

**YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Chair Azizi at 6:06 p.m.

2. ROLL CALL:

- a. Present: Chair Azizi, Vice Chair Farah, Freligh, Gaur, Kaur, Rahin, Shih, Yangali
- b. Absent: Drumgoole, Girmai
- c. Tardy: None
- d. Adult Commissioners Present: Moore, Yarber-Alexander
- e. Staff Present: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator
- f. Recorded by: Amanda Jensen, Recreation Coordinator

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Azizi.

4. ITEMS FROM THE AUDIENCE:

There were no items from the audience.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:

- a. Review and Approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from April 8, 2026.

ACTION: A motion was made to approve the minutes by Vice Chair Farah and seconded by Commissioner Kaur. A roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

6. OLD BUSINESS:

- a. Review and Discuss Commission Goals, Objectives, and Action Steps for 2026

Chair Azizi reviewed the 2026 Youth Advisory Commission Goals, Objectives, and Action Steps with the Commission. Commissioner discussion followed.

The Commission discussed the following Goals and Objectives:

1. Goal - Program Enhancement

- 1.A.1.** – Collaborate with the teen community to plan and implement a program that reflects their interests and needs.

Staff Jensen shared that she received some edits to the proposal form and draft letter to business which she will make and resubmit.

- 1.A.2.** – Partner with school clubs to increase awareness and participation in upcoming new events and programs.

Commissioner Shih shared that the subcommittee discussed working closely with schools' clubs to help promote the event in addition to fun and engaging social media videos pending the current trends.

1.B.1. – Work with Recreation staff to implement an event or program.

A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for May 21st to discuss new ideas for teen events or programs.

1.B.2. – Engage teen participation by working with the schools to promote the event or program

A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for June 3rd to discuss new marketing ideas.

1.C.1. – Attend Rollin' Rec events and assist staff on a minimum of two occasions per activity guide.

Staff Jensen reminded the Commissioners who have not completed assisting at two of the Rollin' Rec events that the end of the Spring season would be concluding the second to the last week of May.

2. Goal – Community Outreach

2.A.1. – Organize and carry out one park clean-up per activity guide.

A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for May 26th to discuss future potential park clean-up dates.

2.B.1. – Design a community service brochure that highlights volunteer opportunities available to teens.

Staff Jensen explained that at the last subcommittee meeting, only one Commissioner was in attendance and that they tried their best to call all of the organizations and add any missing business to the guide.

A subcommittee meeting was scheduled for May 21st.

b. Discuss the Youth Advisory Commission's Participant in the 10th Annual Tracy Earth Day Event on April 15, 2026

Staff Jensen thanked all of the Commissioners that were able to attend and asked for their thoughts on the event.

Vice Chair Farah shared that she thought it was a good event and that the kids really like the games and bubbles provided by Sparkles the Clown.

Commissioner Kaur shared that she wished Rollin' Rec was placed at a more prime location.

Commissioner Shih shared that it was a good turnout and that the kids and adults loved planting the seeds in the little pots.

c. Discuss the Park Clean-Up Event Scheduled for Saturday, May 2, 2026

Staff Jensen shared that she was thrilled that everyone who said that they could attend showed up. Nine out of ten Commissioners was a great accomplishment. She stated that this was a great step in helping to get YAC's name out into the community. She asked Commissioners to share their thoughts.

Vice Chair Farah stated that it was a lot of work and they were unfortunately unable to finish but it was good.

Chair Azizi shared that with more outreach, they would have more people to help next time, and they would be able to accomplish more.

Commissioner Gaur shared that the event was held during AP season so that may have impacted volunteers. He also stated that his friends saw social media posts and helped market.

Commissioner Shih stated that the event was fun and was great team bonding.

Commissioner Freligh shared that everyone showed up and because of them attending the BMX Pump Track ribbon cutting, they were able to invite the Mayor, Councilmember Abercrombie and the Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department, and they showed up.

Adult Commissioner Moore echoed that it was a great turnout and for the Commission to continue showing up to events. She also mentioned that the Commissioners should not feel bad about not completing everything because they superseded what they thought was going to get completed and that was why the staff had to go and get additional supplies so that they could continue.

d. Discuss the Youth Advisory Commission's Participation with the Summer Teen Camps

Staff Jensen shared that she would like the Commissioners to volunteer for a minimum of one camp, at this time, so that she can have a schedule to make sure to notify those specific Commissioners if there are any changes to the camp.

Chair Azizi, Vice Chair Farah and Commissioner Kaur volunteered for the Craft Lab camp from June 8 to June 11.

Commissioners Shih and Yangali volunteered for the Teen Chef's Advanced Course from June 15-June 18.

Commissioner Kaur also volunteered for the BeYOUTiful Camp the week of June 22 to June 25.

