

Youth Commission

Goodyear Recreation Campus
420 S. Estrella Parkway
Goodyear, AZ 85338



Wednesday, May 20, 2026

5:00 p.m.

Meeting Minutes

CALL TO ORDER

Commissioner and chair Aariya Singh called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioner Kaleigh Guajardo; Commissioner Lucas Hamblin; Commissioner Mackenzie McEldowney; Commissioner Ethan Murillo; Commissioner Kiley Colvin; Commissioner Bailey Elliott; Commissioner Aariya Singh; Commissioner Aleena Torres; Commissioner Wyatt Arnsbarger; Commissioner Leylanie Manley; Commissioner Jacob Murphy; Commissioner Maddelyn Smith; Commissioner Mykah Atkinson; Commissioner Isabella Franco; Commissioner Katelyn Heuseveldt; Commissioner Aida Hudson; Commissioner Mercedes Martinez; Commissioner Mason McEldowney; Commissioner Logan McGee; Commissioner Kwadwo Dwomoh; Commissioner Elianna Mensah; Commissioner Rachel Barnes; Commissioner Juliette Bourne; Commissioner Ella Brinker; Commissioner Riley Bynum; Commissioner Lianna Castro; Commissioner Jaylyn Colvin; Commissioner Kyndall Datcher; Commissioner Jason Drunasky; Commissioner Braxton Elliott; Commissioner Catalina Hernandez; Commissioner Erica Ivatury; Commissioner Maddie Kowanetz; Commissioner Alexa Loeffelholz; Commissioner Ryan McEldowney; Commissioner John Von Reeden III; Commissioner Harrison Zehtab

Absent: Commissioner Bri Blair; Commissioner Dazlynn Hernandez; Commissioner Mariah Hewlett; Commissioner Aleksander Piatek; Commissioner Graham Holmes; Commissioner Kadin Keller; Commissioner Ania Piatek; Commissioner Alexander Alexandrovich; Commissioner Piper MacArthur; Commissioner Hillary Rwemera; Commissioner Tae Anderson; Commissioner Malak Abdul Gawad; Commissioner Shivansh Jasrotia; Commissioner Shekinah Kabamba; Commissioner Hayden Puetz; Commissioner Alliyah Rafael; Commissioner Elias Rangel; Commissioner Vivaan Sharma

Staff Neighborhood Services Manager Jeremy Dyck; Management Assistant Laura Jara;

Present: Support Services Manager Diana Noah; City of Goodyear Mayor Joe Pizzillo; City Council Benita Beckles; City Council Trey Terry

MOTION BY Commissioner Lucas Hamblin, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Wyatt Arnsbarger to **EXCUSE** the following Commissioners: Malak Abdul Gawad, Tae Anderson, Ania Piatek, Aleksander Piatek, and Graham Holmes. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Commissioner Kaleigh Guajardo, Commissioner Lucas Hamblin, Commissioner Mackenzie McEldowney, Commissioner Ethan Murillo, Commissioner Kiley Colvin, Commissioner Bailey Elliott, Commissioner Aariya Singh, Commissioner Aleena Torres, Commissioner Wyatt Arnsbarger, Commissioner Leylanie Manley, Commissioner Jacob Murphy, Commissioner Maddelyn Smith, Commissioner Mykah Atkinson, Commissioner Isabella Franco, Commissioner Katelyn Heuseveldt, Commissioner Aida Hudson, Commissioner Mercedes Martinez, Commissioner Mason McEldowney, Commissioner Kwadwo Dwomoh, Commissioner Elianna Mensah, Commissioner Rachel Barnes, Commissioner Juliette Bourne, Commissioner Ella Brinker, Commissioner Riley Bynum, Commissioner Lianna Castro, Commissioner Jaylyn Colvin, Commissioner Kyndall Datcher, Commissioner Jason Drunasky, Commissioner Braxton Elliott, Commissioner Catalina Hernandez, Commissioner Erica Ivatury, Commissioner Maddie Kowanetz, Commissioner Alexa Loeffelholz, Commissioner Ryan McEldowney, Commissioner John Von Reeden III, Commissioner Harrison Zehtab

Passed - Unanimously

MOTION BY Commissioner Jacob Murphy, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Logan McGee to **RECORD** the unexcused absence of Commissioners. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Commissioner Kaleigh Guajardo, Commissioner Lucas Hamblin, Commissioner Mackenzie McEldowney, Commissioner Ethan Murillo, Commissioner Kiley Colvin, Commissioner Bailey Elliott, Commissioner Aariya Singh, Commissioner Aleena Torres, Commissioner Wyatt Arnsbarger, Commissioner Leylanie Manley, Commissioner Jacob Murphy, Commissioner Maddelyn Smith, Commissioner Mykah Atkinson, Commissioner Isabella Franco, Commissioner Katelyn Heuseveldt, Commissioner Aida Hudson, Commissioner Mercedes Martinez, Commissioner Mason McEldowney, Commissioner Kwadwo Dwomoh, Commissioner Elianna Mensah, Commissioner Rachel Barnes, Commissioner Juliette Bourne, Commissioner Ella Brinker, Commissioner Riley Bynum, Commissioner Lianna Castro, Commissioner Jaylyn Colvin, Commissioner Kyndall Datcher, Commissioner Jason Drunasky, Commissioner Braxton Elliott, Commissioner Catalina Hernandez, Commissioner Erica Ivatury, Commissioner Maddie Kowanetz, Commissioner Alexa Loeffelholz, Commissioner Ryan McEldowney, Commissioner John Von Reeden III, Commissioner Harrison Zehtab

Passed - Unanimously

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

BUSINESS

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Approve the draft minutes from the Youth Commission meeting held on April 22, 2026.

