



CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION AGENDA

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045

Monday, June 9, 2025 at 7:15 PM

Ways to participate in this public meeting:

- Attend in person, location listed above. Please see the public comment guidelines below.
 - Register to provide electronic testimony (email hschmidt@orc.org or call 503-496-1510 by 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting to register)
 - Email hschmidt@orc.org (deadline to submit written testimony via email is 3:00 PM on the day of the meeting)
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1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Please see the public comment guidelines below.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. Overview of the Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws

4. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

- a. End of Term Debrief

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Youth Nicotine Addiction
- b. Clackamas County Tobacco Prevention Program - Jack Solari
- c. Staff Liaison Report
- d. Commission Liaison Report

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- a. 2024-2025 Term Evaluation
- b. Senior Send Off

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. May 12, 2025 Youth Advisory Commission Meeting Minutes

8. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC COMMENT GUIDELINES

Complete a Comment Card prior to the meeting and submit it to the clerk. When the Chair calls your name, proceed to the speaker table, and state your name and city of residence. Each speaker is given 3 minutes to speak. As a general practice, the committee does not engage in discussion with those making comments. Complaints shall be addressed at the department level prior to addressing the committee.

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Youth Advisory Commission Bylaws

Last amended June 10, 2024

1. Creation

- a. The Oregon City Youth Advisory Commission (YAC) was established under Ordinance No. 22-1006 and subsequently modified by Ordinance No. 23-1003.
- b. The purpose of the YAC is to “provide local students a voice in their municipal government, build an understanding of governance and leadership and to provide opportunities to engage and serve the community. The Youth Advisory Commission shall be guided by the belief that local involvement at a young age is crucial to ensuring a well informed and engaged citizenry in the future and to provide an opportunity for members to become equipped with the knowledge and leadership skills necessary to become active contributors in the community now and in the future.” (Ord. No. 24-1006, OCMC 2.62.015)

2. Membership

- a. The YAC membership criteria are described in the Oregon City Municipal Code (OCMC) 2.62.020.
- b. The term of service is officially considered from September through June, but the existing YAC members may continue to meet informally from June through September as needed.

3. Officers

- a. The YAC shall elect a chairperson and vice chairperson at the beginning of each term. The YAC have the option to elect a secretary who would be responsible for taking meeting minutes at the YAC meetings.
 - i. The staff liaison will be responsible for supplementing the meeting minutes at the YAC meetings to ensure sufficient Minutes are recorded.
- b. The chairperson shall act as the chair of the YAC, unless unavailable. If the chairperson is unavailable, the vice chairperson shall act as chair of YAC meetings.
- c. If an officer submits a resignation from their position of chairperson or vice chairperson, the YAC members may immediately vote to appoint a new officer.
- d. If neither the chairperson nor vice chairperson are present at a certain meeting, the YAC shall select a chair pro tem from the members present.

4. YAC Goals and Updates

- a. The YAC may from time to time adopt goals, work plans, or priorities. These goals must not conflict with the City Commission’s goals and budget allocations.

- b. Each year, the YAC chairperson and vice chairperson shall provide an update to the City Commission on the YAC's activities and plans or at other appropriate times.
- c. The YAC shall table at least three community events per session to help promote their goals and events.

5. Date, Time, and Locations of Meetings

- a. Regular meetings of the YAC shall be held on the second Monday of each month from September through June.
- b. Summer meetings of the YAC shall be held on the second Monday of each month, or at a time convenient to enable maximum participation determined by the staff liaison.
- c. Special meetings may be called as needed for tours, activities, or to address other issues that could not be discussed at a regular meeting.
- d. YAC meetings shall be held at 7:00 PM, unless another time is selected for a specific meeting.
- e. YAC meetings shall be typically held at Oregon City – City Hall located at 625 Center St, Oregon City, OR 97045. This rule does not prevent the YAC from meeting at another location for a special purpose or for the convenience of its members.

