

**May 17, 2025  
9:30 AM  
Youth Empowerment Commission Meeting #6  
Agenda**

**Location: University of California, Berkeley**  
Classroom 102, GTU Student Services Center  
2465 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

The Youth Empowerment Commission (Commission) is hosting a hybrid meeting with in-person and remote options available to those wishing to attend. We are committed to ensuring access for all who wish to participate. You may attend the meeting in-person at the location noted above, or connect to the meeting electronically, via [Zoom](#).

**Virtual Participation:** [Click Here](#) to register to participate virtually.

**Building Access Information:** The Youth Empowerment Commission meeting will be held at Classroom 102, GTU Student Services Center 2465 Le Conte Ave, Berkeley, CA 94709

**Parking:** Street parking is generally available throughout the surrounding neighborhood. The location is also a 20-minute walk from the Downtown Berkeley BART station. **Please note that this meeting is occurring the same day as UC Berkeley's commencement ceremony, occurring at 10:30am at Memorial Stadium, and neighboring roads will be closed.** Parking availability in the surrounding areas will be greatly impacted and attendees are encouraged to arrive at least 30 to 45 minutes early to look for parking. For those that would like to purchase pre-paid parking (\$18) ahead of time, please visit this [link](#) and select the "LH" (Lower Hearst) lot which is 5-minute walk from the GTU Student Services Center.

No	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
1	Welcome Call to Order Land Acknowledgement	Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair
	Review of the Agenda	Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director
	Remarks from Distinguished Guests	Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair
	Establishment of Quorum Public Comment Process	Beth Gashaw, External & Leg Affairs Associate, California Volunteers

2	<p>Public Comment on matters not on the agenda*</p> <p><i>* The Committee may not discuss or act on any matter raised during the public comment section that is not included on this agenda, except whether to decide to place the matter on a future meeting agenda.</i></p>	Luis Jimenez External and Legislative Affairs Director, California VolunteersInnovation
3	<p>Consent Agenda– ACTION ITEM</p> <p>Approval of Revised November 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Approval of January 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Approval of March 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes</p> <p>Approval of April 26, 2025 Meeting Minutes</p>	Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair
4	<p>Presentation: Evidence-Based and Community-Informed Public Policy</p> <p><i>Possibility Lab will present the results of their policy research projects.</i></p>	<p>Dr. Amy Lerman, Executive Director, Possibility Lab at UC Berkeley</p> <p>Jesse Melgar, Senior Advisor for Strategy &amp; Public Affairs, Possibility Lab at UC Berkeley</p>
	BREAK	
5	<p><i>Strategic Planning Discussion: Mission, Vision, Values</i></p> <p><i>The Commission will review draft Mission, Vision, and Values and share their initial feedback. This feedback will inform future drafts of the Mission, Vision, and Values.</i></p>	Raven Tahara, Certified Professional Facilitator, Strategy by Association
	LUNCH	
6	<p>Strategic Planning Workshop: Strategic Directions</p> <p><i>The Commission will explore the innovative, substantial actions that will address the underlying contradictions and move the Commission towards its Vision.</i></p>	Raven Tahara, Certified Professional Facilitator, Strategy by Association
	BREAK	
7	Executive Director's Report	Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director
8	Next Steps for Staff Action	Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director
	Adjournment	Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair

**Meeting Information:**

The Commission will host a hybrid meeting, with in-person and remote participation options. Both options will have opportunities for public comment. The Commission remains steadfast in its goals to promote transparency and public participation. To do so, the Commission has arranged multiple options to listen, view, and/or comment during the Commission meeting. Please note there may be some technical issues during the hybrid Commission meetings.

**Instructions for Providing Public Comment:**

Public comment is an important part of every Commission meeting, and this hybrid meeting is no exception. If you plan to comment on an agenda item, or on a matter not on the meeting agenda, please follow the instructions below.

