



# Meeting Minutes - Draft

## Youth Council

City Hall  
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**Wednesday, April 15, 2026**

**3:30 PM**

**Room 207**

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### 1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

#### 1.A ROLL CALL

**Present:** 9 - Co-Chair Donovan Jojola, Treasurer Addy Pitman, Vice Chair Varshana Horback, Vice Chair Kaelyn Velazquez, Councilmember Gretchen Hillier, Councilmember Alania Wettstein, Councilmember Amelia Eslinger, Councilmember Amelia Leham and Councilmember Zian Zaho

**Excused:** 11 - Co-Chair Nolan O'Connell, Secretary Sophia Park, Vice Chair Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Eric Zhang, Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Demorie Joseph, Councilmember Elizabeth Mendoza, Councilmember Pamela Palmerson, Councilmember Gian Pama, Councilmember Toby Wilson and Councilmember Anika Prabakar

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The approval of the agenda was postpone due to lack of quorum.

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [26-0288](#) Approval of March 18, 2026 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

The approval of the minutes was postponed.

### 5. ANNOUNCEMENTS

### 6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [26-0289](#) Public Policy and Youth Engagement Discussion

The Youth Council discussed how public policy information is shared with youth and identified ways to make it more accessible, engaging, and relevant. Members shared barriers to understanding public policy, preferred communication methods, and recommendations to improve youth engagement and outreach.

**The discussion was completed.**

**7. REPORTS**

Youth Council Liaison Susan Grisham reported on the upcoming Youth Council Summit and the PSA related to Intercity Transit.

**8. OTHER TOPICS**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

**Accommodations**