

# Yolo County Youth Commission

## General Meeting Minutes 03.11.2023

### 1.0 OPENING PROCEDURES.

1.1 Call to Order and Roll Call. The Yolo County Youth Commission met on March 11, 2023 at a Regular Youth Commission meeting session in person.

1.2 Youth Commission members present were: Lotus Trevino, Olivia Brandon, Jennifer Muheim, Zainab Waqar, Isabelle Chan-De Silva, Edelsy Balderrama Orozco Lupita, Jazmin Garcia, Riya Vij, Chloe Paul, Rabia Riaz, Absent were Angel Magana, Emilio Rivera. Miles Mariani and Jesse Valle and Hope Marie Cherry. (Roll Call Held).

1.3 Land Acknowledgement Statement. The land acknowledgment was conducted.

1.4 Pledge of Allegiance. The pledge of allegiance was conducted.

### 2.0 Approval of Agenda + Minutes 02/11

**MOTION:** Vij **SECOND:** Riaz **AYES:** Trevino, Brandon, Muheim, Waqar, Chan-De Silva, Balderamma, Garcia, Paul **NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Angel Magana, Miles Mariani, Jesse Valle and Hope Cherry

### 3.0 Public Comment:

None.

### 4.0 Presentation:

4.1 Addressing the first Yolo County High School Voter Registration Campaign  
Drucella Miranda Introduced Judy Higgerson, Voter Registration Chair for the League of Women Voters.

Judy Higgerson and Maria Coronel - outreach specialist from the elections office presented a power point.

Questions included:

Commissioner Muheim

- In regard to voter registration drives, will be providing additional information beyond letting students know they can register?
  - Is there curriculum that will be offered at the drives?

Judy Higerson-

- The Board of registration drive will take an initial step to inform and engage youth. Curriculum that will be offered, importance of voting in California as well as upcoming local election information were discussed.

Commissioner Garcia-

- What is the percentage of Yolo County Youth that is registered to vote currently?

Judy Higerson-

- This is a great question we will follow up with an email as there is different categories based on age.

(Resolution to be approved by March 14, 2023)

## **5.0 County Services:**

### **5.1 Chad Rinde, Chief Financial Officer for Yolo County**

- Chad Rinde was unable to attend in person but shared a power point via pre-recorded video in regards to county budget and the services the county provides.

## **6.0 Looking Ahead.**

### **6.1 Review what 2023 will look like for the Commission.**

Commissioner Garcia- Community Engagement Sessions

- Youth Commission will be deciding on the number of Ad-hoc groups.
  - We will be working on a community engagement plan to survey the youth community.
  - We will be doing social media outreach.
  - We will attend events and speak with the youth community.
  - In July, go over all the applications received.
  - Review budget/ applications/spending the money?
  - In November, we re-apply for reappointment.
  - Annual report needs to be prepared.

Commissioner Vij-

- May 15<sup>th</sup> the Ad-hoc reports need to be back to discuss.
  - Work on determining the priorities to present to the Board of Supervisors.
  - Create and review a spread sheet process that we will go over through the month of July.
  - September 9<sup>th</sup> , finalize the budget and grantees.
  - December begins working on the plan for 2024.

Motion to change May meeting to May 20<sup>th</sup>.

**MOTION** : Wagar **SECOND**: Paul **AYES**: Trevino, Brandon, Muheim, Chan-De Silva, Balderamma, Garcia, Vij, Riaz **NOES**: None **ABSENT**: Angel Magana, Miles Mariani, Jesse Valle and Hope Cherry

BREAK 12:57-1:08

## 7.0 **District 3 Update.**

### 7.1 Youth and Young Adult Resource Fair

Commissioner Garcia

- Commented that she was disappointed that the event was promoted as a youth and young adult event but was only geared for adults.
  - The Yolo Youth Commission almost had no interest because they were not looking for employment.

Commissioner Chan-De Silva

- Commented she felt that it was a great opportunity to reach out to the smaller businesses or places that were offering jobs.

### 7.2 ALL IN Community Engagement Session

Commissioner Garcia

- Attended ALL IN session in the community.
  - She mentions that she felt welcomed when presented.
  - No youth members present.
  - Not geared for youth even though the event was promoted for the youth.

Commissioner Balderamma

- Commented all the people were genuinely nice.
  - Enjoyed the atmosphere and the people.

Commissioner Chan-De Silva

- Commented there were hard working people and people were excited.
  - Questioned was this event really for youth stated that this flyer was given from Drucella because even though it was geared for the youth it was not shared with the youth.

