

CITY OF ELK GROVE Youth Commission

**MINUTES OF THE YOUTH COMMISSION
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2024**

1. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL:

Femi Omotesho, Youth Commission Advisor, called the Youth Commission Meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

Present: Abbas Chaudhry; Adielle Nelson; Adrian Bayardo; Andres Guzman; Kara Hughes; Lindsey Ngo; Manjot Rai; Marho Akpo; Ohm Shah; Pratham Rangwala

Absent: None

Late: None

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT: The Land Acknowledgment was read by Advisor Omotesho

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Advisor Omotesho also led the Pledge of Allegiance

4. PUBLIC COMMENT FOR ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: None

6. REGULAR AGENDA ACTION ITEMS:

6.1 Receive information from the Youth Needs Assessment subcommittee and discuss action.

The subcommittee proposed an anonymous direct survey to highlight the issues Elk Grove youth find most important. Any youth, ages 13-18, residing in Elk Grove or attending an EGUSD school can participate. The survey will ask about school, grade, age, and identify important issues, with questions on Mental Health and Civic Engagement. The goal is to start and complete the survey and report between October and early December. Commissioners agreed to keep the survey simple, and the Subcommittee will work on promotion strategies.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6.2 Nominate and Vote on Appointment of 2023-2024 Youth Commission Officers (Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary, Historian, Communications Officer)

The advisor read the list of the Youth Commission appointed roles, positions, responsibilities and commitments. The is was followed by nominations and voting.

Chair – Commissioners Ohm Shah, Pratham Rangwala, and Lindsey Ngo expressed interest in the position of Chair. Abbas Chaudry motioned Ohm Shah to be appointed as Chair; Adielle Nelson seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with a 4/6 Vote. Manjot Rai motioned Lindsey Ngo to be appointed as Chair; Marho Akpo seconded the motion. The appointment passed with a 7/3/0 vote.

Vice Chair – Commissioners Ohm Shah, Pratham Rangwala, and Adielle Nelson expressed interest in the position of Vice Chair. Lindsey Ngo motioned Pratham Rangwala to be appointed as Vice Chair; Marho Akpo seconded the motion. The appointment passed with a 9/1/0 vote

Secretary – Commissioner Marho Akpo expressed interest in the position of Secretary. Pratham Rangwala motioned Marho Akpo to be appointed as Secretary; Lindsey Ngo seconded the motion. The appointment passed with an 10/0/0 vote.

Historian – Commissioner Manjot Rai expressed interest in the position of Historian. Lindsey Ngo motioned Manjot Rai to be appointed as Historian; Marho Akpo seconded the motion. The appointment passed with an 10/0/0 vote.

Communications Officer – Commissioners Abbas Chaudry, Adielle Nelson, and Adrian Bayardo expressed interest in the position of Communications Officer. Pratham Rangwala motioned Abbas Chaudry to be appointed as Communications Officer, Ohm Shah seconded the motion. The motion did not pass with a vote of 5/5/0. Lindsey Ngo motioned Adrian Bayardo to be appointed as Communications Officer, Manjot Rai seconded the motion. The appointment passed at a 7/3/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.4 Identify a youth liaison for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission

Commissioner Adiele Nelson volunteered to be the Youth Commission liaison for the Diversity and Inclusion Commission. There was no opposition to her volunteering.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

5.5 Discuss any project ideas and plan for the upcoming year.

The Commission discussed a variety of ideas and decided to embark on fewer but more impactful projects this year. The Commission confirmed the Path to Positivity, Family Fun Day, Scholarships, Food Drive and Elk Grove Clean-Up events.

Subcommittees were established accordingly:

Family Fun Day – Lindsey Ngo, Ohm Shah, Abbas Chaudry, and Andres Guzman

Path to Positivity – Pratham Rangwala, Marho Akpo, Ohm Shah, and Lindsey Ngo

Scholarships – Pratham Rangwala, Marho Akpo, Adielle Nelson, Manjot Rai, and Lindsey Ngo

Clean Up Elk Grove – Marho Akpo, Kara Hughes, Abbas Chaudry, and Adrian Bayardo

Food Drive – Kara Hughes and Adielle Nelson

Elk Grove Youths Needs Assessment – Pratham Rangwala, Lindsey Ngo, Marho Akpo, Manjot Rai, Adrian Bayardo

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

6. GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATES/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Advisor Femi welcomed the Commissioners to the beginning of the Commission year, commended their enthusiasm and thanked Co-Advisor Flynn for her support. The Commission discussed and agreed the idea of swags. Commissioners Adielle, Manjot, Kara, and Marho will work on it and give feedback next meeting.

7. ADJOURNMENT:

The September 10, 2024, Youth Commission Meeting was adjourned at 7:04 p.m.



Femi Omotesho
Youth Commission Advisor