

Minutes for the Youth Commission

1670 West 162nd Street, Gardena, CA 90247

February 9, 2026, 6:30 PM - February 9, 2026, 7:30 PM

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

- **Abisola Ogundimu**, Commissioner
- **Aidan Madison**, Commissioner
- **Anaiya Bowers**, Commissioner
- **Kyle Chin**, Commissioner
- **Anaiyah Harris**, Commissioner

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Commissioner Kyle Chin called the meeting to order at 6:46 pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Anaiyah Harris, Commissioner Aidan Madison, Commissioner Abisola Ogundimu, Commissioner Anaiya Bowers, Commissioner Kyle Chin

Absent: Commissioner Samantha Badillo-Cordero

In Attendance: Staff Liaison Jocelyn Alfaro

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Anaiyah Harris led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no Public Comments.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Regular Meeting of the Youth Commission, January 12, 2026

It was moved by Commissioner Anaiya Bowers and seconded by Commissioner Kyle Chin to approve the Minutes for the Youth Commissioner Meeting, January 12, 2026. The motion passed by a vote of 5-0 (Yea: Anaiyah Harris, Aidan Madison, Abisola Ogundimu, Anaiya Bowers, Kyle Chin)

6. YOUTH COMMISSIONER REPORT

A. Martin Luther King Jr. Parade Feedback - January 17, 2026

Commissioners Anaiya Harris, Anaiya Bowers, and Kyle Chin attended the Martin Luther King Jr. Parade. They vocalized that this year, the event was more organized, and everything ran according to the schedule. The separation from the park area was done very efficiently. Some suggested improvements for next year included adding canopies over the food area, as it was extremely hot that day, as well as providing more water bottles and snacks overall. Additionally, they mentioned a better banner that could connect magnetically to the train, and suggested making the buses more efficient, as the Commissioners expressed that the shuttle bus had a long wait time between trips.

B. Teen Night Feedback - February 6, 2026

Commissioners Abisola Ogundimu, Anaiya Bowers, and Kyle Chin attended the Teen Night Event. They enjoyed the food provided, including the Chick-fil-A and snacks. In regard to the presentation, they felt it was too long, and some attendees were bored and stopped paying attention towards the end. Commissioners would like to see more hands-on activities. While the one activity at the event was nice, they would like a more interactive activity where they could engage with other teens.

C. Japan Opportunity Updates

Commissioners Anaiyah Harris, Abisola Ogundimu, Anaiya Bowers, and Kyle Chin are all interested in representing the City of Gardena in Japan.

7. STAFF LIAISON REPORT

A. Water Safety Workshop

Commissioners expressed that they would like to get certified with the city and assist in the Water Safety Workshops.

B. Girl Boss Workshop - Activities and Vendors

The Girl Boss Workshop is an event for teen girls, and Commissioners were asked for any ideas on activities and vendors they would like to see. Commissioner Anaiya Bowers expressed her desire to cover more topics such as confidence, self-reflection, and self-image. Abisola Ogundimu and Anaiyah Harris would like more time during the networking times and to invite companies like the Brothers and Sisters Company, McDonald's, Chick-fil-A, and In-N-Out.

C. Youth in Government Day

Commissioners were reminded of their mandatory attendance at Youth in Government Day.

D. City Council Presentation Date 2026

Commissioners were informed of the date to present in front of the City Council on Tuesday, October 27, 2026.

8. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Gardena Food Pantry Partnerships

The City of Gardena Food Pantry is currently looking for partnerships with grocery stores in Gardena who would be willing to donate food throughout the year. Commissioners discussed some topics to include in the letter, such as the importance of the food pantry during the government shutdown, the crucial help to numerous families in the Gardena area, and how the pantry helps reduce food insecurity in Gardena. They also suggested speaking to small businesses and nonprofits.

B. New Youth Commissioner Appointed

Commissioners were informed about the new youth being appointed on February 10, 2026. Commissioners Abisola Ogundimu and Kyle Chin may be in attendance.

9. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Commissioner Anaiya Bowers to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 pm.

MINA SEMENZA

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

APPROVED:

Nikki Sweeney 3-9-26

Nikki Sweeney, Recreation Program Administrator

By: Becky Romero

Becky Romero, Deputy City Clerk