

**MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE LA MIRADA YOUTH COUNCIL
JANUARY 28, 2026**

CALL TO ORDER The regular meeting of the La Mirada Youth Council was called to order at 6:30 p.m. at the La Mirada Resource Center, 13710 La Mirada Boulevard, La Mirada, California 90638.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

ROLL CALL PRESENT Member-at-Large Carol Eskandar
Member Ethan Hall
Member-at-Large Katherine Jimenez
Alternate Member Daniel Morales
Member-at-Large Emma Vanden Dries

TARDY
Chairman Isabelle Alejandre

ABSENT
Member Lianna Blancoromero
Vice Chairman Madison Souza

Staff: Paul Castillo, Community Services Supervisor

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no public comments.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF OCTOBER 29, 2025

Alternate Member Morales moved and Member-at-Large Eskandar seconded to approve the minutes of the regular meeting of October 29, 2025.

MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING ROLL CALL VOTE:

AYES: Chairman Alejandre, Members-at-Large Eskandar, Member Hall, Jimenez, Alternate Member Morales, Dries
NOES: None
ABSENT: Member Blancoromero Vice Chairman Souza,
ABSTAIN: None

NEW BUSINESS

2. 2026 PARKS AND RECREATION MONTH

Community Services Supervisor Castillo reported that during the month of July, La Mirada joins cities throughout the nation in celebrating Parks and Recreation Month. He reported that since 1985, the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) has encouraged communities to participate in Parks and Recreation Month. He said in addition to the traditional summer events such as the Independence Celebration, Concerts Under the Stars, and Stroll in the Park, La Mirada facilities will host a variety of specialty activities. He asked Youth Council Members to provide suggestions for new activities to add to the celebration.

Members discussed the 2026 Parks and Recreation Month and collectively provided the following suggestions for activities and events:

- Bake off with youth council members as judges
- BMX course
- Car show
- Family luau
- Family Olympics – family showdown – family vs family – staff vs family
- Flea market
- Hobby night – bring your projects and interact with community members
- Jumbo board games
- Parkchella – with a local band
- Picnic in the park
- Self-defense class
- Sports screenings such as the World Cup
- Talent show
- Teen movie in the park night
- Teen rodeo or family rodeo with a dance

COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION REPORT

None

YOUTH COUNCIL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member-at-Large Jimenez reported she got a B in her AP physics class and that senior year is going slow for her and that she is looking forward to finishing high school.

Member-at-Large Eskandar reported she recently got her driver's license and that she received all A's and one B on her recent report card. She said she is looking forward to camping in Lake Arrowhead.

Member-at-Large Vanden Dries reported on an upcoming student application day at her school and that she is a member of the first female class at Don Bosco High School.

Chairman Alejandre reported she is taking a physics class at Cerritos College and that she continues to participate in the track team at her school.

Alternate Member Morales reported he is in his senior year, and he recently received three B's on his report card. He said he plans on attending California State University of Fullerton.

Member Hall reported he received all A's on his recent report card and that he continues to participate on the swim team at his school.

STAFF ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Services Supervisor Castillo reported the City is hiring Recreation Leaders and that City staff members are preparing for the upcoming Easter event.

ADJOURNMENT

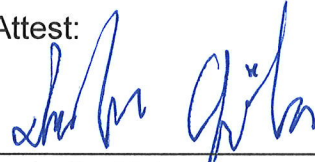
The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Submitted:



Paul Castillo
Community Services Supervisor

Attest:



Isabelle Alejandre
Chairman