6. Agendas, Minutes, and Decisions

- a. The staff liaison or designee shall prepare agendas in consultation with the YAC members and City Commission liaison as needed.
- b. Standard YAC agendas shall generally take the following form. Variations from this standard agenda may be utilized as convenient.
 - i. Roll Call
 - ii. Discussion Items
 - iii. Communications
 - iv. Minutes
 - v. Adjournment
- c. Minutes shall be prepared for each meeting which shall contain at least the members present at the meeting, the substance of any discussion, all motions and votes taken, and a reference to any documents discussed at the meeting.
 - i. Minutes shall not be verbatim and contain only a summary of the primary points and arguments raised in the discussion.
 - ii. Minutes shall be approved at a subsequent meeting by a vote of the YAC. If amendments are requested by any member of the YAC, those amendments must also be approved by the YAC at the time of adoption. The YAC may request the minutes returned after any amendments are incorporated for further review and approval.

- d. The YAC may make decisions in the follow ways:
 - i. Consensus – no vote is taken, but specific issues may be decided leading to a final decision.
 - ii. Acclamation vote – a vote is taken by all members being asked if they favor, are against, or abstain from a decision. In such case as the decision is not unanimous, the YAC shall conduct a roll call vote.
 - iii. Roll Call – Each member’s vote is recorded in the record.
- e. Official Actions - YAC may utilize the following methods of making formal actions (reports, recommendations, requests, recognitions)
 - i. Letters to be signed by the chairperson
 - ii. Approval of the document in question
 - iii. Resolution (possibly incorporating exhibits) – resolutions approved by the YAC shall be titled “YAC Resolution” followed by the four-digit year and an assigned number. (e.g. 2023-01)

7. Accessibility

- a. Meetings of the YAC shall not be broadcast or live streamed online. Remote participation in the meetings shall be provided to the extent required by ORS 192 and existing City resources.
- b. The staff liaison will attempt to accommodate any other accessibility issues as they arise to improve access and participation for all community members.

8. Code of Conduct

Members of the YAC shall be held to the highest standards of citizenship, scholarship and participation.

- a. It is considered inexcusable for YAC members to have ANY unexcused absences and may have no more than 3 excused absences. An absence shall be considered excused provided advanced notice of 24 hours is provided to the chairperson and staff liaison or is determined to be excused by the chairperson and staff liaison.
- b. Absences may be made up for by attending a City of Oregon City commission, advisory board, or committee meeting within 30 days of the absence.
- c. Members shall remain in good standing at their school by maintaining passing grades and abiding by the school code of conduct.
- d. Violations of the code of conduct and expectations of this section shall be reviewed by the member, chairperson, vice chairperson, City Commission liaison, staff liaison and the Mayor with a goal of improving the performance and participation of the member.
- e. The Mayor shall have the sole discretion to determine if a member shall be removed from the YAC.

- f. YAC members may speak with the staff liaison or the City Commission liaison if a member has any questions or concerns with the Code of Conduct.

9. Interpretation and Authority

- a. Any issues not addressed by these bylaws shall be resolved by considering City policies, the OCMC, the board and committee orientation manual, other pertinent documents or policies, or the Robert's Rules of Order.
- b. These bylaws shall not be interpreted to supersede and are subordinate to any prior or subsequently adopted changes to documents referenced in Section 9(a) above.

10. Revisions to the Bylaws

The YAC shall review their bylaws at the first meeting of every term and the fifth meeting of every term to ensure that all members are made aware of expectations and processes. From time to time, the YAC may recommend changes to its bylaws.



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Staff Report

To:	Youth Advisory Commission	Agenda Date:	June 9, 2025
From:	Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist		

SUBJECT:

Item 4.a. - End of Term Debrief

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

During this breakout session, the Youth Advisory Commission Working Groups and Chair should use the time to thoroughly reflect on their SMART Goals set at the beginning of the term. Each working group will be provided a worksheet to complete collaboratively, and the Chair is responsible for completing the worksheet focused on the Commission's top SMART Goal: Youth Nicotine Addiction. The SMART goals identified on the worksheets attached were directly taken from the SMART Goal sheets from the beginning of the term as well as drawing from discussions had at meetings from Meeting Minutes throughout the term.

BACKGROUND:

At the beginning of the term, the Youth Advisory Commission decided their top priority of the term was going to be addressing youth nicotine addiction within the community. The Commission also selected three additional priorities, with members assigned to specific working groups to address each one:

- Youth Houselessness
- Youth Election Involvement
- Youth Physical and Mental Health

OPTIONS:

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

SMART Goal Reflection

Youth Advisory Commission Top Priority: Youth Nicotine Addiction

Date: June 9, 2025

SMART Goal: Limit the accessibility of nicotine products for youth to aid in reducing youth addiction.

