



# San Mateo County Youth Commission



\*\*\* IN-PERSON ONLY\*\*\*

This meeting of the San Mateo County Youth Commission will be held San Mateo County Regional Operations Center 501 Winslow St. Redwood City, CA 94063. Members of the public will be able to participate in the meeting in person at the San Mateo County Regional Operations Center 501 Winslow St. Redwood City, CA 94063. For information regarding how to participate in the meeting, either in person or remotely, please refer to the instructions at the end of the agenda.

**Members of the public are welcome to join the meeting:**

Meeting Location: San Mateo County Regional Operations Center  
501 Winslow Street  
Redwood City, CA 94063

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING** **Minutes**

Thursday, October 10, 2024  
5:10 PM – 5:50 PM

1. **The meeting was called to order at 5:08 PM.**
2. **Roll Call**  
Vice Chair Cassie Watson was absent.
3. **Public Comment**  
There was one public comment from Steve Kennedy, from the Parks Commission, who spoke about a video production about forest fires.
4. **Approve Agenda (Action)**  
*Motion: Commissioner Handel*  
*Second: Commissioner Chen*  
Motion Passed
5. **Roles and Expectations**  
The Chair reminded all commissioners of their roles and expectations, including that they should arrive promptly and prepare appropriately for the meeting.
6. **Fall Retreat Debrief**  
An overview of the results of the Fall retreat survey was presented. The majority of the respondents were new commissioners, which may skew the results. Notably, commissioners discussed the importance of a balance between past and new projects.
7. **Winter Retreat**

Commissioners volunteered to attend three 1 hour meetings for planning the Winter Retreat.

8. **Planning**

- a. **Calendar:** Overview of general timeline of events and reflection on speakers who came last year.
- b. **Goals for Commission:** this was skipped.
- c. **Speaker Invitations:** the Executive Board discussed the currently scheduled speakers and the option for commissioners to request speakers they have connections with for the other regular meetings.
- d. **BPAC/YC Special Joint Meeting**

9. **San Mateo County Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee:**

The BPAC reached out for a potential partnership with the SMCYC or a specific subcommittee of SMCYC. Commissioners discussed bringing the BPAC to a commission meeting for a presentation.

10. **San Mateo County Board of Supervisors Agendas (October)**

The agenda for the County of San Mateo Board of Supervisors was passed around to Executive Board members.

11. **Ad hoc Subcommittee Updates**

The Environmental Justice subcommittee decided that it would not continue previous years' projects, especially because working with school boards is not the best use of time. The subcommittee may consider advising students on the process of climate emergency declarations and would like to partner with the Parks Department on a potential day for youth (e.g. underprivileged, living in urban areas) located in the county. The subcommittee is meeting with Katherine Wright from the Parks Department in about two weeks.

The Communications officers would like to have Instagram posts about the county and Youth Commission events, as well as individual commissioner spotlights. The officers will also do school visits to conduct outreach about the Youth Commission.

The Civic Engagement subcommittee has several goals, including spreading information about civic engagement education and voting rights (excused absences for youth on Election Day).

The Health & Wellness subcommittee is considering making posts in relation to the recent heritage months. Would like to potentially think about an art therapy project. Working on the distribution of the mental health directory at places such as schools.

The Immigrant Youth subcommittee settled on two core ideas: 1) sharing resources for every immigrant student and 2) a Know Your Rights workshop in collaboration with the Civic Engagement subcommittee.

The Educational Equity subcommittee wants to focus on one project this year, including a career fair targeting high school students and exposing them to different opportunities in higher education.

The Community Equity subcommittee hopes to lead projects potentially addressing gender equity, substance abuse, and homelessness through legislative action.

**12. Announcements/Open Forum**

**13. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:57PM.