



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

**Monday, September 8, 2025**

**6:30 PM**

Video for the entire meeting. (25-4838)

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

**I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgement. (25-4292)

**Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Chair, Youth Engagement Committee (YEC), called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call. Commissioner Clarissa Peña read the County's Land Acknowledgement.**

Present: Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson and Commissioner Clarissa Peña

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of July 7, 2025. (25-4042)

**On motion of Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, and duly carried (Commissioner Clarissa Peña abstaining), the minutes from the meeting of July 7, 2025, were approved by the following vote:**

**Ayes:** 3 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez and Commissioner Mercedes Jackson

**Abstentions:** 1 - Commissioner Clarissa Peña

Attachments:    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

## **II. DISCUSSIONS**

3. Discussion on upcoming listening sessions and expanding engagement strategies for listening sessions. (25-4622)

**YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford reported the last listening session of the year will be held in the Third District. The event titled, “Reflections of Us” is scheduled for Friday, September 19th, at LA Valley College. She followed with a high-level overview of the event planning and details of the event.**

**A discussion ensued regarding engaging different strategies to reach more youth for Youth Commission (YC) events. Among those strategies discussed were the following:**

- **Hosting weekday events, or a Los Angeles County holiday.**
- **Partnering with school districts.**
- **Leveraging Commissioner connections.**
- **Collaborating with Community Based Organizations (CBOs).**
- **Adjusting the event time to later in the day.**

**The Committee discussed Commissioner capacity, and how it should be considered when Commissioners plan their hosted events. It suggested that Commissioners should begin to explore details such as date, venue, and theme, so that they can be discussed at their strategic planning meeting later this year.**

**Further discussion ensued regarding potential CBOs and educational organizations that the Commissioners could partner with. YEC Chair Bradford highlighted a potential partnership with the First Star Academy program, a foster youth program for high school students.**

**YC Executive Director Tiara Summers closed out the discussion by advising the YEC Members that they can report the strategies they discussed to enhance youth involvement in events to the full Commission.**

**4. Discussion on planning for the YEC End-Year Event. (25-4623)**

**YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford reported that she created a guideline for the YEC End Year Event. She provided a high-level overview of the guideline, highlighting that her goal is to present the data from the YEC Report using real life examples in a more engaging way. Given the nature of sensitive topics that would be discussed, YEC Chair Bradford stated that it would be imperative to establish a “safe word” at the beginning of the meeting that can be used if any of the attendees need to step away during any of the exercises. She then provided an outline of the day’s activities and opened the floor for Commissioner feedback.**

**Commissioners expressed their outlook on the guideline and requested clarity on the sections and questions. The Committee discussed in detail each section of the guideline, the questions and scenarios posed in the draft guideline, and ways to streamline the activities.**

**After discussion, the Commissioners agreed that the guideline was a good foundation, however it shall be explicitly stated how the questions, scenarios and activities relate to the data in the YEC Report. Commissioner Amanda Hernandez agreed to meet with YEC Chair Bradford and assist with the editing and presentation of the guideline to the Commission.**

**Attachments:**    [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - YEC Report](#)  
[SUPPORTING DOCUMENT - Guideline](#)

**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. (25-4304)**

**No members of the public addressed the Youth Engagement Committee.**

**6. Adjournment. (25-4310)**

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

**On motion of Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**