

Sacramento County Youth Commission

Tomorrow's Leaders Leading Today

Minutes
Monday, May 18, 2009

Chair: Naomi Endsley
Vice Chair: Cynthia Tsay
Secretary: Rachel Anderson

Attendance:

District 1	Stephanie Taylor	X
	Teresa Juarez	<i>Absent</i>
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 2	Cynthia Tsay	X
	Kiki Vo	<i>Absent</i>
	Salote Umufuke	<i>Absent</i>
District 3	Megan Alcalay	<i>Absent</i>
	Elizabeth Eggert	<i>Absent</i>
	Christopher Eur	X
District 4	Naomi Endsley	<i>Absent</i>
	Rachel Anderson	X
	<i>Vacant</i>	<i>Vacant</i>
District 5	Harjot Hansra	X
	Joyce Lau	X
	Tyler MacKenzie	X

Advisor: Michele Watts

Guests: Sylvia Perscheid, Supervisor Don Nottoli's Office (Youth Commission Liason)

Agenda:

- The meeting was called to order at 6:19 p.m.

1. Welcome and Introductions

- Commissioners made introductions. No new commissioners.

2. Announcements and Comments:

- Salote, who attended one meeting in January, will no longer be joining the commission.

- Seniors should notify Michele of when they plan to leave the commission. Seniors who did not sign the sheet passed around at the meeting should contact Michele.

3. Approve Minutes of April 20, 2009 Meeting

- An amendment was made on page three, first line: Correction to Christopher's name and a change from "general" to "generally."
- Joyce motioned to approve the minutes and Tyler seconded. The minutes were approved as amended.

4. Monitoring of Board of Supervisors Agendas

- No April/May report, District 5 Commissioners will report back in June
- May/June report assigned to District 1.

5. Capital Region Compact for Children and Youth (Yes to Youth) Update

- Yes to Youth did not present to the board on May 12th due to the state's current budget issues. Their plan is to wait until the summer when the board will have finalized their financial plan. Commissioners are still invited to stay a part of their cause.

6. Graduation Rates Project

- Megan was not present, but Michele presented her proposed timeline for the project
- Video will hopefully be produced by a community college film student. Megan is researching this option. Recommendations:
 - Incorporate music
 - The style of the video is "persuasively informational"
- Commissioners divided the video script into sections:
 - Each commissioner should work on the part of the script that applies to what he or she researched. Scripts should be done and will be reviewed at the June meeting.
 - Be creative with the script and include video cues.
 - Cynthia will work on the final section of the script that ties all the parts together.
 - After writing the scripts, send them to Cynthia so she can work on her part of the script. Everyone who didn't research for the first part will help Cynthia compose the conclusion.
 - Harjot passed around an updated flowchart with updated information and research, but she is still waiting on research from some commissioners. If you have not sent Harjot an email, refer to passed minutes to check if you were supposed to research a specified area.

7. Multicultural Book Essay Contest

- The Sacramento library will provide judges, but it cannot provide any financial aid.

- At least one commissioner should be on the judge panel to represent the youth opinion.
- Finances
 - Financial expenses include prizes. Certificates of Recognition are cheapest, but local area vendors (ie. Jamba Juice) might be willing to donate gift cards. A commissioner needs to be assigned the task of contacting these vendors.
 - Possible donations from language/ethnic communities. These communities may also be willing to provide financial support.
 - Chris will formulate a budget, including a target range for expenses, to give structure to the financing aspect of the project.
 - Michele will write an initial letter to be sent to possible sponsors of the project. These sponsors will be assigned to each commissioner to contact. Chris will email Michele, who will email commissioners, stipulating which sponsors each commissioner should contact.
- Publicity
 - Sac. Library will support the event by printing fliers.
 - Emailing schools. A commissioner should be assigned this task.

8. Other Business

- Cynthia got 2nd place at section finals and will be receiving an award at senior awards for her athletic achievements.

9. Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items

- None

10. The meeting was adjourned at 6:53 p.m.