



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS  
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION  
2025 MID-YEAR RETREAT**  
510 S. VERMONT AVE, CONFERENCE ROOM B & C  
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90020  
<https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov>

**Saturday, June 7, 2025**

**10:30 AM**



**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgement. (25-2934)

**Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m., and County Staff conducted Roll Call.**

Present: Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

Absent: Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

**After roll call, the meeting recessed due to the loss of quorum. Co-Chair Elizondo reconvened the meeting at 11:11 a.m., with a quorum of Members present. Commissioner Clarissa Peña read the County's Land Acknowledgement.**

2. Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on any item(s) on the agenda. (25-2935)

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

3. Leadership Report. (25-2937)

**Tiara Summers, Executive Director, addressed Commissioners about their ability to prioritize the work of the Commission and the importance of being honest with themselves about their current capacity despite their current load. She encouraged Commissioners to take a pause and think about**

**their commitment and be honest about their current situation.**

**Commissioners were encouraged to lean on each other, communicate, and work as a Team.**

**Co-Chair Elizondo added that the minimum requirement to participate is noted in the bylaws and there are ways to participate in alternate locations if needed. Reflection Sessions will include discussion about self-accountability and if this work is still the right fit. There are several youth who have applied to become a commissioner and therefore, Commissioners must be honest if they do not have capacity based on their current schedules. The message will be relayed to Commissioners not present.**

## **II. BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND DISCUSSION**

### **4. Team Building Puzzle Activity - Breakout Session. (25-2938)**

**Co-Chair Elizondo announced Commissioners will participate in a breakout session to complete a puzzle activity. The meeting was recessed at 11:25 a.m. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 11:41 a.m. Co-Chair Elizondo announced that Commissioner Cooper joined the meeting during the breakout session. Co-Chair Elizondo reported prizes were given to the winners; Commissioner Peña reported teamwork was implemented to assist with completing the puzzles; and Commissioner Jones commended staff for their assistance.**

### **5. Vision Board Activity - Breakout Session. (25-2939)**

**Co-Chair Elizondo announced Commissioners will participate in a breakout session to participate in a vision board activity facilitated by staff. The meeting was recessed at 11:43 a.m. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 1:28 p.m. Commissioner Hernandez joined the meeting during the breakout session.**

**Co-Chair Elizondo tabled this item for a report back from Commissioners after Agenda Item No. 6.**

**Later in the meeting, after Agenda Item No. 6, Commissioners presented their vision and affirmation boards and shared a few words about their stories and aspirations for the future.**

**Member of the public, Tiffany Boyd, addressed the Commission.**

6. Recess. (25-2942)

**Commissioners recessed for lunch at 1:29 p.m. Co-Chair Elizondo reconvened the meeting to open session at 2:44 p.m.**

7. Discussion on the Juvenile Justice System - Overview of the juvenile justice process by Tiara Summers, Executive Director. (25-2936)

**Tiara Summers, Executive Director (ED), opened discussion on this item for Commissioners to consider if this topic should be discussed today or presented at another time to Commissioners in groups of less than a quorum. ED Summers reported that she was going to share the Welfare and Institutions Code Book and case studies to better understand the justice system.**

**Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of scheduling a special meeting to discuss this topic and the availability of Commissioners.**

**After discussion, Commissioners agreed to discuss this at a future meeting. Staff will poll Commissioners on their availability.**

**III. MISCELLANEOUS**

8. 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. (25-2940)

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

9. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (25-2941)

**On motion of Commissioner Ortega Martinez, Jr., seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 3:24 p.m.**