



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION**
510 S. VERMONT AVE. CONFERENCE ROOMS B & C
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90020
<https://youthcommission.lacounty.gov>



Saturday, October 25, 2025

6:30 PM

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgment. (25-4052)**

Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo called the special meeting to order at 10:33 a.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call, and Co-Chair Clarissa Peña read the County's Land Acknowledgement.

Present: Co-Chair Joshua Elizondo, Co-Chair Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Miguel (Josh) Boykin, Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner La'Toya Cooper, Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Joseph Roa, Commissioner Evelyn Karina Rodriguez and Commissioner Florencia Flo Valenzuela

Absent: Commissioner David De Leon, Commissioner Cristopher Espino and Commissioner Mercedes Jackson

- 2. Awareness Videos.**

- "Human Trafficking Basics" by Alliance to End Human Trafficking, YouTube.
- "Love Listens - Parents Can Help Prevent Child Trafficking" by Love146, YouTube. (25-5699)

The awareness videos, Human Trafficking Basics by Alliance to End Human Trafficking and Love Listens - Parents Can Help Prevent Child Trafficking by Love146 were shown.

Attachments: [VIDEO - "Human Trafficking Basics"](#)
[VIDEO - "Love Listens"](#)

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

3. Presentation and Roundtable Discussion on the Youth Engagement Committee 2025 End-Year Report including but not limited to the following stakeholders:
- County of Los Angeles, Board of Supervisors' Representatives
 - County of Los Angeles Departments: Arts and Culture, Business and Consumer Affairs, Children and Family Services, Justice Care and Opportunity, Mental Health, Public Social Services, and Youth Development
 - County of Los Angeles Committees and Commissions.
 - Los Angeles County Office of Child Protection
 - City of Los Angeles Youth Development Department
 - Arts for Healing and Justice Network
 - Calibrate
 - California Youth Connection (25-5702)

Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Chair, Youth Engagement Committee, opened this item and thanked all stakeholders for attending. She began the presentation with a self-introduction highlighting her experience, then led a Round Table Discussion on the Youth Engagement Committee's 2025 End Year Report. She outlined the Youth Commission Goals and Purpose, and Demographics Data collected.

Commissioner Amanda Hernandez provided a self-introduction and discussed her areas of interest. She then facilitated a Question-and-Answer Session for the Stakeholders based on the following Question: *What do you think the most popular focus areas for youth are?* Various stakeholders voiced their responses. She then reviewed the advocacy priorities as provided by 881 survey respondents.

The results were as follows in order of importance:

- **Mental Health**
- **Education**
- **Employment**
- **Entertainment**
- **Housing**

Discussion ensued regarding the priorities. The attendees were then directed to *Activity 1: Five Corners Activity*.

Commissioner Joseph Roa provided data on the Entertainment Category and the results of what type of entertainment youth are most interested in, in order of importance:

- Music
- Sports
- Art
- Boxing
- Dancing

He then introduced Guest Speaker Chase Gibson, Founder of Fighting Chance, and Pro Fighter who addressed the attendee's providing information regarding his lived experience and challenges in the juvenile justice system. He spoke about how mixed martial arts (MMA) provided him a way out of the system.

Mr. Gibson introduced Fighter and Coach, Jeffrey Munoz. Mr. Munoz shared a poem that he authored and spoke about his lived experience in the child welfare and juvenile justice systems. He also disclosed his challenge with mental health issues and highlighted how MMA fighting provided him a way out of the system and into mainstream society. Mr. Gibson and Mr. Munoz then led a group exercise.

Executive Director, Tiara Summers, introduced Dr. Erica Reynoso, Department of Mental Health (DMH). She spoke about the new office for Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Division, and the need for mental health services and trauma informed therapy. She also discussed the new Behavioral Health Services Act. Kanchi Tate, DMH, addressed the Commission and encouraged Commissioners and youth in attendance to become involved.

The meeting was recessed at 1:05 p.m. for lunch and reconvened at 2:07 p.m.

Commissioner Joseph Roa reviewed the Mental Health Data Results and facilitated a group exercise, *Activity 2. Barriers to Solutions Scenario*. The purpose of the exercise was to strengthen and improve the support systems for youth by better understanding their challenges and needs, and included stories, a Public Service Announcement still shot, and a short film. The exercise included a Question-and-Answer Session with stakeholders.

Attachments: [PRESENTATION](#)
 [YEC 2025 END YEAR REPORT](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

4. Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on item(s) not on the agenda, that are of interest and within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. (25-5703)

No members of the public addressed the Commission.

5. Adjournment. (25-5704)

The next meeting is scheduled for November 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, seconded by Commissioner Christian Gudiel, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m.