



San Mateo County Youth Commission



HYBRID MEETING - IN-PERSON AND BY VIDEOCONFERENCE

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County Center Building, 455
Room 101, First Floor
Redwood City, CA 94063

WORKGROUP MEETING **Minutes**

Thursday, October 12, 2023
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

Community Agreements

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Accessibility
Be true to yourself.
Step in, step out.
Communicate efficiently and proactively.
Accountability- be honest about what you can do and follow through with it.
Community advocacy and empathy.
Use your voice and strength, represent.

1. Call to Order

This meeting was called to order @6:01 P.M.

2. Roll Call

Present: Commissioner Abraham, Commissioner Braunstein, Commissioner Chan, Commissioner Chavez-Franco, Commissioner Chen, Commissioner Chowdhary, Commissioner Escobar, Commissioner Handel, Commissioner Ho, Commissioner Lau, Commissioner Liu, Commissioner Kothari Commissioner Mishra, Commissioner Ryono, Commissioner Sardana, Commissioner A. Shah, Commissioner R. Shah, Commissioner Shroff, Commissioner Watson, Commissioner Zhao, Commissioner Zou,

Absent: Commissioner Agarwal, Commissioner Ordonez, Commissioner Nori,

3. **Public Comment**

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There was no public comment.

4. **Approve Agenda (Action)**

Motion: Commissioner Sadhana

Second: Commissioner Shah

The motion passes unanimously

Approve Minutes (Action)

Motion: Commissioner Shah

Second: Commissioner Zou

The motion passes unanimously

5. **Discussion and Endorsement of JUHSD's Resolution for a Climate Emergency (Action led by Environmental Justice Subcommittee)**

Discussing an endorsement to the JUDSH's Resolution for a Climate Emergency.

This resolution was sent out via email. The Commission together as a body decides to endorse the JUDSH Resolution.

All Yay's. No Nay's. No abstentions.

Subcommittee Committee Work Time

Subcommittees will identify communication standards, team values, and what will happen if these values aren't met. Discuss group norms, how to break up projects, and how to keep others accountable. Practice and prepare a "Work Plan Draft" presentation.

Work Plan presentations will be 5 minutes each with 2 minutes for Q&A.

Final work plans will be presented and due on Thursday, November 16th, 2023.

Called back at 6:48 P.M.

6. **Committee Report Outs**

Health and Wellness

Chair: Commissioner Liu

Vice Chair: Chen

Secretary: Commissioner Ordonez

Goals: Suicide prevention, nutrition education, mental health and wellness. Network with mental health organizations. Nutrition education in high schools and schools that don't have them yet. Substance abuse information meetings and narcotic abuse awareness. Considering expanding more specifically on mental health.

Civic Engagement

Chair: Commissioner Zou and Commissioner Zhao

Vice Chair: Commissioner Shroff

Secretary: Rotated by month

Goals: Increase political education among youth, host presentations from speakers at committee hosted events. Create educational pamphlets. Expand on a civic engagements website. Host voter registration drives.

Educational Equity -

Chair: Commissioner Sadhana

Vice-Chair: Commissioner Kothari

Secretary: Commissioner Escobar

Goals: Split into three groups, each group has two people focus on a certain project. Ethnic studies project and advocacy for the continuation of ethnic studies programs in high schools. Facing educational disparity in Pacifica and other areas, confronting the lack of resources that those communities have. Create a mentorship program with programs that are already established. Literacy event to introduce children to more diverse pieces of literature written by people of different backgrounds. Multiple authors coming to the event. Attend meetings with partners to gain support. Getting in touch with authors for literacy events.

Immigrant Youth

Chair: Commissioner Handel

Vice-Chair: Commissioner Chowdhary

Secretary: Commissioner Watson

Goals: Continuing with the scholarship from previous years. Expanding red cards to more than just community colleges (churches, community spaces) Work more personally with DREAM clubs in school (clubs for first generation students).

Environmental Justice

Chair: Commissioner Shah

Vice-Chair: Commissioner Lau

Secretary: Commissioner Mishra

Goals: Reduce plastic waste. Expanding on legislation already created, working with the board of trustees in our district. Climate resolution expansion, moving it into the district. Hold a climate literacy event in San Mateo County.

7. **Announcements**

- Recognition & Gratitude Reception on November 7th, 2023, at 5 P.M to 7 P.M. RSVP to Juda Tolmasoff, who will be directly emailing commissioners an RSVP.
- Submit Board & Commission liaisons interest by tomorrow.
- Media Release forms need to be submitted.
- Family justice and healing center information discussed by Commissioner Liu.
- Every subcommittee is allowed to present a speaker during regular meetings. Will start off in January.
- 10/14 is the National Nami Walk from 9 A.M to 12:30 P.M.

8. **Adjournment**

This meeting was adjourned at @7:21 P.M.

Upcoming Meetings

Resolution Drafting, Board Advocacy – October 19th

Office of Equity Presentation - TBD

Work Plan Presentations – November 16th

Winter Retreat – December 14th

Next Meeting: October 19, 2023

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