

**March 21, 2026
9:30 AM
Youth Empowerment Commission Meeting #11
Agenda**

In-Person Viewing Location:
Governor's Office of Planning and Research

1400 10th St Sacramento CA 95814, Room 202

The Youth Empowerment Commission (Commission) is hosting a virtual meeting with in-person and remote options available to those wishing to attend in-person. 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 (online or by phone). For this meeting, the Committee will be following the Special Teleconference Rules for Advisory Bodies outlined under Gov. Code § 11123.5, which allows members to participate remotely.

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

Building Access Information: The Youth Empowerment Commission meeting will be virtual. In-person viewing will be accessible to the public at 1400 10th St. Sacramento, Ca, 95814.

Parking: Paid Parking garages available near facility.

No	AGENDA ITEM	SPEAKER
1	Welcome Call to Order	Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair
	Land Acknowledgement	
	Review of the Agenda	Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director
	Remarks from Distinguished Guests	Commissioner Wednesday Pope, Chair
	Roll Call and Public Comment Process	Beth Gashaw, External and Legislative Affairs Associate, GO-Serve
2	Public Comment on matters not on the agenda*	Beth Gashaw, External and Legislative Affairs Associate, GO-Serve

	* 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.	
3	Executive Director's Report Director Wallace will provide a summary of key Commission activities, progress and other updates for Commissioners.	Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director
4	Youth Leadership Institute: Youth Policy Training This training session will be led by the Youth Leadership Institute. Commissioners will learn how youth voices can shape public policy, explore the basics of the policy-making process, and gain practical knowledge for effective civic engagement. The training will highlight how Commissioners can communicate with decision-makers and provide input on policies that affect their communities.	Cindy Jurado Hernandez, Senior Director of Fresno and Madera County Programs, Youth Leadership Institute
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5	Overview of Legislative Engagement Process The Commission will review a process for engaging the Legislature.	Thomisha Wallace, Executive Director
6	Presentations: Youth Policy in California The Commission will hear presentations from representatives of youth policy organizations in California about their missions to advance these initiatives, their best practices for elevating youth voices in the legislative process (both urban and rural), and the policies or bills currently being tracked, particularly those in YEC's issue areas of housing, education, and mental health.	Katie Chau, Higher Education Policy Chief, GENup Jevon Wilkes, Executive Director, California Coalition for Youth (CalYouth) Jessica Mi, Advocate, California Youth Connection (CYC) Carlaine Johnson (CJ), Policy Consultant Writer, SeaJay Environmental
7	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/ 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.

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 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 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. 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, as soon as possible to discuss your accessibility needs.

Translation and interpretation services may be provided upon request. To ensure availability of these services, please make your request no later than 10 days prior to the meeting by contacting the Youth Empowerment Commission at youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov. If you have any questions regarding the process for this public comment period, please contact Agustin Arreola, at Agustin.arreola@opr.ca.gov.

[Spanish]

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[Tagalog]

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[Punjabi]

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前的十四天内与 the Youth Empowerment Commission at
youthempowermentcommission@opr.ca.gov.

[Vietnamese]

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