



**CITY OF SANTA BARBARA**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**  
**SANTA BARBARA YOUTH COUNCIL**

**Monday**  
**February 23, 2026**  
**5:15 p.m.**

**Westside Neighborhood Center**  
**423 W. Victoria Street**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** General Public Comment is held at the beginning of the meeting, and public comments on items listed on the agenda will occur after the discussion of that item. The total amount of time for General Public Comment is 15 minutes. Each speaker will be given a total of 2 minutes to address the Santa Barara Youth Council. Pooling of time is not allowed during general public comment. Members of the public wishing to comment on a matter on the agenda must indicate that they would like to make a public comment prior to the conclusion of the discussion for the item.

**IN-PERSON PUBLIC COMMENT:** Members of the public wishing to make an in-person public comment must complete a "Request to Speak" form and submit it prior to the time Public Comment is taken up by the Youth Council.

**WRITTEN PUBLIC COMMENT:** Written public comment regarding items on the agenda or any matters not listed on the agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Santa Barbara Youth Council, may be emailed to [NMorgan@SantaBarbaraCA.gov](mailto:NMorgan@SantaBarbaraCA.gov). All written public comments will be provided to Youth Councilmembers and will become part of the public record. Comments received no later than 24 hours before the meeting will be submitted to the Youth Councilmembers prior to the meeting.

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## **CALL TO ORDER**

Sindy Zavala called the meeting to order at 5:22 p.m.

## **ROLL CALL**

### **Youth Council Members**

Amelia Leonardi, absent  
Bella Warmerdam, present  
Carlos Vazquez, present  
Carter Saunders, present  
Ellie Cogert, present  
Frida Hernandez Pulido, present  
Julia Kramer, absent

Julia Probstel, present  
Layla Llewellyn, absent  
Nicholas Gaston, excused  
Piper McGinnis, present  
Rumi Jahangir-Arshad, present  
Sindy Zavala, present  
Wyatt Wagner, absent

### **Junior High Representatives**

None

### **Staff Present**

Nicole Morgan, Youth Council Advisor

### **Liaisons Present**

None

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

## **STAFF AND LIAISON COMMUNICATIONS**

Nicole Morgan

Reminders: update to the Parks and Recreation Commission, YMC Awards, Buckle-up Car Seat event.

Announcements: Downtown Organization has postponed the Annual Breakfast Awards; there will be more time for the subcommittee to deliberate and select a recipient.

## **CONSENT ITEMS**

### **1. Approval of the Minutes – For Action (Attachment)**

Recommendation: That the Youth Council waive the reading and approve the minutes of the regular meeting of Monday, February 2, 2026.

It was moved and seconded by Youth Council members Leonardi and Cogert respectively, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting Monday, February 2, 2026.

All in favor. Motion carried.

## NEW BUSINESS

### 1. Sustainability and Resilience Presentation – For Information

Recommendation: That the Youth Council receive a presentation from the City of Santa Barbara Sustainability and Resilience Department.

## YOUTH MAKING CHANGE PLANNING

### 1. Youth Making Change Event Planning – For Discussion

Recommendation: That the Youth Council continue working in groups to plan the 2026 Youth Speak Out.

Members met in their topic groups to brainstorm table discussions and activities for the Youth Speak Out.

#### Anti-Discrimination – focus: ICE

Carlos Vazquez  
Rumi Jahangir-Arshad  
Frida Hernandez Pulido  
Amelia Leonardi

#### Sustainability -focus: access to resources/climate anxiety

Piper McGinnis  
Wyatt Wagner  
Layla Llewellyn

#### Public Safety – focus: drug abuse

Sindy Zavala  
Carter Saunders  
Bella Warmerdam

#### Mental Wellness – focus: access to resources, general anxiety about current events

Julia Kramer  
Ellie Cogert  
Nick Gaston

## COUNCIL COMMUNICATIONS

### 1. Youth Council Updates – For Discussion

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

None.

## ADJOURNMENT

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

## ANNOUNCEMENT

Next regular meeting:

**Westside Neighborhood Center  
423 W. Victoria Street  
Monday, March 2, 2026**