



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION'S
YOUTH ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE (YEC)
KENNETH HAHN HALL OF ADMINISTRATION
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Monday, February 9, 2026

6:30 PM

Video for the entire meeting. (26-1164)

Attachments: [VIDEO](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgement. (26-0697)

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford called the meeting to order at 6:55 p.m., County Staff conducted Roll Call, and YEC Chair Bradford read the County's Land Acknowledgement.

Present: Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Joseph Roa

Absent: Commissioner Amanda Hernandez

2. Approval of minutes from the special meeting of January 12, 2026. (26-0704)

On motion of Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Roa, and duly carried, the minutes from the Meeting of January 12, 2026, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Commissioner Sherrie Bradford, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Clarissa Peña and Commissioner Joseph Roa

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Amanda Hernandez

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. DISCUSSIONS

3. Discussion on upcoming Listening Sessions and exploring engagement strategies for Listening Sessions. (26-0957)

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford opened the floor to discussion; Commissioners discussed strategies to enhance engagement and outreach for upcoming listening sessions. Although prior sessions have been successful, Commissioners expressed interest in expanding interactive and youth-centered elements.

The Commissioners explored creative and youth-centered strategies to increase participation and make sessions more interactive. The following ideas were discussed:

- **Mocktails and creative refreshments**
- **Performers (dance groups, youth artists, rappers)**
- **Interactive games (Jeopardy-style, Family Feud-style, etc.)**
- **Arts and crafts (Bracelet-making, creative take-home items)**
- **Beauty and hair tutorials**
- **Talent show elements**
- **Music and arts-based programming**
- **Transitional life skills stations (budgeting, cooking, wellness, self-care)**

Commissioners emphasized the importance of strategic partnerships to strengthen outreach and increase youth attendance. They discussed exploring potential partnerships with the following:

- **Youth Leadership Institute**
- **YouthBuild**
- **Local middle schools, high schools, and colleges**
- **Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE)**
- **YMCA (tabling or hosting events)**
- **Arts and media-focused youth organizations**
- **Potential collaboration with influencers or public figures**

Commissioners discussed incorporating immigration-related awareness thoughtfully and safely, by the following:

- **Use of the Awareness Videos at Youth Commission meetings**
- **Discreet resource-sharing methods**
- **Caution with public-facing materials**

Executive Director Tiara Summers encouraged continued Commissioner involvement in outreach efforts while acknowledging capacity limitations.

4. Discussion on planning for the YEC End-Year Event. (26-0961)

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford opened the floor to discussion on planning the YEC End-Year event and proposed the event date of October 3, 2026. Executive Director Tiara Summers confirmed that staff would be available, and the proposed date was agreed upon by all Members present. YEC Chair Bradford noted that final details regarding the event will be addressed closer to the date, following completion of the listening sessions.

5. Discussion on Exploring Strategic Partnerships.

- **Faith-Based Organizations**
- **HIV Commission (Recap of the Listening Session on Health) (26-0968)**

YEC Chair Sherrie Bradford opened the floor to discussion regarding the HIV Commission Listening Session. YEC Chair Bradford shared that although there were concerns regarding communication gaps with partners, there was meaningful participation from Commissioners and positive engagement with the youth. Executive Director Summers emphasized intentional planning and transparency for future partnerships.

Further discussion ensued regarding exploring strategic partnerships with faith-based and spiritual organizations with the goal of building community, enhancing youth resources, and providing holistic support. The following suggestions were made:

- **Exploring partnerships beyond traditional Christian organizations to include diverse faith and spiritual practices.**
- **Internal planning meetings to ensure sensitivity, inclusiveness, and alignment with youth needs.**
- **Two commissioners lead initial meetings to brainstorm partnership's structure and objectives.**
- **Virtual meetings; Staff support may be limited if in-person.**

Additional discussion ensued, centered on improving access to resources and prevention services for youth, particularly Transitional Age Youth (TAY). The following topics were discussed:

- **Development of a centralized TAY resource hub, with plans to expand to community organizations; Engagement of youth with lived experience in planning and implementation.**
- **Focus on preventive services for youth under 21, including housing, mental health, and education support.**

III. MISCELLANEOUS

- 6.** 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. (26-0710)

Maria Skelton, Member of the Public, addressed the Committee.

- 7.** Adjournment. (26-0718)

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2026, at 6:30 p.m.

On motion of Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, seconded by Commissioner Joseph Roa, there being no objection, the meeting was adjourned at 8:41 p.m.