MOTION BY Commissioner Riley Bynum, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Mackenzie McEldowney to **APPROVE** the draft minutes from the April 22, 2026, Youth Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Commissioner Kaleigh Guajardo, Commissioner Lucas Hamblin, Commissioner Mackenzie McEldowney, Commissioner Ethan Murillo, Commissioner Kiley Colvin, Commissioner Bailey Elliott, Commissioner Aariya Singh, Commissioner Aleena Torres, Commissioner Wyatt Arnsbarger, Commissioner Leylanie Manley, Commissioner Jacob Murphy, Commissioner Maddelyn Smith, Commissioner Mykah Atkinson, Commissioner Isabella Franco, Commissioner Katelyn Heuseveldt, Commissioner Aida Hudson, Commissioner Mercedes Martinez, Commissioner Mason McEldowney, Commissioner Kwadwo Dwomoh, Commissioner Elianna Mensah, Commissioner Rachel Barnes, Commissioner Juliette Bourne, Commissioner Ella Brinker, Commissioner Riley Bynum, Commissioner Lianna Castro, Commissioner Jaylyn Colvin, Commissioner Kyndall Datcher, Commissioner Jason Drunasky, Commissioner Braxton Elliott, Commissioner Catalina Hernandez, Commissioner Erica Ivatury, Commissioner Maddie Kowanetz, Commissioner Alexa Loeffelholz, Commissioner Ryan McEldowney, Commissioner John Von Reeden III, Commissioner Harrison Zehtab

Passed - Unanimously

2. **CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR PRESENTATIONS FOR THE 2026-2027 TERM BY COMMISSIONERS INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR THE POSITIONS.**

Youth Commissioners Wyatt Arnsbarger, Mykah Atkinson, Riley Bynum, Alexa Loeffelholz, and Maddelynn Smith presented to the commission why they should be chosen for office. Each presenter has 3–5 minutes to address the commission.

3. **NOMINATE AND APPOINT 2026-2027 CHAIR & VICE-CHAIR**

The Youth Commissioners voted to appoint Maddelynn Smith as Chair and Alexa Loeffelholz as Vice-Chair for the 2026–2027 term.

MOTION BY Commissioner Ethan Murillo, **SECONDED BY** Commissioner Bailey Elliott to **APPROVE** the new Chair and Vice Chair. The motion carried by the following vote:

AYE: Commissioner Kaleigh Guajardo, Commissioner Lucas Hamblin, Commissioner Mackenzie McEldowney, Commissioner Ethan Murillo, Commissioner Kiley Colvin, Commissioner Bailey Elliott, Commissioner Aariya Singh, Commissioner Aleena Torres, Commissioner Wyatt Arnsbarger, Commissioner Leylanie Manley, Commissioner Jacob Murphy, Commissioner Maddelyn Smith, Commissioner Mykah Atkinson, Commissioner Isabella Franco, Commissioner Katelyn Heuseveldt, Commissioner Aida Hudson, Commissioner Mercedes Martinez, Commissioner Mason McEldowney, Commissioner Kwadwo Dwomoh, Commissioner Elianna Mensah, Commissioner Rachel Barnes, Commissioner Juliette Bourne, Commissioner Ella Brinker, Commissioner Riley Bynum, Commissioner Lianna Castro, Commissioner Jaylyn Colvin, Commissioner Kyndall Datcher, Commissioner Jason Drunasky, Commissioner Braxton Elliott, Commissioner Catalina Hernandez, Commissioner Erica Ivatury, Commissioner Maddie Kowanetz, Commissioner Alexa Loeffelholz, Commissioner Ryan McEldowney, Commissioner John Von Reeden III, Commissioner Harrison Zehtab

Passed - Unanimously

4. **MAYOR PIZZILLO REMARKS AND SENIOR COMMISSIONER GRADUATION CEREMONY**

Mayor Pizzillo offered a heartfelt thank you and farewell to the graduating seniors, recognizing their dedication to the Youth Commission and the City of Goodyear. Neighborhood Services Manager Jeremy Dyck presented the graduating seniors with their certificates and announced the three service awards for the 2025-2026 term.

INFORMATION ITEMS

There were no information items.

FUTURE MEETINGS

No future meetings scheduled at this time.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, Chairman Singh adjourned the meeting at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

Jeremy Dyck, Board Secretary

Date:_____

Approved at Youth Commission Meeting held on _____, 2026.