Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

January 13, 2026 | 5 p.m.

Chandler Police Department,
Main Station Community Room
250 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ



Commission Members

Ipshita Chowdhury
Cailyn Crampton
Shripal Dupati
Lucy Garner
Gabriella Henderson
Neal Jolly
Soham Pranam Joshi
Abhiram Kumar
Olivia Lu
Jaden Lu
Hannah Luo
Hanna Mello
Alexander Rahman
Siddarth Ramkumar
Hyunseo Roh
Aashi Singhai
Gowri Vinay
Brad Wu
Ishi Yadav

Pursuant to Resolution No. 4464 of the City of Chandler and to A.R.S. § 38-431.02, notice is hereby given to the members of the Mayor's Youth Commission and to the general public that the Mayor's Youth Commission will hold a REGULAR MEETING open to the public on Wednesday, January 13, 2026, at 5:00 p.m., at Chandler Police Department Main Station Community Room, 250 E. Chicago St., Chandler, AZ. One or more Commissioners may be attending by telephone.

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Regular Meeting Agenda - January 13, 2026

Call to Order/Roll Call

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Members of the audience may address any item not on the agenda. State Statute prohibits the Board or Commission from discussing an item that is not on the agenda, but the Board or Commission does listen to your concerns and has staff follow up on any questions you raise.

Action Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes
   Move to approve the December 9, 2025 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes.

Discussion

2. Debrief: The Polar Express and Night Before Christmas Holiday Party Volunteer Opportunity

3. Volunteer Opportunity: State of the City - Thursday, February 12 5:00pm - 8:00pm

4. Teen Leadership Academy Planning

Member Comments/Announcements

Calendar

Adjourn

ITEM 1

Mayor's Youth Commission **Communications and Public Affairs**

Date: 01/13/2026
To: Mayor's Youth Commission
From: Alexis Apodaca, Mayor & Council Public Affairs Senior Senior Manager
Subject: Approval of Minutes

Proposed Motion:

Move to approve the December 9, 2025 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes.

Attachments

MYC Minutes December 25

Meeting Minutes Mayor's Youth Commission Regular Meeting

December 9, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
Chandler Police Department Main Station Community Room 250 E. Chicago St.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Olivia Lu at 5:02pm.

Roll Call

Commission Attendance

Shripal Dupati Cailyn Crampton Hanna
Mello Gabriella
Henderson Ishi
Yadav
Hyunseo Roh
Olivia Lu
Brad Wu
Soham Joshi
Ipshita Chowdhury
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Staff Attendance

Alexis Apodaca, Staff Liaison

Absent

Cailyn Crampton

Scheduled Public Appearances

None.

Unscheduled Public Appearances

Brian Carrico from ICAN addressed the Mayor's Youth Commission to share about the work of ICAN and potential avenues for collaboration.

Action Agenda

1. Approval of Minutes

Approval of the October 14, 2025 Mayor's Youth Commission minutes.

Action Agenda Motion and Vote

Commissioner Siddarth moved to approve the October 14, 2025 Mayor's Youth Commission meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Aashi.

Motion carried unanimously (18-0-1).

Discussion

2. White Elephant Gift Exchange
   The Commission participated in its annual White Elephant Gift Exchange.
3. Debrief: Vice Mayor Ellis Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil
   Commissioner Gowri shared her experience attending Vice Mayor Ellis's Domestic Violence Candlelight Vigil. She highlighted remarks from the guest speakers and reflected on the work various organizations are doing in the region to address domestic violence.
4. Debrief: Chandler Water Festival
   No commissioner signed up for this event.
5. Debrief: Woofstock Volunteer Opportunity
   Commissioner Hanna talked about her experience at Woofstock, where she and other commissioners had the opportunity to operate a Puppacino stand and meet many breeds of dogs. They also enjoyed festivities and events at the fair.

6. Debrief: Tumbleweed Tree Lighting Volunteer Opportunity
   Commissioners shared their experiences judging at the Tumbleweed Tree Lighting event. They noted that they enjoyed observing the different displays, performances, and festive activities.
7. The Polar Express and Night Before Christmas Holiday Party Volunteer Opportunity
   Commissioners already signed up for this volunteering event, and Alexis confirmed attendance through email.
8. MYC Pilot Program Update

Commissioner Siddarth reported on his experience serving on his assigned commission, noting discussions related to zoning considerations and public safety within the City of Chandler. He also introduced a potential idea for the Youth Commission: providing meeting transcripts to commissioners who are absent.

Commissioner Aashi shared updates from the Human Relations Committee, describing guest speaker presentations and discussions about upcoming events such as the Chandler Innovation Fair.

9. TLA Planning

Commissioners dedicated the remainder of the meeting to planning the annual Teen Leadership Academy (TLA). They were organized into three groups based on program components: Artificial Intelligence, Mock City Council, and the new “Design Your City” activity.

Member Comments/Announcements

Commissioner Brad Wu presented his Stroke Awareness Initiative, noting that it has received endorsement from Vice Mayor Ellis. He invited commissioners to support the initiative and provided guidance on how they could develop their own initiatives in collaboration with City Council.

Commissioner Siddarth discussed his proposal to revise the event fulfillment requirement for commissioners. He suggested transitioning from an event-based system to a time-based system to address inconsistencies in the duration of various events. He noted that he will continue refining this proposal and bring forward additional details at a later time.

Calendar

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:27 pm.

Alexis Apodaca, Secretary

Olivia Lu, Chair