



**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, March 27, 2025

6:30 PM



Video for the entire meeting. (25-1951)

Attachments: [VIDEO](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgment. (25-1603)

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo called the meeting to order at 6:48 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call. Commissioner Christian Gudiel read the County's Land Acknowledgment.

Present: Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez. Commissioner La'Toya Cooper joined online.

Absent: Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo reported that Commissioner La'Toya Cooper requested to attend the meeting remotely due to just cause. Commissioner Cooper confirmed that the request was due to just cause, and there were no persons over the age of 18 present at her location.

2. Awareness Video (25-1611)

A video titled, Women's History Month, why it was born and why it is preserved in March, Just the Facts, by U.S.A. Today was shown.

Attachments: [VIDEO](#)

3. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of February 27, 2025.
(25-1618)

On motion of Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Cristopher Espino, and duly carried, the minutes from the regular meeting of February 27, 2025 were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Co-Chair Amanda Hernandez and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

Absent: 6 - Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

4. Presentation and vote on the 2025 Youth Engagement Committee Nomination Slate and Election of Committee Chair. (25-1690)

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo reported that Commissioner Sherry Bradford has been appointed to the Youth Engagement Committee (YEC) as its new Chair. Former Chair, Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, congratulated Commissioner Bradford, and offered her personal thoughts and encouraged other Commissioners to join the YEC.

Attachments: [VIDEO - COMMISSIONER BRADFORD](#)

II. REPORTS

5. Leadership Report. (25-1619)

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo reported that the Department of Mental Health (DMH) will provide a report today on the Parent Empowerment Program, and will report next month on the topic of Transition Age Youth and Juvenile Justice. He encouraged commissioners to remain involved and to readily check their emails for opportunities of participation in various

6. Commissioner Reports on Activities and Events attended on behalf of the Youth Commission. (25-1620)

Commissioners reported the following activities and events attended on behalf of the Youth Commission:

- Commissioner Christian Gudiel reported that the Systems Review Leadership Team (SRL Team) formed by the RFK National Resource Center for Juvenile Justice is working on a two-and-a-half day national symposium.**
- Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia reported on the Fifth District Healing Session in Pasadena on March 22, 2025, and offered a special thank you to the Commissioners who assisted. Commissioner Amanda Hernandez added additional information and commended Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez for her poetry performance.**
- Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez reported that they attended the Youth Reimagined community outreach in East Los Angeles. They also participated in an event at USC, LA City's Youth Development Departments', 2025 Youth Summit, where they presented their research titled: The Higher Education Experiences of Youth Impacted by Foster Care.**
- Commissioner La'Toya Cooper provided remarks on the Youth Summit and commended the youth board/committee members in attendance for their advocacy and encouraged a continued connection with the various youth organizations.**
- Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo reported on the progress of the Foster Bill of Rights Training with DCFS. He also provided a brief update on the International Youth Conference.**
- Commissioner Sherrie Bradford reported on the Creation Education Conference and the First Star Academies, a long-term college prep program for high school students in foster care, housed in various schools. The Bruins Guardian Schools Academy is involved with the**

FSA Program and is conducting their first annual event where Commissioners are invited to speak at event workshops.

III. DISCUSSION

7. Presentation and Roundtable Discussion on the Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health (DMH) Parent Empowerment Program (PEP) and Prevention Services, School Based Community Access Points (SBCAP).

- Myla Lampkin-Howell, Clinical Supervisor, LSCW, DMH
- Claudia Deras, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, DMH
- Vicky Rosales, Department of Children and Family Services Dream Liaison, LMFT, DMH
- Kanchana Tate, Mental Health Program Manager, DMH (25-1627)

Myla Lampkin Howell, Clinical Supervisor, LSCW, Department of Mental Health (DMH), Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) Division, and Vicky Rosales, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) Dream Liaison, LMFT, DMH, CSEC Division, provided self-introductions. A video titled, Parent Empowerment Program (PEP), was shown.

Ms. Rosales presented a deck on the PEP, a program designed to assist parents and caregivers of CSEC children through a 10-week closed program.

