County of Santa Cruz

Santa Cruz County Youth Commission
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YOUTH COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 26, 2026
5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

Aptos Library Community Room
7695 Soquel Drive
Aptos, CA 95003

1. CALL TO ORDER /ROLL CALL

Commissioner:	**Seat:**	**Status:**
Aliyah Marcus	District 1	Present
Danna Perez-Garcia	District 2	Present
Natalie LeBlanc	District 3	Present
Chloe Schacher	District 4	Present
Paige Haentjens	District 5	Present
Samuel Rios	At-Large (Immigrant / farmworker family background)	Excused
Chiara Rojas	At-Large (Identifies as LGBTQ+)	Excused
Fritzi Aparicio Hernandez	At-Large (Identifies as low-income)	Present
Americo Castillo	At-Large (Person with physical / learning disability)	Present
Amber Chavez	At-Large (Person of color)	Present
Cristina Nolasco	At-Large (Person living in rural / unincorporated area)	Present

Staff:	**Title:**
Juliette Rezzato	Youth Commission Staff Liaison
Melodye Serino	Youth Commission Staff Liaison
Grace Graessle	Youth Commission Intern

2. AGENDA MODIFICATIONS

None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approved the minutes of the August 25, 2026, August 31, 2026 and September 28, 2026 Regular Meetings.

Result:	**Approved [8 to 0]**
Motion/Second:	Perez-Garcia, Nolasco
Ayes:	Marcus, Perez-Garcia, LeBlanc, Schacher, Haentjens, Castillo, Chavez and Nolasco
Nayes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Hernandez

4. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**
   No one addressed the commission

5. INFORMATION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

a. **Select representative for Youth-Led Leadership Alliance Governance Council**

Action:

1. Accepted and filed presentation from Andres Ortiz, County Office of Education regarding the Youth-Led Leadership Alliance (YLLA) Governance Council; and
2. Elected to permit Youth Commission members to observe the next YLLA Governance Council meeting and report back at the next meeting.

Public Comment:

1 person addressed the commission

Result:	**Accepted and Filed [9 to 0]**
Motion/Second:	Hernandez, Nolasco
Ayes:	Marcus, Perez-Garcia, LeBlanc, Schacher, Haentjens, Hernandez, Castillo, Chavez and Nolasco
Nayes:	None
Abstain:	None

b. **Consider adoption of 2026 Workplan**

Action:

Adopted the 2026 Workplan.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the commission

Result:	**Adopted [9 to 0]**
Motion/Second:	Nolasco, LeBlanc
Ayes:	Marcus, Perez-Garcia, LeBlanc, Schacher, Haentjens, Hernandez, Castillo, Chavez and Nolasco
Nayes:	None
Abstain:	None

c. **Consider adoption of revised meeting calendar**

Action:

Adopted the revised meeting schedule, rescheduling the November and December 2026 meetings.

Public Comment:

No one addressed the commission

Result:	**Adopted [9 to 0]**
Motion/Second:	LeBlanc, Marcus
Ayes:	Marcus, Perez-Garcia, LeBlanc, Schacher, Haentjens, Hernandez, Castillo, Chavez and Nolasco
Nayes:	None
Abstain:	None

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d. **Group Discussion on Mental Health, Stress & Emotional Well Being**
Action:
The commission received a presentation from Dr. Marni Sandoval and discussed.

Public Comment:
1 person addressed the commission

6. ADJOURNMENT
Meeting adjourned at 6:47 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE:
5:30 PM Monday, November 16, 2026
County Government Community Room
701 Ocean Street, Santa Cruz CA (Basement)

Submitted By:
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Youth Commission Staff Liaison