1. Did you achieve your goal? Why or why not?
2. What went well during the process of working toward your goal?
3. What challenges did you face during the process of working toward your goal and how did your working group handle them?

SMART Goal Reflection

4. What would you do differently next time?

5. What did you learn from this experience?

6. How has this SMART goal influenced your future goals or learning strategies for the Youth Advisory Commission?

SMART Goal Reflection

7. On a scale of 1-10, how successful do you feel you were in achieving your SMART goal?

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Explain your rating:

SMART Goal Reflection

Youth Advisory Commission Working Group: Youth Houselessness

Date: June 9, 2025

SMART Goal: Provide youth with the ability to self-sustain, by helping them reach an employable status.

1. Did you achieve your goal? Why or why not?
2. What went well during the process of working toward your goal?
3. What challenges did you face during the process of working toward your goal and how did your working group handle them?

SMART Goal Reflection

4. What would you do differently next time?

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6. How has this SMART goal influenced your future goals or learning strategies for the Youth Advisory Commission?

SMART Goal Reflection

7. On a scale of 1-10, how successful do you feel you were in achieving your SMART goal?

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Explain your rating:

SMART Goal Reflection

Youth Advisory Commission Working Group: Elections Involvement

Date: June 9, 2025

SMART Goal: Introducing legislation to lower the voting age to 16 for Clackamas County School Board Elections and explore state-wide options.

1. Did you achieve your goal? Why or why not?
2. What went well during the process of working toward your goal?
3. What challenges did you face during the process of working toward your goal and how did your working group handle them?

SMART Goal Reflection

4. What would you do differently next time?

5. What did you learn from this experience?

6. How has this SMART goal influenced your future goals or learning strategies for the Youth Advisory Commission?

SMART Goal Reflection

7. On a scale of 1-10, how successful do you feel you were in achieving your SMART goal?

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Explain your rating:

SMART Goal Reflection

Youth Advisory Commission Working Group: Youth Physical and Mental Health

Date: June 9, 2025

SMART Goal (10/21/2025):

Revised SMART Goal (1/13/2025): Advise the Parks and Recreation Department on what youth would like to see regarding youth programming within the City of Oregon City.

1. Did you achieve your goal? Why or why not?
2. What went well during the process of working toward your goal?

SMART Goal Reflection

3. What challenges did you face during the process of working toward your goal and how did your working group handle them?

4. What would you do differently next time?

5. What did you learn from this experience?

SMART Goal Reflection

6. How has this SMART goal influenced your future goals or learning strategies for the Youth Advisory Commission?

7. On a scale of 1-10, how successful do you feel you were in achieving your SMART goal?

Circle one: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

Explain your rating:



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Staff Report

To: Youth Advisory Commission **Agenda Date:** June 9, 2025
From: Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist

SUBJECT:

Item 5.d. – May Staff Report

1. Youth Advisory Board Research Study

The University of Oregon is conducting a research study on youth advisory boards to learn how to better support and empower youth leaders. Participants will need to commit to a 30-minute Zoom interview and will receive a \$25 electronic gift card for their time. If you are interested in participating or want to learn more, email Raquel Amador at ramador@uoregon.edu. You can also reference the attached flyer for more information.

2. Oregon Youth Tobacco Webinar

The Truth Initiative is holding a virtual discussion on Wednesday, June 18 at 4 p.m. to discuss the impact of nicotine on mental health for young people. If you would like to be a part of the conversation, register at the link below:

<https://truthinitiative.zoom.us/meeting/register/9KIJpQ6CQOmUmCIUXoP2Vg#/registration>

You can also reference the attached flyer for more information.

3. Oregon City Ivy League Waterboard Work Party

The Oregon City Ivy League will be returning to Waterboard Park on Saturday, June 21 from 9 a.m.- 12 p.m. Please reference the attached flyer for more information. To RSVP to the event, please email Hannah Schmidt at hschmidt@orc.org.

4. Honorary Page Program

The [Honorary Page Program](#) is steeped in history and allows students to get a first-hand look at the legislative process, meet their elected representatives, tour the building, work on the Floor of the House of Representatives or Senate, and make memories that will last a lifetime.

