

Youth Commission Meeting

DRAFT MINUTES

Tuesday, October 15, 2024 at 6:30pm
Frances Albrier Community Center, Art & Craft RM
2800 Park 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): 6:37pm
2. Roll Call (Secretary): Present: Weisberg, Patel, Morgan, Powell, Marchesini, Droz and Kelly. Absent: Kahsay, Ormsby, Sanders, Gonzalez-Cotruello and Levenson.
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair): M/S: Macrhesini/Patel. Ayes: Weisberg, Morgan, Patel, Powell, Droz and Kelly. Noe's: None; Absent: Kahsay, Ormsby, Sanders, Gonzalez-Cotruello and Levenson.
4. Approval of Minutes for September 9, 2024 (Chair): M/S: Macrhesini/Morgan. Ayes: Weisberg, Patel, Powell and Droz. Noe's: None; Abstain: Kelly. Absent: Kahsay, Ormsby, Sanders, Gonzalez-Cotruello and Levenson.
5. Public Comments (2 min):
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Introductions (Chair)
9. Discussion: Work Plan
10. Action item: Approve Work Plan: M/S: Macrhesini/Patel. Ayes: Weisberg, Morgan, Patel, Powell, Droz and Kelly. Noe's: None; Absent: Kahsay, Ormsby, Sanders, Gonzalez-Cotruello and Levenson.
11. Discussion: Petition for new janitor at BHS, Chair
12. Adjourn: 7:19pm M/S: Macrhesini/Patel. Ayes: Weisberg, Morgan, Patel, Powell, Droz and Kelly. Noe's: None; Absent: Kahsay, Ormsby, Sanders, Gonzalez-Cotruello and Levenson.

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Commission Members

District	Name	District	Name
Mayor	Hannah Slattery Weisberg	BUSD/Brown	Khalid Powell
Kesarwani	Vacant	BUSD/Shanoski	Vacant
Taplin	Sifora Kahsay	BUSD/Babbitt	Nicholas Sanders
Bartlett	Diya Patel	BUSD/ Chang	Sofia Marchesini
Vacant	Vacant	BUSD/Student Director	Julio Gonzalez-Cotorruelo
Hahn	Django Morgan	BUSD	Vacant
Wengraf	Arson Ormsby	BUSD	Eva Levenson
Robinson	Vacant	BUSD	Vacant
Humbert	Vacant	BUSD	Jules Droz

Mission Statement

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City of Berkeley Youth Commission Work Plan 2025

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.
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.
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 Career 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.

Institute CBIM (Coaching Boys to Men) into more male teams at BHS	Mr. V BHS Athletics Department	Email Mr. V to see what has been done to integrate CBIM at Berkeley high. Make a petition and present it to BUSD. Make Bulletin Video and do class presentations. Make a subcommittee for class presentations	To increase consent education at BHS.
Spread awareness about Youth Commission	Commissioners Ms. Bryant	Find clubs related to civic action at BHS.	To create more youth engagement with the commission and recruit new people.
Student Safety	Principal Raygoza BPD Police board Student Safety Committee	Speak with BHS about police involvement on campus. Find out about current ways student safety is ensured and what can be improved on.	To ensure the safety of students at Berkeley Public schools.
Organize Youth Commission Event	Ms. Bryant Commissioners	Form an event planning subcommittee in the Youth Commission.	To provide an opportunity for youth to be civically engaged in the community.