



Meeting Minutes

Youth Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Wednesday, April 16, 2025

3:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 3:38 p.m.

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 9 - Chair Nolan O'Connell, Chair Pro Tem Allison Walker, Treasurer Eric Zhang, Secretary Sophia Park, Councilmember Stella Artemis, Councilmember Willow Chen, Councilmember Gavin Cruz, Councilmember Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai and Councilmember Kaelyn Velazquez

Excused: 7 - Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Varshana Horback, Councilmember Demorie Joseph, Councilmember Melinda Le, Councilmember Victoria Liu, Councilmember Enrique Lloyd and Councilmember Toby Wilson

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [25-0346](#) Approval of March 19, 2025 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

4. ANNOUNCEMENTS/HOUSEKEEPING

Chair O'Connell and Councilmember Lingham-Nattamai were guests on the City of Olympia's podcast Actually Olympia. Councilmembers were encouraged to watch and share with their friends to promote the Olympia Youth Council.

5. TEAM BUILDING ACTIVITY

The activity was completed.

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [25-0327](#) Briefing on the Comprehensive Plan Climate Element

Director of Climate Programs Dr. Pamela Braff and Climate Resilience Coordinator Natalie Weiss briefed Councilmembers on the Comprehensive Plan Climate Element. Councilmembers asked clarifying questions and provided input.

The discussion was completed.

6.B [25-0356](#) Overdose Awareness Briefing

Thurston County's Opioid & Overdose Response Program Manager Katie Strozyk briefed Commissioners about the ongoing drug crisis, prevention and treatment services. Commissioners asked clarifying questions and discussed how they can help spread awareness.

The discussion was completed.

6.C [25-0355](#) Recruitment Planning and Subcommittee Work

Councilmembers worked on the details and planning of the Youth Council recruitment event scheduled for May 17, 2025.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS - None

8. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:32 p.m.