



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

**Thursday, November 21, 2024**

**6:30 PM**

Video for the entire meeting. (24-6073)

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

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgment. (24-5197)

**Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr. called the meeting to order at 6:52 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call. Commissioner Clarissa Peña read the County's Land Acknowledgement.**

Present: Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

Absent: Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

2. Awareness Video - "Love Listens - Parents Can Help Prevent Child Trafficking." (24-5453)

**The Awareness Video "Love Listens Parents Can Help Prevent Child Trafficking" by Love 146 was shown.**

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

3. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of September 26, 2024. (24-5205)

**On motion of Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, and duly carried, the minutes from the meeting of September 26, 2024, were approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Brittianna Robinson

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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4. Approval of minutes from the special meeting of October 7, 2024. (24-5211)

**On motion of Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, seconded by Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, and duly carried, the minutes from the meeting of October 7, 2024, were approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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5. Approval of minutes from the special meeting of October 26, 2024. (24-5223)

**On motion of Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Clarissa Peña, and duly carried, the minutes from the meeting of October 27, 2024, were approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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6. Approval of minutes from the special meeting of November 2, 2024. (24-5231)

**On motion of Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, seconded by Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, and duly carried, the minutes from the meeting of November 2, 2024, were approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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7. Approval of the 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule. (24-5420)

**Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr. presented the 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule (Schedule) for approval.**

**After discussion, Commissioners agreed to revise the Schedule to remove the October 23rd meeting in anticipation of a Special Meeting date to be determined, and to correct the March 2025 meeting date from March 28th to March 27th.**

**On motion of Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, seconded by Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, and duly carried, the 2025 Commission Meeting Schedule was approved as amended by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittiana Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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## **II. REPORTS**

8. Leadership Report.  
• "I See You" Shout Out (24-5232)

**Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., opened the floor for the "I See You" Shout Out. Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez representing the First Supervisorial District, highlighted Jesse Aguilar, the Executive Director of Journey House, and spoke about his creation of artistic spaces and visual performing arts programs in the community.**

**Executive Director, Tiara Summers, reported that the Youth Commission has been named in seven Board Motions. Therefore, going forward, the agenda will have a standing item for a regular update on Board Motion collaborations.**

9. Presentation of the 2025 Commission Nomination Slate and Election of Officers.  
(24-5434)

**Election Chair Christian Gudiel introduced the slate of nominees for the two Co Chair positions for the 2025 Term as follows: Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., and Commissioner Joshua Elizondo. Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez nominated Commissioner Clarissa Peña. Commissioner Peña accepted the nomination. No additional nominations were made.**

**Election Chair Gudiel closed the nominations and invited the nominees to make remarks on their qualifications. Commissioners Elizondo, Peña, Co-Chair Hernandez, and Co-Chair Ortega Martinez, Jr., made statements in support of their election.**

**On motion of Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, seconded by Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez, the Nomination Slate for 2025 was approved and said motion was duly carried by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

**Election Chair Gudiel instructed Commissioners to complete their ballot, staff collected ballots for tabulation and the item was tabled.**

**Later in the meeting, this item was recalled and Election Chair Gudiel reported that there was a tie between two candidates and Commissioners were provided with a second ballot. By Common Consent, there being no objection, the item was tabled for a report on the tabulation of ballots and vote.**

**Later in the meeting, after the tabulation of ballots, Election Chair Gudiel reported that Co-Chair Hernandez and Commissioner Elizondo received the majority of votes.**

**On motion of Commissioner Cristopher Espino, seconded by Commissioner**

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**Evelyn K. Rodriguez, and duly carried, the election of Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez and Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, as Co-Chairs was approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 9 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 6 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

10. Commissioner Reports on Activities and Events attended on behalf of the Youth Commission. (24-5233)

**Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez opened the floor to Commissioner Reports on Activities and Events attended on behalf of the Youth Commission. Commissioners presented the following reports:**

**Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., represented the Commission at the United Nations in New York on November 14, 2024. Topics included Human Trafficking and Child Abuse. The International Youth Conference will hold an event at UCLA on May 1 through 4, 2025.**

**Commissioner Joshua Elizondo represented the Commission as a panelist at the Children Hospital Los Angeles' Youth Health Symposium. Commissioners Evelyn K. Rodriguez and Florencia Urrutia were also in attendance. He will also present the Ralph M. Brown Act rules at the Commission Networking Forum for Supervisor Kathryn Barger on December 9, 2024.**

