



SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 19, 2021
6:00 PM

(Paragraph numbers coincide with agenda item numbers)

A regular meeting of the Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission (Youth Commission) was held on May 19, 2021, teleconference via Zoom.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mr. Michael Zhao called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m.

1.1 ROLL CALL

A quorum was established with 19 Members present.

Members in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Ana Torrico	Ishita Verma	
District 2	Colin Lim	Elise Mullen	Soren Ryan-Jensen
District 3	Anika Kulkarni	Vaibhavi Kulkarni	Matthew Walsh
District 4	Anousha Athreya	Aroshi Ghosh	
District 5	Hillary Chang	Alden Hughes	Michael Zhao
District 6	Kathryn Bravo	Tammy Cao	Nilansh Dey Ghosh
District 7	Ye'ela Bronicki	Yehchan Martin Kim	Arushi Saxena

Members not in attendance were:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>	<u>Representative</u>
District 1	Jonathan Xia		
District 4	Vedant Janapaty		

Board Members in attendance were: Director Nai Hsueh-District 5, and Director Barbara Keegan-District 2.

Staff in attendance were: Julie Abbatelli, Michelle Belmonte, Glenna Brambill, Mera Burton, Andrew Gschwind, Janet Hedley, Peggy Lam, Albert Le, Marta Lugo, Perla Montes de Oca, Sherilyn Tran, and Kristen Yasukawa.

2. TIME OPEN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ANY ITEM NOT ON AGENDA

There was no one present who wished to speak.

3. WELCOME

Chair Michael Zhao gave welcoming remarks to Youth Commission, Board and Staff.

4. OATH OF OFFICE

Ms. Glenna Brambill administered the Oath of Office to the new Youth Commission Member Ms. Ana Torrico representing Director Varela's District 1.

5. INTRODUCTIONS/INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY

Chair Michael Zhao recognized Board Representatives Director Nai Hsueh and Director Barbara Keegan who expressed their thanks for the Youth Commissioners' commitment.

Ms. Mera Burton facilitated the interactive activity, where the Youth Commissioners engaged in an interactive Kahoot game. Congratulations to the top winner Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki. Staff participants in second and third place, Mr. Andrew Gschwind and Ms. Perla Montes de Oca.

6. MANAGER'S REPORT

Ms. Sherilyn Tran noted that with the 8 outgoing Youth Commissioners, there will be an open recruitment to fill those vacancies and asked the Commissioners to help get the word out in their respective circles.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

7.1 APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni, seconded by Ms. Ishita Verma, by roll call and majority vote carried, to approve the February 24, 2021, Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission meeting minutes as presented. Ms. Ana Torrico abstained.

8. ACTION ITEMS

8.1 UPDATE FROM SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION'S WORKING GROUPS

Chair Mr. Michael Zhao reviewed the agenda item and received Youth Commissioner's reports for the working groups:

The Youth Commission reported on the following Working Groups' activities:

Mr. Alden Hughes gave a presentation on behalf of the Adopt-A-Bench Project: update on the pilot mural project, design criteria, the artist, and location.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took the following action:

It was moved by Mr. Alden Hughes, seconded by Ms. Elise Mullen, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, approving the Youth Commission's recommendation to change the Adopt-A-Bench Working Group's name to Public Art Working Group.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took the following action: It was moved by Mr. Alden Hughes, seconded by Ms. Ye'ela Bronicki, by roll call and unanimous vote carried, approving the Youth Commission's recommendation for the Board to consider approving the pilot mural design criteria.

Ms. Anika Kulkarni reported on behalf of the Creek Stewardship; noted that cleans up in May are every Saturday, wrote a blog with pictures from past years and publicizing adopt-a-creek.

Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported on behalf of the Youth Citizen Science Network; contacting different organizations for outreach with new email template.

Ms. Vaibhavi Kulkarni reported on behalf of Communications Outreach/Media; having the Youth Commissioners connecting with other high school youth via different platforms (Nextdoor and posting flyers).

Mr. Colin Lim reported on behalf of the Job Shadow and Mentorship; noted the virtual February 18, 2021, Job Shadow Day, and introduced special guest speaker Mr. Albert Le.

Mr. Albert Le shared his professional and educational background, how he changed careers, hobbies, and interests. How to apply for jobs (traditional vs. non-traditional), mentorship, networking, resumes and cover letters. He also shared how one should be flexible, adaptive, having a plan (unplan it) and having a champion to advocate for them. He concluded with LinkedIn information where the Youth Commissioners can contact him, suggested they sign up in order to find mentors and networking.

8.2 REVIEW AND DISCUSS SANTA CLARA VALLEY WATER DISTRICT YOUTH COMMISSION WORK PLAN, AND PROPOSE THE COMMISSION'S NEXT MEETING AGENDA

Ms. Glenna Brambill reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 25, 2021 (subject to change).

The Youth Commission took no action.

9. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING YOUTH COMMISSION MEMBERS

Ms. Sherilyn Tran reviewed the materials as outlined in the agenda item

There was a slide show presentation acknowledging each graduating Commissioner:

1. Ishita Verma - representing District 1 (Director Varela),
2. Colin Lim - representing District 2 (Director Keegan),
3. Elise Mullen - representing District 2 (Director Keegan),
4. Alden Hughes - representing District 5 (Director Hsueh),
5. Michael Zhao - representing District 5 (Director Hsueh),
6. Kathryn Bravo - representing District 6 (Director Estremera),

7. Tammy Cao – representing District 6 (Director Estremera), and
8. Arushi Saxena – representing District 7 (Director Kremen).

The eight graduates shared their experiences serving on the Youth Commission, spoke about their quotes, future plans of college, majors, and other aspirations.

The Directors Hsueh, Keegan, staff (Ms. Mera Burton, Mr. Andy Gschwind, Ms. Janet Hedley, Ms. Perla Montes de Oca, and Ms. Glenna Brambill), Youth Commissioner (Vaibhavi Kulkarni), and others in the chat, all gave congratulatory and encouraging remarks.

The Santa Clara Valley Water District Youth Commission took no action.

10. CLERK REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF COMMISSION REQUESTS TO THE BOARD

Ms. Glenna Brambill reported two action items for Board consideration.

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The Youth Commission by roll call and unanimous vote approving the Youth Commission's recommendation to change the Adopt-A-Bench Working Group's name to Public Art Working Group.

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The Youth Commission by roll call and unanimous vote approved the Youth Commission's recommendation for the Board to consider approving the pilot mural design criteria.

11. ADJOURN

Chair Mr. Michael Zhao adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to the next regular meeting on Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., to be called to order in compliance with the State Emergency Services Act, the Governor's Emergency Declaration related to COVID-19, and the Governor's Executive Order N-29-20. {This date is subject to change.}

Glenna Brambill
Board Committee Liaison
Office of the Clerk of the Board

Approved: 08-25-2021