



Meeting Minutes - Draft

Youth Council

City Hall
601 4th Avenue E
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Wednesday, March 18, 2026

3:30 PM

Room 207

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

1.A ROLL CALL

Present: 13 - Co-Chair Nolan O'Connell, Secretary Sophia Park, Councilmember Eman Haroon, Councilmember Gretchen Hillier, Vice Chair Varshana Horback, Councilmember Pamela Palmerson, Councilmember Gian Pama, Treasurer Addy Pitman, Vice Chair Kaelyn Velazquez, Councilmember Alania Wettstein, Councilmember Amelia Eslinger, Councilmember Amelia Leham and Councilmember Zian Zaho

Excused: 7 - Councilmember Eric Zhang, Councilmember Demorie Joseph, Vice Chair Shruthi Lingam-Nattamai, Councilmember Elizabeth Mendoza, Councilmember Toby Wilson, Councilmember Anika Prabakar and Co-Chair Donovan Jojola

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.A [26-0225](#) Approval of February 18, 2026 Youth Council Meeting Minutes

The minutes were approved.

5. ANNOUNCEMENTS - None

CHECK IN ACTIVITY

6. BUSINESS ITEMS

6.A [26-0223](#) Olympia Sanctuary City Status and Olympia Police Department Briefing

Police Chief Shelby Parker and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator Keli Drake briefed the Youth Council on Sanctuary City policies and how the Olympia Police Department supports those policies.

Youth Councilmembers asked clarifying questions.

The information was received.

- 6.B** [26-0224](#) Receive an Update and Discuss Concepts Regarding Intercity Transit
Public Service Announcement Project

Digital Engagement Manager Josh Linn and Video Specialist Zhuolin Hong shared concepts related to a Public Service Announcement regarding riding the bus. Youth Councilmembers shared feedback and ideas related to the concepts.

The discussion was completed.

7. REPORTS

Staff Liaison Susan Grisham shared an update on Youth Summit Planning.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.