

# City of Fresno

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## Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, November 12, 2020

5:00 PM

Special Meeting

Zoom Video Conference

## Fresno Youth Commission

*Chair Luis Guzman (CD 4), 1st Vice Chair Gabriela Martinez\* (CD 6),  
2nd Vice Chair Daniel Galvan\* (CD 3), Sergeant of Arms Jesus Lopez  
(Mayor's Office), Commissioners: McKay Duran\* (Mayor's Office),  
J'Ryana Horne\* (CD 1), Evelyn Gamble\* (CD 2), Dylan Keosakdy\* (CD  
7), and Janette Vergara (CD 7). Vacant: CD 4\*, CD5\*, CD 1 Alternate, CD  
2 Alternate, CD 3 Alternate, CD 5 Alternate, and CD 6 Alternate*

*Coordinators:*

*Jose Espinoza - Youth Leadership Institute*

*Marco Martinez - Office of the City Clerk*

*PUBLIC ADVISORY: FRESNO CITY HALL WILL NOT BE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC*

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*Due to COVID-19, this meeting will be conducted as a video conference pursuant to the Governor's Executive Orders N-25-20 and N-29-20, which suspend certain requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act. Members of the public may not attend this meeting in person.*

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*a. Please state your name for the record.*

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*c. Residents may also email comments at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Please include the agenda date and item number you wish to speak on in the subject line of your email. Email your comments to [clerk@fresno.gov](mailto:clerk@fresno.gov)*

*d. All comments received will be distributed to commissioners prior and during the meeting and will be a part of the official record.*

*4. Pursuant to the Executive Order, and in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in the Council meeting, please contact the City Clerk's Office, 559-621-7650 within 48 hours of the meeting.*

*5. The City of Fresno thanks you in advance for taking all precautions to prevent spreading the COVID-19 virus.*

## **1. Call to Order**

*The Fresno Youth Commission met in special session on Thursday, November 12, 2020 through video teleconference. Chair Guzman called the*

*meeting to order at 5:29 P.M.*

## **2. Roll Call (\* indicates a Voting Seat)**

*Present: 9 – Chair Luis Guzman (CD 4), 1st Vice Chair Gabriela Martinez\* (CD 6), 2nd Vice Chair Daniel Galvan\* (CD 3), Sergeant of Arms Jesus Lopez (Mayor's Office), Commissioner McKay Duran\* (Mayor's Office), Commissioner J'Ryana Horne\* (CD 1), Commissioner Evelyn Gamble\* (CD 2), Commissioner Dylan Keosakdy\* (CD 7), and Commissioner Janette Vergara (CD 7)*

*Absent: 0 – None*

*Vacancies: 7 – voting seats for CD 4 and CD 5; and alternate seats for CD 1, CD 2, CD 3, CD 5, and CD 6*

*If a voting member is absent, the alternate counterpart exercises motion and voting rights during that period of absence.*

*CD = Council District.*

*Commissioner Horne was absent for roll call and joined the meeting at 6:04 P.M.*

## **3. Approve Agenda**

[ID](#) Notice of Special Meeting  
[20-001572](#)

*On motion of Commissioner Gamble, seconded by Chair Guzman, that the agenda for November 12, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 6: Duran, Galvan, Gamble, Guzman, Keosakdy, and Martinez*

*Noes - 0: None*

*Absent - 1: Horne*

## **4. Ice Breaker / Team Builder / Capacity Building Training**

*Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) Program Manager Jose Espinoza asked the commissioners: How have you been? What's new since June? What are you*

*grateful for? Commissioner responses included: job promotions, buying new cars, starting their own business, and being grateful for good health and family.*

## **5. Commissioners / Staff - Reports and Comments**

*Program Manager Espinoza reported the City of Fresno and Youth Leadership Institute had been without a contract for management of the Fresno Youth Commission, which is why the commission had not met in the previous months. Youth Leadership Institute promoted him to program manager and he is recruiting for the position of program coordinator.*

