

City of Fresno

Meeting Minutes – Final
Fresno Youth Commission

Commissioners:

Nina Narahari*, Chair, Council District 2
Matthew Saavedra*, 1st Vice Chair, Council District 6
Jovan Mendez*, 2nd Vice Chair, Council District 3
Gabriel Murillo*, Sergeant of Arms, Council District 7
Chandler Baladjanian, Secretary, Council District 2
Neng Thao*, Mayor's Office
Jason Phillips, Mayor's Office
Diana Gallardo*, Council District 1
Chance Lau, Council District 1
Ivette Marquez, Council District 3
Marissa Vang*, Council District 4
Lady Abangan, Council District 4
Yvette Flores*, Council District 5
Karina Reyes, Council District 5
Brianna Stanley, Council District 6
Miranda Lara, Council District 7

An asterisk * denotes a commissioner that has voting rights.

The Fresno Youth Commission met in regular session at Fresno City (2600 Fresno St.), Hall in Room 2665-A on the date and time written above.

5:55 P.M. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Nina Narahari, Council District 2
1st Vice Chair Matthew Saavedra, Council District 6
2nd Vice Chair Jovan Mendez, Council District 3
Sergeant of Arms Gabriel Murillo, Council District 7
Secretary Chandler Baladjanian, Council District 2
Commissioner Neng Thao, Mayor's Office
Commissioner Jason Phillips, Mayor's Office
Commissioner Chance Lau, Council District 1
Commissioner Ivette Marquez, Council District 3
Commissioner Marissa Vang, Council District 4
Commissioner Lady Abangan, Council District 4
Commissioner Yvette Flores, Council District 5
Commissioner Adriana Reyes, Council District 5
Commissioner Brianna Stanley, Council District 6
Commissioner Miranda Lara, Council District 7

Absent: Commissioner Diana Gallardo, Council District 1

In the absence of Commissioner Diana Gallardo (CD1), alternate Commissioner Chance Lau (CD1) assumed full voting/motion rights for this meeting.

REVIEW & APPROVE AGENDA

On motion of Sgt. of Arms Murillo, seconded by 2nd Vice Chair Mendez, that the Agenda for April 4, 2017 be approved -- the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Yvette Flores, Chance Lau, Nina Narahari, Jovan Mendez, Gabriel Murillo, Matthew Saavedra, Neng Thao, Marissa Vang

Noes: None

APPROVE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2017

Commissioner Adriana Reyes said the Minutes from March had her name misspelled. Her first name is spelled with one "n", not two "n's".

Commissioner Brianna Stanley said she was present at the March 14th meeting and had been erroneously marked as absent.

On motion of Sgt. of Arms Murillo, seconded by Commissioner Vang, that the minutes for February and March 2017 be approved as amended -- the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Yvette Flores, Chance Lau, Nina Narahari, Jovan Mendez, Gabriel Murillo, Matthew Saavedra, Neng Thao, Marissa Vang

Noes: None

TOWN HALL PLANNING

The Town Hall Planning was led by Youth Leadership Institute staff member Jose Espinoza, the Youth Commissioners broke up into groups and invited the public to participate in the planning. Ideas were presented by the groups, including: location, who should be invited, what will incentivize people to attend, and how to fund the event. To further refine the planning for the event, the Youth Commission created an ad-hoc committee consisting of commissioners Lady Abangan, Marissa Vang, Miranda Lara, and Sgt. of Arms Gabriel Murillo.

On motion of Sgt. of Arms Murillo, seconded by Commissioner Vang, that an ad-hoc committee be created to plan for the Town Hall -- the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Yvette Flores, Chance Lau, Nina Narahari, Jovan Mendez, Gabriel Murillo, Matthew Saavedra, Neng Thao, Marissa Vang

Noes: None

TEEN SUMMIT REFLECTION

Commissioner Neng Thao presented the topics discussed at the Teen Summit, including lowering the voting age (for school district), youth centers, and jobs for youth. There was further discussion in terms of refining a survey to be given to youth to measure the needs of the youth community.

VOTING AT 16 FOR SCHOOL BOARDS PRESENTATION

The Voting Age Ad-Hoc Committee (Commissioners Chance Lau, Miranda Lara, Sgt. of Arms Gabriel Murillo, and Chair Nina Narahari) gave a presentation regarding lowering the age for youth to vote in school district races.

REPORT FROM T-SHIRT COMMITTEE

The committee reported that the names will be updated.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT TASK FORCE COMMITTEE

There was discussion about making the survey more accessible to youth in order to get better statistics.

SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

The social media committee asked what picture to use on Facebook, it was suggested that the same picture from Instagram be used on the Facebook page.

TOWN HALL

The time for the Town Hall was discussed. It should be after work to make it more accessible to youth.

CITY HALL CEREMONY

Jose Espinoza clarified that the date for the City Hall ceremony might change.

COUNCIL PRESENTATION – APRIL 6TH AT 9 AM

Logistics and updates regarding the presentation were presented by Jose Espinoza.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Marco Martinez from the City Clerk's office asked the Youth Commissioners if they had thought about possible funding sources for the Youth Internship Program.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Commissioner Chance Lau, seconded by Sgt. of Arms Murillo, that the Fresno Youth Commission meeting be adjourned -- the motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Yvette Flores, Chance Lau, Nina Narahari, Jovan Mendez, Gabriel Murillo, Matthew Saavedra,
Neng Thao, Marissa Vang
Noes: None