The Page Program offers both 6-hour and weeklong options. Representative Hartman's Office has asked me to pass this information along to the Youth Advisory Commissioners again. Please let me know if you are interested in applying!

5. Email Communications

Please remember that Hannah Schmidt MUST be cc'd on any email communications that you have with non-members of the Youth Advisory Commission regarding subjects pertaining to this commission. Hannah Schmidt's email is hschmidt@orc.org. This is to guarantee clear communication and ensure your safety as a minor.

All email communications can be made from your personal emails. If you are not comfortable with communicating with your personal email or wish to create a separate email for Youth Advisory Commission purposes, you are more than welcome to do so, but you must ensure that email does not have any official city affiliation. If you have any questions about this, please don't hesitate to contact me.

6. Community Events/Volunteer Opportunities

If you are interested in volunteer opportunities over the Summer through the City of Oregon City, please be sure to reach out to me directly so that I can be sure to forward opportunities your way.



YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD RESEARCH STUDY

We're conducting a research study to learn how to better support youth advisory boards and empower young leaders. If you're involved in a youth advisory board, we'd love to hear from you!

What: A 30-minute Zoom Interview

Who: 14 – 18 years old who are members of youth advisory boards*

Thank You: Participants will receive up to a \$25 electronic gift card for their time

**If you are under 18, have your parent or guardian reach out to the research team.*



Interested in participating or want to learn more contact:
Raquel Amador | ramador@uoregon.edu



OREGON YOUTH TOBACCO WEBINAR

A discussion on the impact of nicotine on mental health for young people

**WEDNESDAY,
JUNE 18, 2025
4PM PT**

Whether you use tobacco or vape products or not, it's important to understand the impact they could have on you or your peers. Nicotine can have negative effects on your body and brain. In this webinar we will discuss the impact of nicotine on mental health, and resources to help anyone quit — whether it's something you want, or something you can share with a friend, please join Truth Initiative for this information session with breakout groups to dive into the impact of nicotine. This will also be a great opportunity to connect with other youth who are interested in and working on these issues in the community!



REGISTER HERE:

**[truthinitiative.zoom.us/meeting/
register/9KIJpQ6CQOmUmCIUXoP2Vg](https://truthinitiative.zoom.us/join/register/9KIJpQ6CQOmUmCIUXoP2Vg)**



WATERBOARD PARK IVY PULL



JUNE 21

🕒 9 A.M. - 12 P.M.

📍 921 Waterboard Park Road

EMAIL TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!

👤 Hannah Schmidt
Community Engagement
Specialist

✉ hschmidt@orccity.org

AGE RESTRICTION

You must be 13 years or older to volunteer for this event. Those under the age of 18 must be accompanied by their guardian or an adult group leader if associated with a youth organization.

WHAT TO BRING

This event is BYOT (Bring Your Own Tools). The City will have extra resources provided on site but it is suggested that you bring:

- Loppers
- Clippers
- Iron and wire rakes
- Tarps
- Wheel barrows/wagons
- Water bottle

AVAILABLE ONSITE

- Porta-potty
- Snacks
- Water
- Coffee



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Staff Report

To:	Youth Advisory Commission	Agenda Date:	June 9, 2025
From:	Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist		

SUBJECT:

Item 6.a. - 2024-2025 Term Evaluation

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

N/A

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Please come to the meeting with a mobile device, iPad, or computer to complete the 2024-2025 Youth Advisory Commission End of Term Evaluation Survey. 20 minutes of time will be allotted for everyone to complete the survey during the meeting. The survey is attached for you to review in advance.

All survey responses are anonymous, and your critical evaluation is encouraged to help provide feedback on your experience this term as a Youth Advisory Commissioner. The information gathered from the survey will aid in planning for the 2025-2026 Youth Advisory Commission Term.

BACKGROUND:

N/A

OPTIONS:

N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

N/A

2024-2025 Youth Advisory Commission End of Term Evaluation

This form is intended to get honest feedback from members about their experience on the Youth Advisory Commission. All submissions will be anonymous and answers will be used to help guide and advise the Youth Advisory Commission in the future!