## 8.0 Youth Forward Training-Community Engagement Plan

### 8.1 Promising Practices for community engagement

Nia Mooreweathers Community Organizer from Youth Forward

- A mentimeter was shared with the Youth Commission. Topics that were covered were:
  - What are your social identifiers?
  - Power and racial equity.
  - Community organization with youth forward.
  - Who are you? We all enter the racial equity conversation.
  - What is power in relation to community organizing?

BREAK 1:52 time out 2:02

## 9.0 Ice Breaker/Energizer

Drucella Miranda, YCOE Yolo Youth Commission Lead

- Ancestor rock paper scissors activity played.
- Dance Activity Played.

## 10. Creation of Ad Hoc Groups

Commissioner Garcia

- Would like three groups 1. Consulting group to work with Valley Vision2. Outreach 3.Engagement session having to attend all sessions setting up and cleaning up.
  - The plan should be centering ideas for funding programs, information was provided from ALL IN sessions from parents. Second idea was scholar ships. Third idea was youth enrichment programs investing in the youth where they can come and learn important topics. Fourth idea was transportation services to get them to activities.
  - Education and youth centered recreational activities.
  - Equity ride share a lot the people in West Sacramento have access to transportation no bus and its dangerous. Free transportation is now provided.

Commissioner Brandon

- Music and art and health and also a language program.
  - Spoke about a class at their current school building foundation for success, learning life skills.

Commissioner Paul

- It is Important to have civic engagement opportunities.
  - Youth voice to be heard as well as focus on mental health.
  - Also agreed with commissioner Brandon on music and art programs.

Commissioner Chan-De Silva

- Programs that help learn life skills youth development different ways of how the world works.
  - Suggested having fun and active activities that draw them in.

Commissioner Trevino

- Commented there are no electives at his school and a lot of students request that. Electives are needed peers are requesting Spanish at the moment.

Commissioner Muheim

- Recommended more programs like CTE pathways students that don't want to go to college Career technical education offers opportunities and resources.
  - Anything that makes resources available to you and mentoring and sports programs.

Youth Commission all agreed on accessible resources and opportunities for youth to gain and learn skills.

- Questioned: What age range do we want to support?

A Motion to adopt the words: Value, accessibility, youth voice, center lead, diversity, representation and equity.

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Yolo Youth Commission agreed on three ad hoc groups: Consulting, Outreach and Engagement.

Commissioner Muheim

- Asked about consulting with Valley Vison bridge between outreach, equity, and voices are heard. Engagement would get youth to come out, attending all the sessions.
  - Suggests utilizing social media and speaking with their own school face to face.
  - DJUSD school district have the extended periods and have assemblies.

Commissioner Riaz left 3:06 p.m.

Commissioner Balderamma stepped out 3:07 p.m. and was back on 3:19 p.m.

Commissioner Waqar

- Agrees she can spread the information with posters and brochures at her school.

Motion to finalize the ad-hoc groups.

**MOTION**: Vij **SECOND**: Muheim **AYES**: Trevino, Brandon, Muheim, Chan-De Silva, Balderamma, Garcia, Wagar, Paul. **NOES**: None **ABSENT**: Angel Magana, Miles Mariani, Jesse Valle, and Hope Cherry, Rabia Riaz.

10.1 Outreach group: Edelsy Balderamma, Chloe Paul, Jennifer Muheim, Rija vij, Isabelle Chan-De Silva,

10.2 Consulting group: Mariani, cherry, Zainab Wagar, Trevino, Brandon

10.3 Engagement group: Garcia, Isablle Chan-De silva, Jennifer Muheim, Rija Vij

- Commissioners separated into groups to set times for meetings.

Commissioner Chan-De Silva stepped out 3:25 p.m. and back 3:31 p.m.

## 11. **Announcements.**

11.1 Birthdays in March and April

Commissioner Muheim

- Taught the group happy birthday inASL.

April. Birthday shout out to commissioner Garcia and Balderrama in the month of March and

Drucella Miranda, YCOE Yolo Youth Commission Lead

- Calendar was gone over.

11.2 Youth Futures Summit

Climate action and change event will be on 3.12.2023.

There will be no meeting in April for business.

## 12. **Reflection and Closing**

Drucella Miranda, YCOE Yolo Youth Commission Lead

Menti-meter was used for closing the topics were:

- I can work towards growing....
- I am proud of me because...
- I am proud\_\_\_ of because...
- I learned....

## 13. **ADJOURNMENT.** The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 p.m.

**MOTION:** Wagar **SECOND:** Chan-De Silva **AYES:** Trevino, Brandon, Muheim, Balderamma, Vij, Paul.

**NOES:** None **ABSENT:** Miles Mariani, Jesse Valle, Hope Marie Cherry, Emilio Rivera, Rabia Riaz.