*No other reports or comments made.*

## **6. Approve Minutes**

[ID](#) Minutes for June 17, 2020 and June 22, 2020  
[20-001573](#)

*On motion of Commissioner Gamble, seconded by 1st Vice Chair Martinez, that the minutes for June 17, 2020 and June 22, 2020 be approved. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 6: Duran, Galvan, Gamble, Guzman, Keosakdy, and Martinez*

*Noes - 0: None*

*Absent - 1: Horne*

## **7. Presentations / Workshops / Action Items**

- [ID](#) 1. Presentation by Faith in the Valley  
[20-001575](#) 2. Discussion and actions pertaining to the Violence Youth Summit and rising community violence

*Program Manager Espinoza provided background information. Mayor-elect Jerry Dyer, public officials, and community leaders held a summit with Fresno youth to discuss rising violence in the City during the COVID-19 pandemic.*

*Organizer Marcell Woodruff from the organization Faith in the Valley presented. Organizer Woodruff reviewed the summit. Seven groups discussed and shared recommendations regarding community needs and*

*support services to fulfill those needs. They discussed the correlations between the pandemic and boredom, which results in violence between people, including friends. Three primary needs were identified: supportive services, mentoring, and safe havens.*

*Chair Guzman asked for public comment. Upon call, Paloma and Heru Af provided comments.*

*Paloma related her personal experience as an undocumented immigrant. She requested supportive services for undocumented people, including: jobs with equal wages, child support services, transportation assistance and counselors on school campuses instead of police officers.*

*Heru Af requested mentors for young men in order to provide youth with father-figures and reduce gang affiliations.*

*Organizer Woodruff shared the story of a youth who recently lost a friend to gun violence. Through Organizer Woodruff, the youth requested safe havens with supportive services programming.*

*In response to questions from Commissioner Gamble regarding the commission's role, Organizer Woodruff stated the City Council had increased the PARCS Department's budget by \$10 million and community-based organizations were working on proposals to request youth services and violence reduction funding in the amount of approximately \$300,000. The Fresno Youth Commission can support that effort. Program Manager Espinoza clarified that federal funding dollars could not be used to support services for undocumented people, but other funding sources could be identified and used for such purposes.*

*1st Vice Chair Martinez, 2nd Vice Chair Galvan and Commissioner Vergara volunteered to work with Faith in the Valley to research and draft proposals to submit to City Council. There was no opposition.*

*No further action was taken on this item.*

[ID](#) Updates, discussion and actions pertaining to the COVID-19  
[20-001576](#) Pandemic in relation to matters concerning youth issues,

including, but not limited to back-to-school education materials, equipment, and resources

*Program Manager Espinoza advised there are supplies, including: food, face masks, grooming, and hygiene products available at Youth Leadership Institute. The supplies are available to anyone for free with no questions asked. He asked commissioners if they faced or wanted to address any issue related to COVID-19.*

*No further action was taken on this item.*

[ID](#) Discuss and approve the Fresno Youth Commission meeting  
[20-001574](#) schedule for November 2020 through February 2021

*Commissioners discussed schedules. However, due to the complexities of work, school, family and holiday schedules, they were not able set meeting dates for the proposed time period. The following meeting dates were approved: 12/3/2020, 12/17/2020, and 1/7/2021. All meeting times are for 5:30 P.M.*

*On motion of Chair Guzman, seconded by 1st Vice Chair Martinez, that the above meeting dates and time be approved. The motion carried by the following roll-call vote:*

*Ayes - 6: Duran, Galvan, Guzman, Horne, Martinez, and Vergara*

*Noes - 0: None*

*Absent - 1: Gamble*

## **8. Committee Reports and Actions**

*No reports given or actions taken.*

## **9. Calendar Items**

*No announcements made.*

## **10. Public Comments**

*No public comments made.*

## **11. Adjournment**

*Chair Guzman adjourned the meeting at 7:05 P.M.*

