Recreation

Youth Commission Meeting

DRAFT AGENDA

Monday, September 14th, 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): 6:35pm
2. Roll Call (Secretary): Present: Weisberg, Hightower-Gaskin, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Astera, Lutzker, Rohn, Hughes, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler, Geoghegan, Harrati and Rohman. Absent: Fong, Patel and Rashid.
3. Approval of Agenda (Chair): M/S: Weisberg/Hughes. Ayes: Hightower-Gaskin, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Astera, Lutzker, Rohn, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler, Geoghegan, Harrati and Rohman. Noes: None. Abstain: Fong, Patel and Rashid.
4. Approval of Minutes for May 11, 2026 (Chair): M/S: Weisberg/Hughes. Ayes: Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Astera, Hughes, Meleis, Lewis-Pichler, Geoghegan, Harrati and Rohman Noes: None. Abstain: Marchesini, Rohn, Lutzker, Fong, Patel and Rashid.
5. Public Comments (2 min): 4 people spoke
6. Chair's Announcements (Chair)
7. Director's Report
8. Panel of School Board Members Regarding Controversial Topics Policy
9. Q&A Regarding Controversial Topics Policy
10. Discussion: Potential Collaboration with San Francisco Youth Commision
11. Discussion: Creation of a Youth Commission Email Account
12. Action: Creation of a Youth Commission Email Account
13. Adjorn: 7:48pm. M/S: Weisberg/Astera. Ayes: Hightower-Gaskin, Shapiro, Marshall-Lappe, Lutzker, Rohn, Hughes, Meleis, Marchesini, Lewis-Pichler, Geoghegan, Harrati and Rohman. Noes: None. Abstain: Fong, Patel and Rashid.

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Youth Commission Members

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Mayor	Hannah Slattery Weisberg	BUSD/Brown	Vacant
Kesarwani	Monique Hightower-Gaskin	BUSD/Corn	Kiara Hughes
Taplin	Reece Fong	BUSD/Vasudeo	Karim Meleis
Bartlett	Diya Patel	BUSD/ Chang	Neela Marchesini
Tregub	Lyla Shapiro	BUSD/Shanoski	Nuri Lewis-Pichler
O'Keefe	Ida Marshall-Lappe	BUSD	Neshia Geoghegan
Blackaby	Maia Astera	BUSD	Radiah Rashid
Lunaparra	Thea Lutzker	BUSD	Mayssa Harrati
Humbert	Yoshi Robn	BUSD	Charlotte Rohman

Mission Statement

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