



**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
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Thursday, June 26, 2025



6:30 PM

Video for the entire meeting. (25-3653)

Attachments: [Video](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgment. (25-3463)

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo called the meeting to order at 6:38 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call. Commissioner Christian Gudiel read the County's Land Acknowledgement. Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson reported that Executive Director, Tiara Summers, will not be in attendance.

Present: Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela. Commissioner Mercedes Jackson and Commissioner Clarissa Peña arrived later in the meeting.

Absent: Commissioner La'Toya Cooper and Commissioner Cristopher Espino

2. Awareness Video titled, "Education Rights Holders - Getting the Right Person Appointed" by the Office of Child Protection, Alliance for Children's Rights Education Rights Advocates, Castillo Consulting Partners, and the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors. Special thanks to Kids in the Spotlight for use of their production studio. (25-3464)

The Awareness Video titled, "Education Rights Holders - Getting the Right Person Appointed" by the Office of Child Protection, Alliance for

Children's Rights Education Rights Advocates, Castillo Consulting Partners, and the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors was shown, with special thanks to Kids in the Spotlight for use of their production

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3. Approval of minutes from the regular meeting of May 29, 2025. (25-3465)

On motion of Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Christian Gudiel, and duly carried, the minutes from the regular meeting of May 29, 2025, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 9 - Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr., Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Abstentions: 2 - Commissioner Amanda Hernandez and Commissioner Martine Jones

Absent: 4 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson and Commissioner Clarissa Peña

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4. Approval of minutes from the special meeting of June 7, 2025. (25-3535)

On motion of Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Martine Jones, and duly carried, the minutes from the special meeting of June 7, 2025, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr. and Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez

Abstentions: 3 - Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Christian Gudiel and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Absent: 4 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Cristopher Espino, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson and Commissioner Clarissa Peña

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II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

5. Presentation and Roundtable discussion on Medi-Cal and CalAIM Benefits for Transition Age Youth.

Dr. Edward Liao, Medical Director, Department of Children and Family Services
Minsun Meeker, Assistant Executive Director, Office of Child Protection
(25-3466)

Minsun Meeker, Assistant Executive Director, Office of Child Protection (OCP), and Dr. Edward Liao, Medical Director, Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS), provided a presentation on Medi-Cal and CalAIM Benefits for Transition Age Youth (TAY), and led a roundtable discussion regarding recent Board Motions related to implementing new benefits available under Medi-Cal. The following was presented:

- **Background on Board Motions (includes directives to the Youth and LGBTQ+ Commissions).**
- **Medicaid (National Public Health Insurance Program)**
- **CalAIM (California's version of Medicaid) 14.1 million Californians are enrolled**
- **Key Implementation Partners**
- **Medi-Cal Overview of two programs:**
 - o **Medi-Cal Managed Care (MMC) 85% of Californians under Medi-Cal are enrolled in MMC**
 - o **Fee for Service (FFS) 15% of Californians under Medi-Cal are in enrolled FFS (Two Thirds of youth in foster care are enrolled in FFS, one third are in MMC)**

Discussion ensued and Dr. Liao and Ms. Meeker responded to questions posed by Commissioners as follows:

- **Cal AIM is only under MMC, and the Enhanced Care Management (ECM) is available under MMC. It is the biological parents or foster parents who make the determination as to which coverage their child will receive. Dr. Liao also clarified that the ECM age eligibility is up to age 26. However, there are other services available to adults over age 26 through Medi-Cal and through community resources**

The MMC plan providers have lists of all eligible youth that they contact to advise of services provided under ECM. They also work off referrals from DCFS case workers, social workers, and other community resources.

- It was suggested that youth are in the best position to assist other youth in learning about Cal AIM, MMC and the services under ECM, and that going to Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Program homes and/or displaying information posters where youth congregate would be useful.
- Trusted service providers who are already in the space of child welfare services are collaborating with DCFS in providing support to TAYs. The MMC providers are held accountable through provisions of their contracts, which includes a complaint response process. The Ombudsperson is the source to resolve complaints for FFS. Dr. Liao will provide the Youth Commission with a list of the MMC providers.
- Once a TAY becomes an adult (age 18), the individual can make a change for themselves from FFS to MMC, the process would be handled through DCFS or through the community support provider directly.
- It is important to have conversations with youth regarding insurance, the level of care of specific providers and available services at regular intervals while they are in care.

