



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
2024 END-YEAR STRATEGIC PLANNING RETREAT  
510 S. VERMONT AVE, CONFERENCE ROOM B & C  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90020  
<https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov>**

**Saturday, November 2, 2024**

**11:00 AM**



**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgment. (24-5002)

**Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez called the meeting to order at 11:39 a.m. and County Staff conducted Roll Call. Commissioner Clarissa Peña read the County Land Acknowledgement.**

Present: Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez, Commissioner Myriah Smiley and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Absent: Commissioner Sherrie Bradford and Commissioner Angela Young

2. Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on any item(s) on the agenda. (24-5076)

**No members of the public addressed the Youth Commission.**

**II. DISCUSSIONS AND ACTION ITEM**

3. Discussion and approval of three potential areas of focus that will lead the work of the Youth Commission. (24-5064)

**Executive Director, Tiara Summers, opened the floor to discussion and approval on three potential focus areas that will lead the Youth Commission's (YC) work in 2025.**

She reported that the Surveys obtained from youth at the five Supervisorial District Listening Sessions, and other events, listed the following areas of concern for the youth, in order of importance:

- Mental Health
- Employment
- Entertainment
- Education
- Juvenile Justice

The sub-categories of each item were reviewed and regarding whether to choose three or five focus areas.

After discussion, on motion of Commissioner Martine Jones, seconded by Commissioner Cristopher Espino, and duly carried, the Youth Commission approved five focus areas for 2025:

- Mental Health
- Employment
- Entertainment
- Education
- Juvenile Justice

The motion was carried by the following vote:

**Ayes:** 7 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez and Commissioner Myriah Smiley

**Noes:** 5 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

**Abstentions:** 1 - Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr.

**Absent:** 2 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford and Commissioner Angela Young

4. Discussion regarding the Youth Commission's 2024 District Listening Sessions. (24-5070)

**Co-Chair Hernandez opened the floor to discussion regarding the Youth Commission's 2024 Supervisorial District Listening Sessions, and introduced Max Wetz, Communication Liaison, and Vivian Martirosyan, Management Analyst to discuss the Listening Sessions. They provided the data from the five Listening Sessions:**

- **270 Youth attended**
- **58 Vendors participated**
- **97 Surveys were collected**

**Mr. Wetz encouraged the Commissioners to establish collaboration amongst themselves and to tap into each other's strengths, and to stay in constant communication. He indicated that Dan Wheeler, Outreach Coordinator, will continue to work to bring youth to the Listening Sessions as he continues to connect with the community.**

**Ms. Martirosyan, commended the Commissioners on their ability to pivot during Listening Sessions and how important it is to continue to support one another. She spoke about date restrictions and informed that there will be no Listening Sessions conducted in January to allow for a CSEC Empowerment Event. The Listening Sessions will be scheduled from February through August 2025. She encouraged establishing and retaining partnerships for at least a two-year period. She then asked Commissioners to consider the following in advance to streamline preparation of all Listening Sessions:**

- **Location**
- **Date and timeframe**
- **Theme**
- **Date for Save the Date (at least 45 days in advance)**
- **Date for Invitation Flyer (at least 30 days in advance)**
- **Food, specialty Items, or activities**
- **Ways in which the youth will be engaged**

5. Breakout Session - Social and Emotional Connections Group, facilitated by Calibrate. (24-5065)

**The meeting recessed at 12:17 p.m. for a Breakout Session on Social and Emotional Connections Group facilitated by Calibrate.**

**The meeting reconvened to open session at 1:29 p.m. There was no reportable action.**

6. Recess. (24-5073)

**The meeting was recessed for lunch at 1:29 p.m. The meeting reconvened to open session at 2:43 p.m.**

7. Breakout Session - Discussion on the Youth Commission's 2025 Youth/Community Engagement Events (District Listening Sessions). (24-5074)

**The meeting was recessed for a Breakout Session at 2:45 p.m. to discuss the Youth Commission's 2025 Youth/Community Engagement Events.**

**The meeting reconvened to open session at 3:37 p.m. There was no reportable action.**

8. Discussion regarding agenda items to be placed on the Youth Commission's next meeting Agenda scheduled for Thursday, November 21, 2024. (24-5075)

**There were no items presented.**

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

9. 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. (24-5077)

**Mark Niehaus, Member of the Public, addressed the Commission.**

10. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (24-5079)

**On motion of Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Florencia Valenzuela, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.**