

# Meeting Minutes Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

February 13, 2024, 5:00 p.m.

Chandler City Hall

175 S. Arizona Ave.



## Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Nigam at 5:02 p.m.

## Roll Call

### Commission Attendance

Chair Arnav Nigam  
Vice Chair Nivid Singhania  
Secretary Shea Lee  
Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran  
Commissioner Makenzie Cole  
Commissioner Olivia Lu  
Commissioner Ashwin Vijayaraghavan  
Commissioner Sanjana Balaji  
Commissioner Joseph Bushard  
Commissioner Shripal Dupati  
Commissioner Victoria Jagdon  
Commissioner Josh Victoria  
Commissioner Maria Gonzalez  
Commissioner Julianna Henderson  
Commissioner Aashika Dupati  
Commissioner Nikhil Dholakia

### Staff Attendance

Alexis Apodaca, Mayor and Council  
Public Affairs Senior Manager

### Absent

Commissioner Isaac Ming Teck-Ong  
Commissioner Jackson Heinkel  
Commissioner Anthony Bushard

## **Scheduled Public Appearances**

None.

## **Unscheduled Public Appearances**

None.

## **Action Agenda**

1. January 9, 2024 Minutes.

Approval of the January 9, 2024 Mayor's Youth Commission minutes.

## **Action Agenda Motion and Vote**

Commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran moved to approve the January 9, 2024 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Josh Victoria. Motion carried unanimously. (16-3-0)

## **Briefing**

2. Natasha Davis - CUSD Director of Counseling and Social Services

Ms. Davis talks to MYC Commissioners about the work that she does with CUSD. CUSD has 51 schools in total and each school has a school counselor or/and a social worker there to help the student's well being and mental health. CUSD has programs such as Hope Institute located at Perry High School, where they help students to treat thoughts of suicide. They opened on September 1st. The Hope Institute also focuses on helping students with drug prevention. If a student is caught vaping, they have a diversion program where they try to decrease the punishment, such as suspension, by asking the student to go to therapy. The plan for next year is having teen mental health first aid implemented in all CUSD schools. There is also a Student Mental Health Advisory Council, who meets quarterly to focus on connecting students with the resources that they need.

3. City of Chandler 3-1-1 Implementation and Youth Feedback

MYC Commissioners will share their thoughts, opinions, and feedback about the communication that happens in the city through interviews.

#### 4. Teen Leadership Academy Planning

MYC Commissioners finalize the activities in preparation for TLA.

## **Member Comments/Announcements**

### **Calendar**

5. State of the City - Thursday, February 15th at 5:30pm at Chandler Center for the Arts

6. Chandler Innovation Fair - Saturday, February 24th

7. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting - Tuesday, March 5th at 5:00pm

8. Teen Leadership Academy - Friday, March 15th

9. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting - Tuesday, April 9th at 5:00pm

10. Chandler Family Bike Ride - Saturday, April 6th

11. Mayor's Youth Commission Meeting - Tuesday, May 14th

### **Informational Items Adjourn**

Motion to adjourn was made by commissioner Ananditha Sivakumaran, seconded by Commissioner Maria Gonzalez. The meeting was adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

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Alexis Apodaca, Secretary

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Arnav Nigam, Chair