



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA
SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL**

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REGULAR MEETING

Monday, March 3, 2025

Franklin Neighborhood Center, 1136 E. Montecito St.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Jeremy Solano Beltran called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Youth Council Members

Chair, Jeremy Solano Beltran - present
Vice Chair, Clara Stump – present (5:40 p.m.)
Second Vice-Chair, Sagarika Manian - present
Treasurer, Kieran Stone – present
Secretary, Gwen Chenoweth- present (5:30 p.m.)
Publicist, Sophia Cruz – absent
Parlamentarian, Carlos Vazquez – present (5:40 p.m.)
Historian, Sindy Zavala - present
Ahtziri Bernal-Castro – absent/excused
Amelia Vander May- present
Nicholas Gaston- absent/excused
Itzel Leon – absent
Rumi Jahangir-Arshad – present (5:30 p.m.)

Junior High Representatives

Amelia Leonardi – absent
Carter Saunders – absent

Staff Present

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor
Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez, Council Liaison

Liaisons Present

None

PUBLIC COMMENT

Atry Ligggett – SBYC Alum of '97. Comments on Jr High non-member voting status, creation of an alumni network, and recommendation for Youth Council to support teaching financial literacy for youth.

STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS

Nicole Morgan – Select two member to provide an update to the Parks and Recreation Commission for the month of March. Jeremy Solano Beltran and Sindy Zavala selected to present.

Councilmember Oscar Gutierrez

CONSENT ITEMS

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

Recommendation: That the Youth Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the special meeting of Monday, February 24, 2025.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Manian and Chenoweth respectively, to approve the minutes for the special meeting Monday, February 24, 2025. Motion carried.

Members Solano Beltran, Stump, Manian, Stone, Chenoweth, Vazquez, Zavala, Vander May, and Jahangir-Arshad in favor.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Subject: Youth Council Applicant Interviews – For Information

Recommendation: That the Youth Council interview students interested in applying to the Santa Barbara Youth Council during the Spring 2025 Advisory Board Recruitment Cycle.

No interviews.

2. Subject: 2025 Youth Speak Out Review – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council discuss the outcome of the 2025 Youth Speak Out. Specifically reviewing what worked well, areas for improvement, and recommendations for next year's grant application.

Youth Council Members discussed the outcome of their table discussions, quality of questions, event format, and panelist portion of the Youth Speak Out.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

1. Subject: Youth Council Updates - For Information

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

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting:

Franklin Neighborhood Center
1136 E. Montecito Street
Monday, March 17, 2025