Youth Commission

Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, October 13, 2026 at 6:30pm
Frances Albrier Community Center
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): 6:40pm
2. Roll Call (Secretary): Present: Weisberg, Hightower-Gaskin, Astera, Lutzker, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler, Geoghegan and Rashid. Absent: Braun, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Rohn, Hughes, Harrati and Rohman.
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair): M/S: Weisberg/Geoghegan. Ayes: Hightower-Gaskin, Astera, Lutzker, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler and Rashid. Noe's: None. Abstain: Braun, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Rohn, Hughes, Harrati and Rohman.
4. Approval of Minutes for September 14, 2026 (Chair): M/S: Weisberg/Astera. Aye's: Hightower-Gaskin, Lutzker, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler and Geoghegan. Noe's: None. Abstain: Rashid, Braun, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Rohn, Hughes, Harrati and Rohman.
5. Public Comments (2 min):
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair):
7. Director's Report
8. Discussion: Edits to Survey Questions
9. Action: Approval of Updated Survey: M/S: Weisberg/Geoghegan. Ayes: Hightower-Gaskin, Astera, Lutzker, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler and Rashid. Noe's: None. Abstain: Braun, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Rohn, Hughes, Harrati and Rohman
10. Discussion: Method for Sharing Survey
11. Action: Approval of Letter to Other Youth Commissions: M/S: Weisberg/Geoghegan. Ayes: Hightower-Gaskin, Astera, Lutzker, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler and Rashid. Noe's: None. Abstain: Braun, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Rohn, Hughes, Harrati and Rohman
12. Discussion: Update on Instagram Account
13. Adjorn: 7:01pm. M/S: Weisberg/Astera. Ayes: Hightower-Gaskin, Geoghegan, Lutzker, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler and Rashid. Noe's: None. Abstain: Braun, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Rohn, Hughes, Harrati and

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Mission Statement

The Berkeley Youth Commission identifies the needs of youth, reviews and recommends you services and recreation programs.