**Commissioner Christian Gudiel attended the Department of Youth Development's Youth Summit. Also in attendance were Commissioners Sherrie Bradford, Myriah Smiley, Dan Wheeler, Outreach Coordinator, and Executive Director Tiara Summers.**

**Commissioner Clarissa Peña attended the Transitional Age Youth's Housing Workgroup. She noted that Housing Voucher distribution is increasing.**

**Commissioner Brittianna Robinson reported on the Child Trafficking Leadership Team and how various departments within the County of Los**

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**Angeles are working toward the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) event to be held on January 25, 2025, whereby survivors and survivor advocates will be uplifted.**

**Commissioner Cristopher Espino represented the Youth Commission as a panelist at the Arts Education Forum in October. The focus was on trauma informed care and utilizing various art forms in healing. On a personal note, he has been named as an Obama Foundation Chesky Voyager Scholar. The Scholarship is issued to students involved in public service.**

### **III. DISCUSSION**

- 11. Discussion on potential topics for the Youth Commission's 2025 Roundtable Discussions. (24-5445)**

**This Item was tabled. Later in the meeting Executive Director, Tiara Summers, discussed potential topics for the Youth Commission's 2025 Roundtable discussions, and who should make presentations based on the five focus areas. Discussion ensued. During discussion the following County Departments were suggested:**

- Department of Mental Health.**
- Department of Probation.**
- Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), and various divisions within DCFS.**
- Department of Youth Development.**
- Economic and Workforce Development Department.**
- Homeboy Industries, Inside Out Writers, and Labor Unions.**
- Department of Arts and Culture, and Community Based Organizations.**
- Department of Parks and Recreation.**
- Department of Transportation.**
- Department of Public Social Services.**
- Departments involved in Trauma Informed Care.**

**Discussion ensued regarding structure of presentations and time frames. Also, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson suggested utilizing the Listening Sessions to invite some of the entities listed. Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., also reminded the Commissioners of their ability to connect with individuals at the various Departments one on one.**

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#### **IV. UPDATES AND ACTION ITEMS**

12. Operations Committee (OPS) update by Committee Chair Joshua Elizondo and Recommendation to reconsider the following video scripts and delegate authority to the OPS to make additional revisions to the scripts, as needed:

What is the Youth Commission?

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

How to Apply (Walkthrough) (24-5239)

**Operations Committee Chair Joshua Elizondo provided an update regarding two upcoming vacancies. He then opened the floor for the Operations Committee's (OPS) recommendation to reconsider the following video scripts and delegate authority to the OPS to make additional revisions to the scripts as needed.**

- **What is the Youth Commission?**
- **Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)**
- **How to Apply (Walkthrough)**

**On motion of Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Co Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez, Jr., and duly carried, the recommendation to approve the video scripts was reconsidered, and the added delegated authority to OPS to make additional revisions to the scripts, as needed, was approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 8 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Brittianna Robinson and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

**Absent:** 7 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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13. Youth Engagement Committee (YEC) update by Committee Chair La'Toya Cooper. (24-5250)

**Commissioner Clarissa Peña provided an update on the Youth Engagement Committee. She reported that the Youth Survey is being revised for the 2025 Listening Sessions. She provided a draft of the survey for the**



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consideration. Executive Director, Tiara Summers, reviewed the revisions that included follow up questions regarding mental health concerns as well as how respondents prefer to complete the survey. Question 6 "What are you most interested in?" and Question 7 "What would you like the Commission to advocate for?" were also expanded. Discussion ensued regarding adding a LGBTQ+ identifier to the survey. During the meeting, County Counsel was consulted regarding adding the question.

On motion by Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, seconded by Commissioner Cristopher Espino, and duly carried, the survey amendment to add a demographic question regarding sexual orientation, was approved by the following vote:

- Ayes:** 5 - Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez
- Noes:** 1 - Commissioner Brittianna Robinson
- Abstentions:** 2 - Co-Chair Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr. and Commissioner Christian Gudiel
- Absent:** 7 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Myriah Smiley, Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela and Commissioner Angela Young

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## **V. MISCELLANEOUS**

14. 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. (24-5256)

**No Members of the Public addressed the Youth Commission**

15. Commissioner discussion of matters not posted on the agenda, to be considered, and placed on the agenda at a future meeting of the Commission. (24-5262)

**There was no discussion on matters to be considered and placed on the agenda at a future meeting.**

16. Adjournment. (24-5268)

**The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 30, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.**

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**On motion of Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, seconded by Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.**