^{*} Required

1. Please evaluate each presentation from the 2024-2025 term: ^{*}

	Poor	Fair	Neutral	Good	Excellent
Processes of the City Of Oregon City Government	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clackamas County Tobacco Prevention and Education Program	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Homeless Solutions Coalition of Clackamas County	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Overview of the Role and Authority of Advisory Commissions in Oregon City	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Tour of Rivercrest Park and Parks and Recreation Youth Programming	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Community Choice Grants	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Suicide Prevention App Listening Session	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clackamas County Elections	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

2. Please evaluate each event in the 2023-2024 term. If you did not attend an event, simply indicate neutral on your evaluation. *

	Poor	Fair	Neutral	Good	Excelent
Networking World Cafe	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clackamas River Water Providers Watershed Tour	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Sister City Welcome Dinner	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Clackamas Community College Indigenous Peoples Day	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2025 Oregon Youth Summit	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Spring Forward Community Resource Fair	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2025 Cancer Action Day	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Abernethy Creek Native Planting	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
2025-2026 Youth Advisory Commission Outreach & Recruitment (Tumwata and Gardiner Middle School)	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

3. Please evaluate the Youth Advisory Commission's efforts in addressing youth nicotine addiction this term: *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel informed about youth nicotine addiction within Clackamas County	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Commissions work on youth nicotine prevention was well-researched and grounded in community need	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The working group effectively identified areas where youth can take action	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The passage of Resolution 25-04 was a meaningful success for the Youth Advisory Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Lobbying for SB 702 was a meaningful success for the Youth Advisory Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I believe the Commission's work on youth nicotine prevention laid groundwork for future change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would be interested in continuing work on this issue beyond this term	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

4. Please provide any further comments/feedback related to the Youth Advisory Commissions efforts in addressing youth nicotine addiction this term:

5. Please evaluate the Youth Advisory Commission's efforts in addressing youth houselessness this term: *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Nuetral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I gained a deeper understanding of youth houselessness in Oregon City.	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Commissions work on youth houselessness was well-researched and grounded in community need	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The working group effectively identified areas where youth can take action	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I believe the Commission's work on youth houselessness laid groundwork for future change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would be interested in continuing work on this issue beyond this term	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

6. Please provide any further comments/feedback related to the Youth Advisory Commissions efforts in addressing youth houselessness:

7. Please evaluate the Youth Advisory Commission's efforts in addressing youth physical and mental health this term: *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel informed about the challenges teens face regarding mental health	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel informed about the challenges teens face regarding physical health within the City of Oregon City	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Commissions work on youth physical and mental health was well-researched and grounded in community need	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The working group effectively identified areas where youth can take action	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I believe the Commission's work on youth physical and mental health laid groundwork for future change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would be interested in continuing work on this issue beyond this term	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

8. Please provide any further comments/feedback related to the Youth Advisory Commissions efforts in addressing youth physical and mental health:

9. Please evaluate the Youth Advisory Commission's efforts in addressing youth election involvement this term: *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Nuetral	Agree	Strongly Agree
I feel informed about Clackamas County's Election system	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The Commissions work on youth election involvement was well-researched and grounded in community need	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The working group effectively identified areas where youth can take action	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I believe the Commission's work on election involvement laid groundwork for future change	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would be interested in continuing work on this issue beyond this term	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

10. Please provide any further comments/feedback related to the Youth Advisory Commissions efforts in addressing youth election involvement

11. Feedback and General Experience on the Youth Advisory Commission *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I felt like I could express my opinions openly at the Youth Advisory Commission Meetings	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt that my voice and contributions were respected, valued, and taken seriously	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel that the time commitment required by the Youth Advisory Commission was reasonable	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I feel that the working groups of the Youth Advisory Commission were well-organized and productive	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Serving on the Youth Advisory Commission has been a meaningful experience for me	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I understood my roles and responsibilities as a Youth Advisory Commissioner	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt welcomed and included by other members of the Youth Advisory Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I had opportunities to contribute in areas that matched my interests and strengths	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I developed new skills (public speaking, collaboration, advocacy) through my involvement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I grew more confident in engaging with local government and community leaders	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
My participation on the Youth Advisory Commission has made me more interested in civic engagement	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I would recommend for my peers to participate in the Youth Advisory Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

12. Feedback and General Experience with Leadership on the Youth Advisory Commission *

	Strongly Disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
I felt like the youth leadership (Chair and Vice Chair) were effective on the Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt encouraged by the youth and adult leadership to share my ideas and take initiative	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
The information and resources provided by staff were helpful and relevant	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Youth and adult leadership helped create a welcoming and inclusive environment for youth participation	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
Staff was accessible and responsive when I needed guidance or assistance	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt supported by youth and adult leadership throughout my term on the Commission	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐
I felt comfortable giving feedback or sharing concerns during the term	☐	☐	☐	☐	☐

