



**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, May 11, 2026

6:30 PM

Video for the entire meeting. (26-2647)

Attachments: [VIDEO](#)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Land Acknowledgement. (26-2648)

YEC Chair Amanda Hernandez called the meeting to order at 6:43 p.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call. YEC Chair Hernandez read the County's Land Acknowledgement.

Present: Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Joseph Roa and YEC Chair Amanda Hernandez

Absent: Commissioner Clarissa Peña

2. Approval of minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2026. (26-2649)

On motion of Commissioner Joseph Roa, seconded by Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, and duly carried, the minutes from the meeting of April 13, 2026, were approved by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, Commissioner Joseph Roa, YEC Chair Amanda Hernandez

Absent: 1 - Commissioner Clarissa Peña

Attachments: [SUPPORTING DOCUMENT](#)

II. DISCUSSION

3. Discussion on upcoming listening sessions and exploring engagement strategies. (26-2650)

YEC Chair Amanda Hernandez opened the discussion on upcoming listening sessions and potential engagement strategies. Commissioner Joseph Roa provided an update on the Third District Listening Session held on May 9, 2026, in Long Beach. The event focused on the Foster Youth Bill of Rights (FYBR) and was conducted in partnership with the California Youth Connection, DCFS, the Department of Youth Development, and the state and County Ombuds Offices. Topics included mental health, education, and housing. More than 125 participants attended, and 43 youth surveys were collected.

Executive Director (ED) Tiara Summers added context, commended Management Analyst Vivian Martirosyan and Commission staff for their efforts, and highlighted the presentation conducted by Tiffany Boyd, a former foster youth and former Commissioner for the Commission for Children and Families. ED Summers also provided a brief report on the connection circles and the resource fair featuring 25 community-based organizations.

YEC Chair Hernandez underscored the importance of partnering with organizations already serving youth to enhance outreach. She also provided preliminary information on the Fifth District Listening Session, anticipated for August pending Supervisor Kathryn Barger's availability; likely to be held at Pasadena City College. She shared a list of potential partner organizations.

Commissioner Mercedes Jackson raised the need to better engage DCFS-involved youth, including those in foster homes and Short-Term Residential Therapeutic Programs, and discussed ways to support their participation.

ED Summers noted transportation barriers and ongoing discussions with DCFS about available resources. The Commissioners discussed transportation options and other methods of sharing information about listening sessions with youth. ED Summers also addressed aligning engagement strategies with the goal of maintaining smaller, more personal sessions. After considering whether to maintain attendance at approximately 50 participants or expand outreach, the Committee reached a consensus to keep the listening sessions small and focused, while trying to reach as many youth as possible, through other avenues.

Brian Sellis, member of the public, addressed the Committee.

4. Discussion on planning for the YEC End-Year Event. (26-2952)

YEC Chair Amanda Hernandez opened the discussion on planning the YEC End-Year Event and provided introductory remarks on listening sessions and the various formats used to engage youth. She emphasized the importance of the Youth Survey and the need to collect meaningful data from system- impacted youth. Executive Director Tiara Summers reported that 843 surveys have been received to date from both hosted and non-hosted events. Outreach Coordinator, Dan Wheeler, provided additional information on non-hosted events. Discussion followed and Commissioners highlighted several key points:

- Listening Sessions may incorporate individual presentations.**
- Interactive components are effective and offer innovative ways to present data.**
- Non-hosted events across the County generate the largest number of surveys.**
- Collaboration with County departments and external organizations strengthens youth outreach.**
- Neighborhood canvassing prior to listening sessions has been highly effective and supports one-on-one engagement.**
- The End-Year Event is intended to share data with Board offices and stakeholders to inform improvements to services and resources.**

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. (26-2651)

No members of the public addressed the Committee.

6. Adjournment. (26-2652)

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 6, 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 7:45 p.m.