Ms. Lampkin Howell provided information regarding the CSEC Integrated Leadership Team and the National Center for Youth Law (Teams) and indicated that they recently drafted a five-year strategic plan to address child and labor trafficking. The Teams intend to expand PEP throughout every Service Planning Area (SPA) in Los Angeles County. There will be two versions of the program, the current 10-week program and one for prevention, with PEP Alumni parents working on the new curriculum. Resource mapping is being conducted throughout the SPAs, and the goal for the end of the year is to update the curriculum content in English and Spanish and ensure that the program is involved with system and non-system involved youth. The following year will focus on working with affiliated agencies.

Ms. Rosales clarified that PEP is a 10-week closed program with 10 parents per class and four classes a year. Referrals come from DCFS. Also, the best practice for post PEP support is being developed. She also provided information on how to refer a parent/caregiver to PEP.

Claudia Deras, Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, DMH, and Kanchana Tate, Mental Health Program Manager, DMH, provided self-introductions and

presented a deck on Prevention Services: School based Community Access Point (SBCAP) and highlighted various services and prevention programs that ensure the necessities of the community are at the forefront.

Commissioner Cristopher Espino discussed the importance of providing mental health Podcast videos to youth at schools. Commissioner Sherry Bradford provided additional information on the past Podcast, Talk to Me. She then reported that another Podcast will take place on May 30,

2025. Executive Director, Tiara Summers, will provide information on the event.

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - PEP DECK](#)
 [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - SBCAP DECK](#)

IV. UPDATES

8. Update on Board Motions that the Youth Commission is named in. (25-1629)

Executive Director, Tiara Summers, provided an update regarding the Board Motion, Setting Youth Up for Success in collaboration with DCFS and the Ombudsperson regarding developing the Foster Youth Bill of Rights Training for DCFS social workers. She thanked Commissioners Sherry Bradford and Amanda Hernandez for taking the lead on developing the structure for the training. Commissioners Cristopher Espino and Joshua Elizondo will work on the development of the curriculum. She reported that there will be an opportunity for youth co-facilitators and encouraged Commissioners to consider becoming involved.

She then discussed the TAY (Transition Age Youth) Board Motion in partnership with The Systems of Care that is housed in the Office of Child Protection. The Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) is establishing a TAY table for the purpose of coordinating and aligning County departments. Those sitting at the TAY table include the PPSGC, Commission for Children and Families, Department of Youth Development, and the Youth Commission. An email will be forthcoming regarding the kickoff of the TAY table, panelists and moderators will be needed.

The Child Trafficking Leadership Team recently made a presentation at the Board Deputies Cluster Meeting, and the TAY table participants will also present to the Board Deputies once the table work is underway.

Commissioner Amanda Hernandez requested an update on all Board Motions that the Youth Commission is named in and dates.

9. Operations Committee update by Committee Chair Joshua Elizondo. (25-1630)

Joshua Elizondo, Chair, Operations Committee (OPS) reported that he has been reappointed as the OPS Chair; there will be three upcoming vacancies and recruitment will begin in a week. Recruitment will end in June with possible candidates being seated by August.

- 10. Youth Engagement Committee update by Committee Chair La'Toya Cooper. (25-1631)**

La'Toya Cooper, Chair, Youth Engagement Committee (YEC), provided an update on the forthcoming Listening Sessions: Fourth Supervisorial District will hold their Session on April 26, 2025, the theme is empowerment, followed by the Second Supervisorial District on May 3, 2025. She then encouraged Commissioners to join the YEC in support of forthcoming Chair Sherry Bradford.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

- 11. 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. (25-1632)**

Members of the public Cicely Majeed and Alain Datcher, addressed the Youth Commission.

- 12. Commissioner discussion of matters not posted on the agenda, to be considered, and placed on the agenda at a future meeting of the Commission. (25-1633)**

The following items were requested to be considered and placed on a future agenda:

- A presentation on the commonly violated rights of foster youth.**
- Consider combining the Labor Acknowledgement that is read at LGBTQIA Commission meetings, with the County's Land Acknowledgement at Youth Commission meetings.**

- 13. Adjournment. (25-1634)**

The next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, without objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.