**To make remote public comment, you will need to connect (online or by phone) to the meeting using Zoom.**

To make a public comment: Visit [youthempowerment.ca.gov/meetings-events/](https://youthempowerment.ca.gov/meetings-events/) and complete the public comment form linked there. You will need to complete separate forms for each item on which you wish to speak. You may complete a form at any time during the meeting. When the public comment period opens for your item, and you hear your name in that list, please raise your hand. You can do this by clicking "Raise Hand" under the "participants" menu, which you can find at the bottom of your screen on the Zoom platform, or by pressing \*9 if you are joining by phone. The Commission staff member who is facilitating public comment will call on you upon seeing your raised hand. Commission staff will unmute your microphone when your name is called.

To make in-person public comment, please fill out the physical comment card provided during the meeting. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent.

**Timing of Comments:**

Public comments will adhere to the length the meeting chair announces during the meeting. Commission staff will share a timer and ask speakers to end when their time is up.

**Trouble-shooting technical problems on Zoom:**

Please use the Q&A Function, and Staff will respond quickly. If you are participating by phone, please email [youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov](mailto:youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov).

**General Guidelines for Participation in Commission Meetings:**

All times indicated and the order of business is approximate and subject to change. Public comment is taken on each agenda item as well as at the end of the meeting. If you wish to speak, please fill out the provided comment card for in-person public

comment or use the online public comment form at [youthempowerment.ca.gov/meetings](https://youthempowerment.ca.gov/meetings) for remote public comment. Prior to making your comments, please state your name for the record and identify any group or organization you represent. Depending on the number of individuals wishing to address the Commission, the Chair may establish specific time limits on presentations.

The meeting agenda and accompanying action item materials will be posted on the Commission website at [youthempowerment.ca.gov](https://youthempowerment.ca.gov) 10 calendar days prior to the meeting. To receive future notices for the Commission meetings, please sign up for the Commission listserv at [youthempowerment.ca.gov](https://youthempowerment.ca.gov). This meeting will be recorded, and the recording will be posted on the Commission website 10 days after the meeting. The Commission will host a hybrid meeting, with in-person and remote participation options. Both options will have opportunities for public comment. The Commission is committed to promote transparency and broad public participation. To do so, the Commission has arranged multiple options to listen, view, and/or comment during the Commission Meeting.

If you have a disability and require a reasonable accommodation to fully participate in this event, please contact the Youth Empowerment Commission at [youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov](mailto:youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov), as soon as possible to discuss your accessibility needs.

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**[Spanish]**

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**[Tagalog]**

**Pagsasalin at pagpapaliwanag ay maaring ipakiusap (karagdagan sa Espanyol). Upang masiguro na mayroon ang mga serbisyong inaalok, mangyaring makipagugnayan kay the Youth Empowerment Commission at [youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov](mailto:youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov) sa loob ng 14 araw ng paggawa.**

**[Punjabi]**

**ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕਰਨ 'ਤੇ ਅਨੁਵਾਦ ਅਤੇ ਵਿਆਖਿਆ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ (ਸਪੈਨਿਸ਼ ਤੋਂ ਇਲਾਵਾ) ਪਰਦਾਨ ਕੀਤੀਆਂ ਜਾ ਸਕਦੀਆਂ ਹਨ। ਇਹਨਾਂ ਸੇਵਾਵਾਂ ਦੀ ਉਪਲਬਧਤਾ ਨੂੰ ਯਕੀਨੀ ਬਣਾਉਣ ਲਈ, ਵਕਰਪਾ ਕਰਕੇ ਮੀਵੂੰਗ ਤੋਂ 14 ਵਰਨ ਪਵਰਲਾਂ the Youth Empowerment Commission at [youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov](mailto:youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov). 'ਤੇ ਲੇਇਸ ਵਕਮ ਨਾਲ ਸੁੰਪਰਕ ਕਰਕੇ ਆਪਣੀ ਬੇਨਤੀ ਕਰੋ।**

**[Chinese]**

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**[Vietnamese]**

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