: Powell and Khan-Akselrod.
12. Adjourn : 7:15pm, M/S/Thompson/Sanders; Aye's: Weisberg, Khan-Akselrod, Chokkalingam, Sanders, Morgan, and Thompson Noe's: none. Absent: Powell and Khan-Akselrod.

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Chapter 3.42

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Sections:

- 3.42.010 Created--Purpose.**
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- 3.42.040 Vacancy filling.**
- 3.42.070 Liaison representatives to other City entities.**
- 3.42.100 Organization, meetings, rules and procedures.**
- 3.42.120 Functions designated.**

Section 3.42.010 Created--Purpose.

A. A Youth Commission of the City is hereby established. Members shall be appointed as hereinafter in this chapter provided.

B. In order to give youth a voice in effecting City policy and services, the City Council and School Board strongly support the concept of a Youth Commission composed of youth and young adults between the ages of twelve and twenty-five. (Ord. 4896 NS § 1, 1976)

Section 3.42.020 Membership--Criteria for guiding appointments.

A. One member of the Youth Commission shall be appointed by each City Councilmember, in accordance with Ordinance 4780-NS, and nine members shall be appointed by the School Board, for a total composition of eighteen.

B. The following desirable criteria may guide, but not restrict, each councilmember and the School Board in making appointments:

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Section 3.42.030 Membership--Term.

The term of office of each member shall be one year. Members shall be eligible for reappointment for up to three terms, but in no event shall the term exceed four consecutive years on the commission, except as provided in Section 2.04.070 of this code. (Ord. 4896-NS § 3, 1976)

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City of Berkeley Youth Commission Work Plan

Mission: Identifies the needs of youth, reviews, and recommends youth services and programs.

Activity	Resources	Next Step	Goal
Mental health (survey at BUSD)	BHS student leadership Wellness and Support Project BHS BUSD administration Existing mental health counselors/health center staff at BUSD	Form a mental health subcommittee in the Youth Commission.	To increase the quality of mental health care and resources at Berkeley Public Schools.
Improving school lunch within BUSD	Meatless Mondays Club Meal coordinator within BUSD	Survey students about their experience with school lunch.	To improve lunch options at Berkeley High.
Expanding access to free meals	Meal coordinator within BUSD Organizers of current/past grocery pickup in Berkeley	Meet with BUSD admin about current and past projects that provide meals and groceries.	To expand free meal/grocery access to people in Berkeley.
Bathrooms at BHS	Principal Raygoza Janitorial staff	Identify specific issues relating to the bathrooms.	To improve the quality of student bathrooms at Berkeley High School.
School Resource Center	Principal Raygoza Ms. Parker (Parent Resource Center)	Reaching out to Ms. Parker to see what resources already exist and their status with the resource center.	To help supplement existing resources to increase the number of resources available to BUSD students and families experiencing homelessness, housing insecurity, and poverty.
BTA Carrer Center	Mr. Laurel Principal Weber (BTA Principal)	Email Mr. Laurel to clarify the rules for BTA students going to the CCC.	To increase access to college and career support for students attending BTA either within the school or through the

			CCC on the Berkeley High School campus.
BTA Nurse	Principal Weber (BTA Principal)	Email the BTA Prinicpal to ask about the limitations to the number of days with a nurse.	To increase the number of days that BTA students have access to health services requiring a nurse.