



STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
VIRTUAL MEETING
<https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov/>

Thursday, February 23, 2023

6:30 PM



Video for the entire meeting. (23-0952)

Attachments: [Video](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order and Roll Call. (23-0562)

Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega-Martinez called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and County Staff conducted Roll call.

Present: Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Jacob Jackson, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Myriah Smiley and Commissioner Angela Young

Absent: Commissioner Ezekiel Nishiyama, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Flo Valenzuela

2. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - January 19, 2023 Regular Meeting
 - January 24, 2023 Training Meeting (23-0563)

On motion of Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Co-Chair Hernandez, and duly carried, the minutes from the meetings of January 19, 2023 and January 24, 2023, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Jacob Jackson, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Myriah Smiley and Commissioner Angela Young

Absent: 4 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Ezekiel Nishiyama, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - January 19, 2023](#)
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - January 24, 2023](#)

II. REPORTS

3. Leadership Report by the Co-Chairs. (23-0564)

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr., reported that the Leadership Team and Executive Director, Tiara Summers, have been discussing the following:

- **The resumption of in person meetings;**
- **Required trainings for Commissioners; and**
- **Aligning the visions of the Executive Director and Leadership Team.**

Commissioners will be contacted for feedback and to determine how Commissioners can be supported in their work with their respective Supervisorial Districts.

4. Executive Director's Report. (23-0565)

Executive Director, Tiara Summers, introduced new staff members Vivian Martirosyan, Management Analyst, and Patrice Clausell, Career Development Intern. She also congratulated David Carroll, the newly appointed Director for the Department of Youth Development. She reported that the position for Senior Staff Analyst is still pending.

III. UPDATES

5. Operations Committee update by Angela Young, Chair, Operations Committee. (23-0566)

Commissioner Young, Chair, Operations Committee (OPS), stated that the last OPS meeting was held on Monday, January 23, 2023, where participation and compensation models were intended to be discussed regarding recruitment of new Commissioners. In review of the commission's Bylaws, it was determined that Committee efforts are limited to the selection of new commissioners. The possibility of creating an ad hoc to address those areas is being considered.

6. Youth Engagement Committee update by La'Toya Cooper, Chair, Youth Engagement Committee. (23-0567)

Executive Director Summers presented on behalf of Chair Cooper, Youth Engagement Committee. She reported that the YEC is working on a communication plan with Max Wertz, Public Information Assistant, regarding social media postings, the creation of a newsletter, and the upcoming listening sessions.

7. Ad-Hoc Committee on Policy and Programming update by Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., Chair, Ad-Hoc Committee on Policy and Programming. (23-0568)

Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Policy and Programming, indicated that the Committee was not able to meet last month and there is no update at this time.

Kimberly Rachel, Member of the Public, addressed the Commission.

IV. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and take appropriate action relating to the time and location of in-person Commission meetings. (23-0713)

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr., facilitated a discussion regarding the resumption of in-person meetings beginning in March. He reported that Youth Commission meetings will be held at a Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration. Logistics were discussed as well as the possibility of transportation accommodations for Commissioners who do not have access to personal transportation. A proposal to change the meeting time from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. to 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. was discussed.

Julia Almanzan, County Counsel, briefly clarified meeting rules of the Ralph M. Brown Act and Executive Director Summers indicated that additional discussion regarding the requirements under AB 2449 for just cause and emergency circumstance will be forthcoming.

Co-Chair Hernandez voiced her concern regarding the proposed meeting location of the Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration in Los Angeles.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Young, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and duly carried, the Youth Commission approved regular meetings to be held monthly on a Thursday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at least ten times per year by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Jacob Jackson, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Myriah Smiley and Commissioner Angela Young

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Ezekiel Nishiyama, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

9. Discussion on the Operations Committees' current membership, and nominations and election of Chair. (23-0714)

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr. facilitated the discussion regarding nominations for Chair of the Operations Committee and asked if Commissioners were interested. Commissioner Young indicated that she preferred continuing the item to a future meeting when [[a full quorum of members is in attendance]].

Discussion ensued regarding the Co-Chairs' responsibilities of appointing Chairs to the various committees provided that the process is conducted in a fair and equitable manner. Commissioner Elizondo voiced his interest in serving as Chair of the Operations Committee. No other nominations were made.

After discussion, Co-Chairs Hernandez and Ortega Martinez, Jr., indicated that they would allow more time for commissioners to express their interest and that they would appoint the committee chair at a later time.

10. Discussion on the Youth Engagement Committees' current membership, and nominations and election of Chair. (23-0715)

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr. indicated that he will work with Co-Chair Hernandez to appoint a committee chair from those interested.

11. Discussion led by Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega-Martinez, Jr., on the possibility of organizing an International Youth Summit and take appropriate action on next steps. (23-0717)

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr., provided a summary on the concept of hosting an International Youth Summit. He reported that he has had discussions with members of the public and various organizations regarding collaboration, including non-government organizations from different countries.

Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr. said the proposed Summit would include discussions on Guaranteed Basic Income, poverty, training sessions on diplomacy and conflict resolution, table etiquette, and all the various protocols and aspects that affect a youth's future.

Discussion ensued and various Commissioners voiced their support for the International Youth Summit.

Andre Moton and La Mikia Castillo, members of the public, addressed the Commission.

On motion of Co-Chair Hernandez and seconded by Commissioner Flores Urrutia, the motion to explore the possibility of organizing an International Youth Summit was approved* by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Myriah Smiley and Commissioner Angela Young

Abstentions: 4 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Jacob Jackson and Commissioner Brittianna Robinson

Absent: 3 - Commissioner Ezekiel Nishiyama, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Flo Valenzuela

***Although the motion was approved by a majority of the commissioners present as required by the bylaws, the motion was erroneously announced as failed during the meeting.**

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- 12.** Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on item(s) of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-0569)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

- 13.** Commissioner discussion of matters not posted on the agenda, to be considered, and placed on the agenda at a future meeting of the Commission. (23-0570)

The following item was requested to be placed on the agenda at a future meeting:

- **Extend an invitation to Point Source Youth and Chapin Hall to speak on the Universal Basic Income and Direct Cash Transfer programs in L.A. County.**

14. Adjournment. (23-0571)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Smiley, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.