

Minutes for the Youth Commission

1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247

January 12, 2026, 6:30 PM - January 12, 2026, 7:30 PM

Roll Call: *(The following members were in attendance)*

- **Samantha Badillo-Cordero**, Commissioner
- **Anaiyah Harris**, Commissioner
- **Aidan Madison**, Commissioner
- **Anaiya Bowers**, Commissioner
- **Kyle Chin**, Commissioner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Anaiyah Harris called the meeting to order at 6:32 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Samantha Badillo-Cordero, Commissioner Anaiyah Harris, Commissioner Aidan Madison, Commissioner Anaiya Bowers, Commissioner Kyle Chin

Absent: Commissioner Damilola Ogundimu, Commissioner Abisola Ogundimu

City Officials and Employees Present: Staff Liaison Jocelyn Alfaro, Recreation Program Administrator Nikki Sweeney.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Samantha Badillo-Cordero led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission, November 11, 2025

It was moved by Commissioner Anaiyah Harris and seconded by Commissioner Anaiya Bowers to approve the Minutes for the Youth Commissioner Meeting, November 10, 2025. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Samantha Badillo-Cordero, Anaiyah Harris, Aidan Madison, Anaiya Bowers, and Kyle Chin).

6. YOUTH COMMISSIONER REPORT

A. Events Attended November - December 2025

Commissioner Anaiya Bowers attended the Jingle Jam events and highlighted the giveaways and new activities this year. Commissioner Kyle Chin and Abisola Ogundimu assisted with the City of Gardena's Toy Drive in organizing the toys for the Helping Hands Giveaway.

B. Goals for Youth Commission 2026

The Youth Commissioners desire to bring more members into the Youth Commission, as three Commissioners will be aging out soon. They desire to attract more youth through advertisements and speaking to teens at school and city events. Commissioners would like to host a water safety course workshop where they can become CPR certified and make this an annual event.

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade - January 17, 2026, 11:00am - 1:00pm

Commissioners were informed about an upcoming event happening on January 17, 2026, and invited to attend and assist. Commissioner Anaiyah Harris and Anaiya Bowers voiced their interest in attending.

B. Teen Night - February 6, 2026, 6:30pm - 9:30pm

Commissioners were informed about the Teen Night happening on February 6, 2026, and invited to attend and assist. Commissioner Anaiyah Harris, Anaiya Bowers, and Kyle Chin voiced their interest in attending.

C. Future Events

Youth Commissioners were informed about future teen events to keep in mind and take note of.

D. California Association of Youth Commission

Youth Commissioners were provided with information on how to join the California Association of Youth Commissions.

E. Commissioners Resigning

Commissioners were reminded that when they turn nineteen or begin to attend college and are no longer able to attend the Youth Commission meetings, they will need to resign.

F. Opportunity to visit Japan

Commissioners were informed about an opportunity to visit Japan as representatives for the City of Gardena. Commissioners Anaiyah Harrias, Anaiya Bowers, and Kyle Chin were interested in participating.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. Consideration of Providing Feminine Products - Memo

Commissioners were informed about the potential memo regarding providing feminine products in city-owned facilities. Commissioners Anaiyah Harris and Anaiyah Bowers believe this is an excellent idea and should be placed in public restrooms such as city buildings, parks, and gyms. Commissioners expressed that there are more positive outcomes than consequences. In regard to how it can be implemented, dispensers would be the main form of distribution; if not in dispensers, Commissioners expressed their desire for boxed items. A concern expressed by the Commissioners was that the majority of restrooms are often out of stock, and they would want to ensure that there is a staff member who can periodically check dispensers. When asked if Commissioners would feel comfortable to inform front desk if items need restocking, many expressed feeling too embarrassed to notify staff. An alternative, however, could be posting a sign between restrooms to inform residents that there is an option to ask staff for products when restrooms are out of stock. One request from our female Commissioners is to ensure high-quality items, such as pads with wings, and to provide both pads and tampons.

9. OLD BUSINESS

A. Water Safety Workshop Event

Commissioners were informed about updates regarding the Water Safety Workshop Event. They emphasized their desire to become CPR certified and help assist other teenagers get certified themselves.

B. Generation Connect

As stated in the previous meeting, Youth Commissioners were interested in assisting seniors with technology skills. Since the City of Gardena currently holds tech classes for seniors, Commissioners were encouraged and asked if they would like to assist during these workshops. Due to the workshops taking place in the morning, Commissioners will begin participating during spring break and summer break. Commissioners Anaiya Harrias, Anaiyah Bowers, and Kyle Chin were interested in participating and are projected to attend on July 17, 2026.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Kyle Chin to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 pm.

MINA SEMENZA

City Clerk of the City of Gardena and
Ex-officio Clerk of the Council

APPROVED:

Nikki Sweeney 2-9-26

Nikki Sweeney, Recreation Program Administrator

By: Becky Romero

Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk