



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL

MONDAY, September 16, 2024
5:15 p.m.

Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 E. Montecito St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93103

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to Order at 5:19 p.m. by Member Amelia Vander May.

Youth Councilmembers Present

Bernal-Castro, Ahtziri
Cruz, Sophia
Chenoweth, Gwen
Leon, Itzel
Manian, Sagarika
Solano Beltrán, Jeremy
Stone, Kieran
Stump, Clara
Vander May, Amelia
Vazquez, Carlos
Zavala, Sindy

Junior High Representatives

None

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

Liaisons Present

None

Youth Council Members Absent

Leonardi, Amelia – Junior High Representative

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

COUNCIL AND STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

Youth Council Advisor, Nicole Morgan

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Subject: Approval of the Minutes – For Action (Attachment)

Recommendation: That the Youth Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting Monday, August 19, 2024.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cruz and Vander May respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, June 3, 2024.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Chenoweth, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Council General Officer Elections – For Action

Recommendation: That Youth Council members vote by ballot to appoint members to General Office Positions for the remainder of the 2024+-2025 school year and approve General Officer Appointments.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cruz and Solano Beltran respectively, to approve the following Youth Council members voted to approve the following General Officer Appointments.

Chair –Jeremy Solano Beltran

Vice-Chair –Clara Stump

Second Vice-Chair – Sagarika Manian

Secretary – Gwen Chenoweth,

Treasurer – Kieran Stone

Parliamentarian – Carlos Vazquez

Publicist – Sophia Cruz

Historian – Sindy Zavala

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

2. Subject: 2024 Trunk or Treat – For Information

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss the 2024 Trunk or Treat event details, held on Wednesday, October 30, 2024, in collaboration with Santa Barbara Police Activities League.

Members discussed experience with past events and commented on this event's ability to bring together families and first responders.

3. Subject: Recruitment Information Review (Attachments) – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council review the recruitment, outreach strategies, and interview questions used for the 2024 Fall Advisory Board Recruitment Cycle.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Vander May and Stump respectively, to approve interview questions and send the flyer to be updated by the Design Subcommittee.

Members discussed successful outreach strategies such as word of mouth, including Youth Council application information in the school bulletins and weekly career center slide decks, as well as connecting with teachers who would nominate a student to apply.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

4. Subject: Reschedule Third Date of Candidate Interviews – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council reschedule a third date for Youth Council Applicant interviews on Monday, November 4, 2024.

- Monday, September 23, 2024 at 5:15 p.m. (Special Meeting – in Observance of Labor Day)
- Monday, October 7, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.
- Monday, October 21, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Cruz and Vander May respectively, to approve the recommended date for interview by the Youth Council.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

5. Subject: Subcommittee Assignments – For Action

Recommendation: That the Youth Council review and approve member assignments and subcommittee chairs to the following subcommittees.

- A. Marketing
- B. Design
- C. Outreach
- D. Sunshine
- E. Youth Making Change
- F. Local Candidates Forum 2024 (Ad Hoc)

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Vander May and Zavala respectively, to approve the member appointments to each subcommittee, reflecting the following assignments.

Marketing: Sophia Cruz (Chair), Gwen Chenoweth, Sagarika Manian, Amelia Vander May, Sindy Zavala. Alternates: Carlos Vazquez

Design: Gwen Chenoweth (chair), Sophia Cruz, Amelia Vander May, Jeremy Solano Beltran, Itzel Leon. Alternates: Ahtziri Bernal Castro.

Outreach: Sagarika Manian (Chair), Amelia Vander May, Carlos Vazquez, Ahtziri Bernal Castro, Kieran Stone.

Sunshine: Sophia Cruz (Chair), Gwen Chenoweth, Sagarika Manian, Amelia Vander May, Sindy Zavala. Alternates: Jeremy Solano Beltran, Itzel Leon

Youth Making Change: Clara Stump (chair) Amelia Vander May, Carlos Vazquez, Kieran Stone, Itzel Leon. Alternates: Gwen Chenoweth, Jeremy Solano Beltran

Local Candidates Forum: Amelia Vander May (co-Chair), Carlos Vazquez (co-chair), Jeremy Solano Beltran, Sophia Cruz, Clara Stump. Alternates: Itzel Leon, Ahtziri Bernal Castro.

Motion carried.

Members Bernal-Castro, Cruz, Leon, Manian, Solano Beltran, Stone, Stump, Vander May, Vazquez and Zavala voted in favor.

6. Subject: Subcommittee Breakout Rooms – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council meet in their respective breakout rooms to discuss current subcommittee tasks.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Subject: Youth Council Updates – For Information Only

Recommendation: That each Youth Councilmember take up to two minutes to update the public on specific current issues or events.

Members provided updates about their leadership activities during the summer as well as current leadership projects taking place on their school campuses.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next special meeting: Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 E Montecito Street, CA
93103 Monday, September 23,
2024 Start at 5:15 p.m.