

Youth Advisory Committee
August 29, 2024



NOTICE OF MEETING

California Commission on the Status of Women and Girls Youth Advisory Council Full Business Meeting

August 29, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.

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1. Welcome and Call to Order – Chair 5:05 PM
2. Roll Call – Chair

Member Name	Present	Absent
Yasmeen Arteaga	X	
Serena Griffin		X
Noelle Hardy	X	
Diana Haus		X
Maya Henry		X
Bhajleen Khalsa		X
Kyra Knight	X	
Yuzuna Kudo	X	
Nora Lounibos	X	
Anna McMillan		X
Isabella Murillo		X
Penelope Oliver		X
Oz Rafer	X	
Anagha Rajesh	X	
Hannah Satuito		X
Phoebe Seigel	X	
Abigail Shih	X	
Eli Reeves Tordilla	X	
Kaitlyn Uesugi	X	
Rebecca Wang		X
Riya Yarlagadda	X	
Vivi (Thao) Yun	X	

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Darcy Totten, Interim Executive Director
 Max Macedo, Director of Fiscal and Administration
 Janelle Gudino, Executive Administrator

OTHERS PRESENT

Connie Arambula, LA County Bureau Center
 Starleigh Ngo-Voigt, Member of the Public
 5TLVNO, Member of the Public

3. Review of YAC Changes (Voting item)
 - a. (Yuzuna) As of now the subcommittee will not be changing. I want to make sure that everyone is in a position where they're comfortable.
 - b. (Yuzuna) There are policies in process that the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) can direct their efforts. Some projects included collaboration with other agencies, unfortunately due to changes, the YAC won't be able to accommodate those partnerships but these can be pursued individually.

- c. There will be adjustments to the Girls Agenda to make it more policy focused.
- d. (Darcy) I want to start by saying we're sorry for the changes that are being made midstream. Unfortunately, due to Kim's leave to her new job, there isn't a current position like hers to continue pursuing this type of endeavor. However, we are able to pursue a more policy focused program with the organization (Political Solutions) as well as our colleague Michelle, Director of Policy and Legislation. There are opportunities to write letters, make phone calls and do grassroots level type of work.
- e. (Darcy) I've been speaking with Political Solutions to connect bills that are related, such as the menstrual bills and racial equity bills connected to the Governor and his governing board. We are also working on bringing in a new application to bring in at least seven new members. Some possibilities are creating a bill where you, as a council, can start and finish it or move forward with a bill focused on women and girls. We're hoping this allows for the YAC to engage more with the legislature and hope to have a representer to address these issues directly through the Full Commission meetings.
- f. (Darcy) The agenda items are wonderful and we are grateful to have had you done so much research. The bullet point recommendation will change. We want you to have access to do something at a statewide level by creating a new law or bill. We will be here to guide and support you all. I'm available through email. We will do everything we can to have minimal disruptions to your work.
- g. (Yuzuna) I understand this is a big change, so I want to give you all the opportunity to ask questions.
- h. (Vivi Y) What would it look like, creating a new law or bill?
- i. (Darcy) We're still working on this but I hope that Michelle will meet with the Commission's Policy committee, which would include YAC, to decide which bills we're deciding on and if we will propose writing new bills for the next year. I am hopefully that that committee will start coming to these meetings to figure out what this will look like. I will state that creating a bill will take a lot of work of writing and rewriting. Or we can bring you all along in the process and cover how to testify in a committee hearing, offer support, how do you write support letters, how do you organize organizations to write support letters, this is all a required part to create law. We will have a dedicated staff member help you get through the process of that, and we will also have Political Solutions, so there is now a bunch of policy-focused organizers.
- j. (Yuzuna) I'll move on to voting

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Rebecca Wang			
Riya Yarlagadda	X		
Vivi (Thao) Yun	X		

k. (Darcy) We can reconnect as there isn't a quorum. There are a couple things we have to move forward with, such as going forward with the applications.

4. 6/18/24 Meeting Minutes Review and Approval (Voting item)

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5. (Yuzuna) We can table these meeting minutes until the next meeting, as there is no quorum.
6. Subcommittee Assignment Update
 - a. If you're interested in trying a new subcommittee, please let me know. The subcommittees are:
 - i. Education
 - ii. Safety
 - iii. Healthcare
7. Announcements
 - a. New Staff Member
 - b. YAC Applications opening
 - i. (Yuzuna) We wanted to get your input on figuring out how to outreach to those who are interested in joining.
 - ii. (Abigail) I think we should reach out to organizations because that's how I found out about it.
 - iii. (Yuzuna) How did you find out about joining the YAC? Maybe we can replicate it for this application period.
 - iv. (Vivi) I found out by a family friend.
 - v. (Kaitlyn) LA Girl State posted it on their social media.
 - vi. (Yuzuna) I found out by my school counselor, we should consider reaching out to schools and maybe targeting schools who are

interested in policy work.

- vii. (Phoebe) Definitely reaching out to schools, I learned about it from my mom.
- viii. (Yuzuna) I'm not sure what the logistics are regarding outreaching to schools and educational types of organizations.

8. Public Comment

- a. (Connie Arambula) This is my first meeting. Thank you for being here and as a public servant I'm happy to see young people doing advocacy work.
 - b. (Starleigh Ngo-Voigt) I'm interested in joining and wanted to get more information.
 - c. (Yuzuna) We will give you the materials and the information about the subcommittees and you can pick what you want to pursue the most and we're very flexible with them. We are excited to see your application with the upcoming young girls in STEAM, sponsored by AAU.
 - d. (Darcy) For the YAC Application process, the next Commission meeting is on October 15, 2024. We're also hosting a youth-focused event on October 14 on the Equal Rights Amendment and there will be a showing of the film *Ratify* and we will be bringing in folks from the ERA. The application will be up on Friday, August 30th but technically opens on September 2nd. We made one slight change in that we are now asking for letter of recommendations.
 - e. (Starleigh) Can you get it from a teacher?
 - f. (Darcy) Yes, they can come from teachers, parents, friends of parents, adults in the workforce.
 - g. (Member of the Public) Used to be a Delegate from the United Nations.
9. Adjourn at 5:43 PM.