City of San José
Youth Commission

District 1 – Anushka Deshmukh
District 3 – Edwin Sanchez
District 5 – Dali Guerrero Fernandez
District 7 – David Huynh
District 9 – Jingru (Ruby) Yu
Citywide – Marian Kucharewski

Neyha Pradeepkumar– District 2
Akashadha Badu Chakravarthi – District 4
Fiona Canfield – District 6
Aldojoell Gonzalez-Muñiz– District 8
Jinyoung (Kyle) Park – District 10

RETREAT MEETING MINUTES DRAFT
August 17, 2025 | 1:00 P.M.
In-Person Location: San Jose Public Library – Room 225
150 East San Fernando St., San Jose, CA 95112

I. Call to Order & Orders of the Day

A. Roll Call

PRESENT: Chair Pro Tempore Pardeepkumar, Commissioners Deshmukh, Sanchez, Badu Chakravarthi, Guerrero Fernandez, Canfield, Huynh, Yu, Park, Kucharewski.

ABESENT: Commission Gonzalez- Muñiz

STAFF: Senior Librarian Megan Maloy; Youth Commission Librarian Emily Terada, Administrative Assistant, Dziem Nguyen.

The meeting was called to order at 1:03 P.M. Quorum was achieved with 10 Commissioners present. 1 Commissioner absent.

II. Consent Calendar

A. Approve August 17, 2025, Retreat Agenda
B. Approve August 18, 2024, Retreat Attendance
C. Approve August 18, 2024, Retreat Meeting Minutes

On the motion of Commissioner Park, seconded by Commissioner Sanchez, the Commission voted to approve the items on the Consent Calendar (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

III. Public Record: There was no correspondence for the Commission to review.

IV. Open Forum: There was no public comment to the Commission.

V. Discussion/Action Items

A. **INFORMATIONAL:** Youth Commission Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 (Chair Pro-Tempore, M. Maloy).

No Public Comment.
The Commission engaged in discussion.

The Youth Commission brainstormed to develop their workplan for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Youth Commission Workplan Items:

- Objective: Evaluate and advise college, career, and literacy opportunities and resources in San Jose.
    - Conduct youth participatory action research and a citywide youth survey to gather insight and input from youth on budget and educational priorities
    - Explore and uplift community partnerships focused on education including but limited to:
        - Silicon Valley Education Foundation
        - Local school districts
    - Work with SJPL on their ESL programs – outreach
- Objective: Emphasize San Jose's diversity and culture through exploring community resources and placemaking.
    - Foster youth creativity through cultures and arts including but not limited to:
        - Beautify Initiatives
        - Community Art
        - Events and Fairs
    - Conduct outreach and promotion of existing local resources and resources including but not limited to:
        - San Jose Public Library
        - Community-based organizations
    - Uplift and advocate immigrant youth and families by promoting support resources including, but limited to:
        - Workshops
        - language accessibility
        - Safety Resources

Commissioner Sanchez left at 3:56 PM

The Commission called for a recess at 4:21pm

Meeting call back from recess 4:30pm

B. **ACTION: Election of Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Office (Chair Pro-Tempore)**
Youth Commission elected their Youth Commission Office.

No Public Comment.

The Commission engaged in discussion.

- Youth Commission Chair
  - Commissioner Kucharewski was elected as Youth Commission Chair
- Youth Commission Vice Chair
  - Commissioner Pradeepkumar was elected as Youth Commission Vice Chair
- Youth Commission Communications Officer
  - Commissioner Deskmukh was elected as Youth Commission Communications Officer
- Youth Commission Outreach Officer
  - Commissioner Huynh was elected the Youth Commission Outreach Officers.

On the motion of Commissioner Guerrero Fernandez, seconded by Commissioner Canfield, the Commissioner approved the election result (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

VI. Items for Future Commission Meeting Agendas

VII. Meeting Schedule and Agenda Items

The next meeting will be an in-person Youth Commission Meeting on August 25, 2025.

VIII. Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Canfield, seconded by Commissioner Park the Commission voted to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 PM (10 yes, 0 no, 1 absent).

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Youth Commission, Chair Pro-Tempore

ATTEST:
YOUTH COMMISSION SECRETARY

_____/s/_____
Dziem Nguyen