

**MINUTES
LAWNDALE CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING
YOUTH IN GOVERNMENT DAY
MOCK CITY COUNCIL MEETING
May 12, 2026**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

****Please note that this meeting is a mock Youth in Government Day City Council meeting for educational purposes.****

Student Mayor and Councilmembers called the meeting to order at 12:06 p.m. in the City Hall Council Chamber, 14717 Burin Avenue, Lawndale, California.

Councilmembers Present: Councilmember Bernadette Suarez, Councilmember Pat Kearney, Councilmember Francisco M. Talavera

Councilmembers Absent: Mayor Pullen-Miles, Mayor Pro Tem Cuevas

Student Councilmembers Present: Winston Sanchez, Aiden Balonkita, Melina Lopez, Alicia Giselle Ortega, Ari Camarena, Mateo Gonzalez-Cruz, Ellie Brunaczki, Kathy Reveles, Esai Jimenez Vasquez, Noelia Sandoval

Other Participants: Interim City Manager Raylette Felton, Assistant City Clerk Yvette Palomo, Finance Director Hrant Manuelian, Public Works Director Luis (Lucho) Rodriguez, Community Services Director Jason Minter, Community Development Interim/Acting Director Jose Hernandez, Municipal Services Director Michael Reyes, Sergeant Justin Smith

B. CEREMONIALS (Flag Salute)

Student Councilmember led the flag salute.

C. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

1. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Update

Student Sheriff's Lieutenant provided the report.

D. ITEMS FROM CITY CLERK

2. Student City Clerk to provide report to Student City Councilmembers

Student City Clerk provided the report.

E. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS - ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA (Public Comments)

****Please note that the below comments are mock public comments.****

A resident commented about dog waste throughout the City.

A resident commented about hazardous e-bike riders and the safety of pedestrians.

F. COMMENTS FROM COUNCIL

General comments were made by the Student City Councilmembers in response to the residents' comments.

G. ADMINISTRATION

3. Report from Student Director of Community Development

Student Director of Community Development provided the report.

4. Report from Student Director of Community Services

Student Director of Community Services provided the report.

5. Report from Student Director of Finance

Student Director of Finance provided the report.

6. Report from Student Director of Municipal Services

Student Director of Municipal Services provided the report.

7. Report from Student Director of Public Works

Student Director of Public Works provided the report.

H. CITY MANAGER REPORT

Student City Manager provided the report.

I. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct, Student Mayor and Councilmembers adjourned the meeting at 12:19 p.m.



Robert Pullen-Miles, Mayor

ATTEST:



Erica Harbison, City Clerk
Approved: June 1, 2026