



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012
<https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov>**

Monday, May 5, 2025

6:30 PM

Video for the entire meeting. (25-2557)

Attachments: [VIDEO](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgement. (25-2408)

**Sherrie Bradford, Chair, Youth Engagement Committee (YEC), called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call.
Commissioner Clarissa Peña read the County's Land Acknowledgement.**

Present: Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford

Absent: Commissioner La'Toya Cooper

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of April 7, 2025. (25-2416)

On motion of Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, the minutes from the meeting of April 7, 2025, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia and Commissioner Clarissa Peña

Absent: 1 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion on upcoming listening sessions and expanding engagements strategies for listening sessions. (25-2422)

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford opened the floor to Commissioners who attended the District 4 (SD4) Empowerment Forum and/or the District 2 (SD2) Community Discussion (events). Commissioner Brittianna Robinson reported on both events and Commissioner Luis Flores Urrutia reported that she attended the SD4 Empowerment Forum.

Executive Director Tiara Summers suggested that Commissioners explore how they can enhance engagement strategies for future listening sessions.

A discussion ensued regarding the past structure, and Commissioners agreed that the traditional panel structure may not be as engaging as the approaches used in the last three events.

Further discussion ensued on continuing and improving outreach strategies to ensure youth are attending the listening sessions. Some of the strategies that were explored were:

- **Educating the community on the Youth Commission (YC).**
- **Partnering with organizations who are already connected to youth, and possibly create a program for their youth to become Commissioners.**
- **Commissioners joining the current outreach efforts of YC staff; Commissioners committing to boots on the ground.**
- **Commissioners committing to bringing a minimum of five youth for their events.**
- **Ensuring that the listening sessions are informative and interactive.**
- **Partnering with Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs (STRPs) and schools.**
- **Hosting listening sessions where youth reside or spend time at.**
- **Creating a presentation on “What is the Youth Commission?” that can be shared with partners and/or presented by Commissioners in different spaces.**
- **Advocacy trainings by Commissioners in spaces they are already in.**

- **Creating a rapport with the community, be in spaces consistently.**
- **Virtual listening sessions and events.**
- **Combining multiple districts' listening sessions.**
- **Enhancing compensation for youth attending events.**
- **Integrating a What is the YC video at the Commission meetings.**

Executive Director Summers mentioned that these strategies should be discussed at upcoming YC meetings to obtain feedback from the whole Commission. The discussion will lead up to the end-of-year Strategic Planning Retreat to finalize engagement strategies for 2026.

- 4. Discussion on exploring strategic partnerships with Faith-Based Organizations. (25-2427)**

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford opened the floor to a discussion on exploring strategic partnerships with faith-based organizations (FBOs).

Commissioner Brittianna Robinson shared that the Victory Revival Church in Pasadena and Manhattan Beach Community Church are open to tabling Youth Commission (YC) events and providing resources. She suggested the Commission explore a discussion with the Department of Children and Family Services' (DCFS) Faith Initiative.

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford shared she has worked with St. Vincent, who provides home furniture and rental assistance, and proposed they speak at an upcoming YC meeting.

Executive Director Tiara Summers suggested that Commissioners reach out to their prospective FBOs regarding a presentation at a future meeting and share with her the outcome.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

- 5. 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. (25-2434)**

No members of the public address the Committee.

- 6. Adjournment. (25-2441)**

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 2, 2025 at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Brittianna Robinson, seconded by Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.