Commissioner Freligh volunteered for Teen Chef's: Cooking 101 from July 6 to July 9.

- e. Discuss The Youth Advisory Commission's Participation with the Teen Only Pool Nights

Staff Jensen shared that she would like the Commissioners to volunteer for one of the event dates.

Vice Chair Farah, Commissioners Shih, Kaur and Gaur volunteered for Friday, July 17th.

7. NEW BUSINESS

None

8. ITEMS FROM THE STAFF:

- a. YAC Recruitment Update

Staff Jensen shared that she ended up receiving 32 applications but only 31 responded to invitations to interview. Of the 31 interviews scheduled, only 30 interviewed. She stated that the interviews went well and she was excited for the new Commissioners to join and help keep the momentum going.

- b. Senior Center – Under the Sea Dance, 5/14/26, 4pm-8pm

Staff Jensen shared that the Senior Center was looking for volunteers to help at their Under the Sea Dance the following day and those available to assist could report to the Senior Center.

- c. Rollin' Rec, 5/16/26, Tracy Municipal Airport

Staff Jensen shared that Rollin' Rec would be at the Family Day at the Tracy Airport event on Saturday. Commissioners able to attend were encouraged to stop by and it would be counted as attending a Spring Season Rollin' Rec date.

- d. Best of Tracy

Staff Jensen shared that submitted the Celebrate Tracy article that will highlight was YAC has worked, is currently working on and future goals. She will share the article once it is published.

- e. Movies on the Plaza: 6/26, 7/24, 8/28

Staff Jensen shared that the Movies on the Plaza events will be beginning in June and Commissioner interested in volunteering, were encouraged to attend. She stated that since Rollin' Rec is a part of the event, this would count towards their goal.

9. ITEMS FROM THE COMMISSION

Commissioner Azizi shared that West High's Jr. ROTC program was invited to an event at the Travis Airforce Base on June 7th to learn more about special forces and other career paths available. He also stated that he wanted the Commission to continue participating in teen events to be a positive representative for the new Commissioners. He also shared that he was interested in having a get together in June before Commissioners terms ended.

Commissioner Kaur shared that she is preparing for the National Speech & Debate in Virginia and that she was excited to get out early for once.

Commissioner Freligh shared that she was hosting a free CPR and AED training event on Saturday, May 16th from 7:30am-10:30am at St. Mary's High School in Stockton. The event will be attended by the Make a Wish Foundation and will feature free Chick-A-Fil. She expressed that in addition to training on CPR & AED, it would be a great opportunity to network.

Commissioner Shih shared that she just learned that she got the internship at the Lawrence Livermore Lab and that she would be working with the staff to research plant DNA. She also shared that she will have the opportunity to have her research published.

Commissioner Gaur shared that the Robotics State Championship was held at West High and that they were awarded \$40,000. He also shared that Kimball High won a math competition while representing the City of Tracy high schools.

Adult Commissioner Yarber-Alexander congratulated the graduating Commissioners. She also shared that the TAAA would be hosting its Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 6th from 10am to 5pm. Additionally, she shared that she attended a career day at George Kelly where she met a Graphic Designer from the lab that created comic books for kids to explain what happened at the lab. She also shared that through the Kwanis Club, she read to kindergartners in the morning.

Commissioner Shih shared that it was still early, but she was working on "Youth of the Year" with her club members.

Adult Commissioner Yarber-Alexander invited Commissioners to come to a Kiwanis Club meeting to share about the Commission. She stated that the meetings are on Mondays at 12pm at lhop and she knows the youth are in school, but perhaps during the summer.

Adult Commissioner Moore asked the Commissioners to open their phone calendars and add the Sam Matthews Ribbon Cutting on Tuesday, May 19 from 4:30pm to 5:30pm. She stated that it was another great opportunity to represent YAC and get their name out in the community. Additionally, she shared that she is working with TCCA for community service opportunities for the Fourth of July parade and that they would be done by 2pm if interested. She then stated that she received permission from the Director of Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department and the school

board to provide graduating Commissioner with a graduation stole and that they would be allowed to wear them at the graduation ceremony in addition to any other stoles that they earned. She then presented Chair Azizi with his YAC stole. She then reminded the Commissioners to make sure that they go to the events because she will attend if they say they are going and if they end up not showing up, it wastes time. She also stated that it might be fun to create a "Where does YAC go?" social media campaign to show what they do over the Summer.

10. ADJOURNMENT:

Time: 7:22 pm

ACTION: A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Vice Chair Farah and seconded by Commissioner Kaur. Roll call vote found all in favor. Passed and so ordered.

The above agenda was posted at the Tracy City Hall on May 8, 2026. The above are action minutes. A recording is available at the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department.


Amanda Jensen, Staff Liaison