



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (YEC)  
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION  
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM 374-A  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012  
<https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov>**

**Monday, July 10, 2023**

**6:30 PM**

Video for the Entire Meeting. (23-2594)

**Attachments:** [VIDEO](#)

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgement. (23-2500)

**Chair La Toya Cooper called the meeting to order at 6:47 p.m., County Staff conducted Roll Call, and Commissioner Pena read the County Land Acknowledgement Statement.**

Present: Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Myriah Smiley

Absent: Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia and Commissioner Jacob Jackson

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2023. (23-2501)

**On motion of Commissioner Smiley, seconded by Commissioner Robinson, and duly carried (Commissioners Jackson and Flores Urrutia being absent), the minutes from the meeting of June 12, 2023 were approved.**

**Attachments:** [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion regarding the District 4 Listening Session held on June 17, 2023. (23-2505)

**YEC Chair Cooper offered brief remarks on the Fourth Supervisorial District Listening Session held on June 17, 2023. She invited Commissioner Robinson to share her thoughts. Commissioner Robinson suggested ensuring a podium is available for speakers, having an audio system, and adding more activities during down time between speakers.**

**Discussion ensued and Commissioners referenced the following:**

- **In the future, consider focus groups so that youth in attendance can participate in the discussions.**
- **Being in the direct sun was difficult.**
- **The location of the Listening Session was family friendly and the personal hygiene products in the grab bags were a great idea.**
- **The knowledge that the panelists provided was enlightening. Formal introduction of panelists and attendees could help with interactions.**
- **Positive feedback was received regarding the County Library and important information shared in real time and well as services from The RightWay Foundation.**

**An unidentified member of the public addressed the Committee via Zoom.**

4. Discussion regarding an action plan, reference guide, and/or check list to prepare for future Listening Sessions. (23-2506)

**YEC Chair Cooper provided brief remarks on the various listening sessions that have already taken place in First and Fifth Supervisorial Districts. She discussed the areas of improvement such as location, transportation, partnerships and resources. She suggested that a blueprint be drafted for the things that worked well and on the improvements that can be made to ensure future successful events. Discussion ensued and the following suggestions were made:**

**Each Listening Session should have:**

- **A panel discussion and/or Focus group whereby youth become involved in the discussion.**
- **Easily accessible event location.**
- **Enlist assistance from the Department of Children and Family Services to transport foster youth.**
- **Ensure that there are enough Commissioners in attendance (under quorum) to interact with youth on a personal basis.**

- **Provide interactive activities and gift cards provided by outside organizations.**
- **Provide an art section where youth can create a vision board.**
- **Identify creative ways to collect data.**
- **Utilize social media to promote upcoming listening sessions and collect responses from youth.**
- **Maintain a specific time frame, allowing time for registration. However, ensure that the panel discussion is the first item on the agenda.**

**Executive Director Summers indicated that she is working with an organization regarding transportation to listening sessions and that the logistics will be worked out with each Supervisorial District on a case-by-case basis).**

**Discussion continued regarding various promotional items to include in the swag bags, such as pens with flashlights, journals, and highlighters. Also collaborating with various organizations to provide a resource packet. Ideas noted for the Action Plan included a mandatory survey and data collection at every event, either paper copy or mobile survey and a live survey on the website so that information is received in real time.**

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- 5. Discussion regarding plans for the upcoming District 3 Listening Session. (23-2507)**

**YEC Chair Cooper reviewed the potential timeline to have all the listening sessions completed by the end of the year. She suggested that there be a meeting of less than a quorum with District 3 Commissioners to discuss time and location, with assistance from other Commissioners to help with coordination. Commissioners Peña and Smiley volunteered to work with YEC Chair Cooper to coordinate the next listening session with District 3 Commissioners.**

**In response to Commissioner Smiley's inquiry, one listening session per District is intended to be completed this year, with two listening sessions per District next year. It was suggested that Commissioners also attend events coordinated by other community organizations. Discussion ensued regarding stipends for attending events.**

**Member of the public, Andre DeShawn Moten of the AMADD Institute, addressed the Committee.**

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

6. Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on item(s) not on the agenda, that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (23-2508)

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7. Adjournment. (23-2509)

**On motion of Commissioner Smiley, seconded by Commissioner Peña, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.**