Ms. Meeker presented a series of questions for the Commissioners consideration. Discussion ensued and Commissioners provided their personal thoughts. In response to additional questions posed by Commissioners Dr. Liao and Ms. Meeker provided the following:

- DCFS has internal workgroups along with MMC providers, and consultants such as Health Management Associations and Public Works Alliance, as well as other County departments that provide outreach to youth.
- The workgroup currently does not have members with lived experience. He was then encouraged to include youth with lived experience in the internal workgroups and to also include Youth Commissioners as participants.
- It was suggested that DCFS take a look at low access barriers for systems impacted youth. It was also suggested to give youth a greater hand in determining their own insurance and services and be appropriately informed along with markers of success.

In conclusion, Ms. Meeker indicated that she would like to create an ad hoc work group that includes both the LGBTQ+ Commission, Youth Commission, and individuals with lived experience.

focused on youth, such as Children's Hospital L.A. that has a collaborative group working with LA Care and the iFoster Youth Initiative. These groups can incorporate the LGBTQ+ Commission and Youth Commission into their workgroup to address TAY issues.

Members of the Public, Eba Laye, Joseph Roa, Kate Teague, and Dr. Jerry P. Abraham addressed the Youth Commission.

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III. REPORTS

6. Leadership Report. (25-3467)

Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson congratulated all Commissioners who graduated this year; Commissioners Mercedes Jackson, Clarissa Peña, and Florencia "Flo" Valenzuela. She reported that Commissioner Jessica Castillo has joined the Operations Committee and stated that there are still openings for additional Commissioners on that Committee. She then reported that there are also seats open on the Youth Engagement Committee for Commissioners who are interested.

7. Commissioner Reports on Activities and Events attended on behalf of the Youth Commission. (25-3468)

Commissioners provided reports on activities and events attended on behalf of the Youth Commission as follows:

Commissioner Christian Gudiel reported that he attended the Mental Health Awareness Event on May 31, 2025, at Gloria Molina Grand Park. On June 18 and 19, 2025, he attended the Juvenile Justice Symposium in San Diego where he served as a panelist.

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo reported that the LGBTQ+ Commission reached out to discuss the various Board Motions that they and the Youth Commissions have been named in. The LGBTQ+ Commission is considering spearheading an ad hoc committee to focus on youth issues. If formed, there will be an opportunity for Youth Commissioners to participate in the work of the ad hoc committee.

IV. UPDATES/ACTION ITEM

8. Update on Board Motions that the Youth Commission is named in. (25-3470)

This item was continued to the next meeting.

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9. Operations Committee update by Committee Chair Joshua Elizondo and Recommendation to Approve the Nomination of At Large Youth Commission Candidates. (25-3469)

Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Chair, Operations Committee (OPS), reported that the following:

- **The next OPS meeting is scheduled for July 21, 2025. The meeting will center on videos and reflection conversations.**
- **Encouraged Commissioners to consider mentoring new onboarded commissioners to assist with their learning about the Commission and community resources. The OPS will consider mentoring new commissioners as part of their duties.**
- **There are three vacancies for Commissioners at-large, he outlined the process for recruiting, interviewing, and securing three nominees.**

OPS Chair Elizondo shared the qualifications for At-Large Candidates Josh Boykin, Joseph Roa, and David DeLeon and recommended approval to submit to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.

Members of the public, Josh Boykin and Joshua Roa, addressed the Commission.

On motion by Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, and duly carried, the three candidates for the at large vacancies were approved for submission to the Board of Supervisors for final approval by the following vote:

Ayes: 12 - Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Co-Chair Brittianna Robinson, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner Luisa Flores Urrutia, Commissioner Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Absent: 3 - Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Cristopher Espino and Commissioner Ricardo Ortega Martinez Jr.

10. Youth Engagement Committee update by Committee Chair Sherrie Bradford. (25-3471)

Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Chair, Youth Engagement Committee (YEC), opened the floor and called upon Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez to provide an update. Commissioner Rodriguez reported that the First Supervisorial District's Listening Session scheduled for Saturday, June 26, 2025, was cancelled in consideration of public safety due to the threat regarding constitutional rights. She then spoke on the response of the community and how people are helping each other with groceries, rides to appointments, and monetary. Commissioner Martine Jones added her thoughts regarding the community's response and all the action being taken to support families. She encouraged Commissioners to be mindful of selfcare, civic engagement, and support monetarily.

YEC Chair Bradford requested the Commissioners to consider October 18 or 25, 2025 for the Year End event.

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. (25-3472)

No members of the public 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. (25-3473)

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

- **Invite DCFS for an update on their internal review to discuss what aspects of the Report Card are feasible for their Department, after which a Report Card can be provided to the Probation Department.**
- **A follow up on Medi Cal for TAY and invite insurance providers to present on their process.**

13. Adjournment. (25-3474)

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 31, 2025, at 6:30 p.m. On motion of Commissioner Evelyn K. Rodriguez, seconded by Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 p.m.