



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY YOUTH COMMISSION
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Saturday, June 13, 2026

10:30 AM



I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Call to Order, Roll Call and Land Acknowledgement. (26-3513)

Co-Chair Christian Gudiel called the special meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. County Staff conducted Roll Call. Co-Chair Gudiel read the County's Land Acknowledgement.

Present: Co-Chair Christian Gudiel, Commissioner Miguel (Josh) Boykin, Commissioner Jessica Castillo, Commissioner Joshua Elizondo, Commissioner Martine Jones, Commissioner Clarissa Peña, Commissioner Joseph Roa and Commissioner Florencia (Flo) Valenzuela. Commissioner Amanda Hernandez, Commissioner Mercedes Jackson, and Co-Chair Evelyn Karina Rodriguez arrived after roll call.

Absent: Commissioner David De Leon, Commissioner Cristopher Espino and Commissioner Jania Llerenas

2. Opening Remarks. (26-3535)

Co-Chair Gudiel welcomed everyone and invited attendees to introduce themselves.

3. Opportunity for members of the public to provide comments to the Commission on any item(s) on the agenda. (26-3514)

No members of the public addressed the Youth Commission.

II. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

4. Breakout Session: Public Speaking - Social & Emotional Connection Circles, facilitated by Calibrate. (26-3536)

Co-Chair Gudiel announced Commissioners will participate in a breakout session for Public Speaking - Social & Emotional Connection Circles facilitated by Calibrate. The meeting was recessed at 11:06 a.m.

The meeting was reconvened to open session at 12:51 p.m. Commissioners Amanda Hernandez, Mercedes Jackson and Co-Chair Evelyn Karina Rodriguez joined the meeting during the breakout session.

Co-Chair Gudiel invited Commissioners to report back on the breakout session. Commissioner Boykin shared that the session focused on exploring personal relationships with public speaking, sources of inspiration, preparation styles, and the impact of advocacy. The discussion reinforced the importance of speaking with intention and confidence and highlighted how commissioners' visibility can empower others.

5. Recess. (26-3537)

Co-Chair Gudiel reported that a recess was held between 12:40 p.m. and 12:50 p.m.

6. Breakout Session: Difficult Conversations - Facilitated by the Department of Arts and Culture, Color of Art Organization and Zeal Organization. (26-3538)

Co-Chair Gudiel announced that Commissioners will participate in a breakout session for Difficult Conversations, facilitated by the Department of Arts and Culture, Color of Art Organization, and Zeal Organization. The meeting was recessed at 12:55 p.m. The meeting was reconvened to open session at 2:41 p.m.

Co-Chair Gudiel invited Commissioners to report back on the breakout session. Commissioner Hernandez shared that the breakout session included learning to breathe more slowly, approaching conflicts with love and willingness, and reflections on personal growth.

7. Recess. (26-3540)

The Commission recessed for lunch at 2:43 p.m. Co-Chair Gudiel reconvened the meeting to open session at 3:30 p.m.

III. MISCELLANEOUS

8. 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. (26-3541)

No members of the public addressed the Youth Commission.

9. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (26-3543)

Co-Chair Rodriguez closed the meeting by emphasizing commissioners' responsibility to show up with presence, communication, and intentionality. They encouraged members to recognize the privilege and importance of their roles and to support each other. Commissioners were reminded that their perspectives contribute directly to meaningful change. Commissioner Gudiel echoed gratitude to staff and reaffirmed the importance of communication and mutual support.

On motion of Commissioner Boykin, seconded by Co-Chair Rodriguez, there being no objection, the meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.