13. What have been some highlights of your service on the Youth Advisory Commission? What did you enjoy most? *

14. What were some of the challenges you experienced on the Youth Advisory Commission? What did you enjoy least? *

15. What would you suggest improving for future terms (communication, event planning, community involvement)? *

16. What additional support from the youth leaders (Chair/Vice Chair) would have helped you succeed more in your role? *

17. What additional support from adult leaders (Staff/Mayor/City Commissioner) would have helped you succeed more in your role? *

18. What skills or knowledge did you gain during your time on the Youth Advisory Commission? *

19. Would you like for there to be more gatherings organized for the Youth Advisory Commission that includes families and significant others? *

☐ Yes

☐ No

20. What project/s would you like to see the Youth Advisory Commission take on next term? *

21. Other Comments/suggestions:

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CITY OF OREGON CITY YOUTH ADVISORY COMMISSION DRAFT MEETING MINUTES

City Hall Commission Chambers, 625 Center St., Oregon City, OR 97045
Monday, May 12, 2025 at 7:15 PM

1. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chair Julian Guerra Molina called the meeting to order at 7:16 p.m.

PRESENT: 14

Cole Solari, Desi Hanson, Elyjah McFarland, Gaby Rysdam, Hyrum Freestone, Jack Solari, Justin Evers, Julian Guerra Molina, Max Bishop, Melanie Gabriel, Myles Kinney, Sydney McFarland, Commissioner Adam Marl, and Mayor Denyse McGriff.

STAFF: *Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist*

EXCUSED: *None.*

ABSENT: *Sofia Weis*

2. **PRESENTATIONS**

- a. Catherine McMullen, the elected county clerk for Clackamas County, gave a presentation on the county's elections, recording, and records management divisions. She explained that her office is responsible for conducting local to federal elections, maintaining voter registration data, county and special district candidate filing, voters' pamphlets, and maintaining 26 official ballot drop sites.

McMullen discussed the ongoing May 2025 special district election, which includes school boards, water, and fire districts. She mentioned that the office is in the process of updating and remodeling their ballot processing area, including a new mail ballot sorter and improved observation capabilities.

She presented voter participation rates by age in Clackamas County, highlighting the fluctuations in turnout between presidential and local elections. McMullen noted a significant decrease in participation among 18- to 24-year-olds between the 2020 and 2024 presidential elections.

McMullen emphasized the importance of election integrity, equity, and inclusion in their operations. She mentioned that 20% of clerk staff are multilingual, allowing them to serve diverse communities in the county.

The presentation concluded with a discussion on voter registration for 16 and 17-year-olds, and the potential for legislative changes to allow them to vote in certain

elections. McMullen also addressed questions about the most stressful aspects of election management and the importance of voter engagement.

3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

No public comments were provided.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- a. The commission discussed the Oregon City High School mascot, which is currently a pioneer carrying weapons. Concerns were raised about the appropriateness of weapons on the mascot, given the school district's policy on weapons. Some commissioners expressed that the pioneer mascot may not represent the diverse history and population of Oregon City.

Several viewpoints were shared:

1. Some commissioners felt that changing the mascot or removing the weapons could be beneficial.
2. Others expressed concern about the potential cost of changing the mascot, including repainting facilities and redoing branding.
3. The historical significance of the pioneer was discussed, with some noting that it doesn't represent the full history of the area, including Native American populations.
4. There was a suggestion to consider the mascot change as part of a larger conversation about representation and inclusivity.

No formal decision was made since this is a decision out of scope for the Youth Advisory Commission, but the commission agreed that this was a valuable discussion to have, and that student input would be crucial in any potential changes.

5. WORKING GROUP BREAK OUT SESSION

Members broke out into their working grounds from 8: 20 – 8:50 p.m.

6. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Kari Hampton from the American Cancer Society is seeking Youth Advisory Commissioners who would be interested in testifying in support of SB 702. The public hearing will be during the Senate Finance and Revenue Committee and is expected to be scheduled at 8 a.m. during the week of May 19.

- b. The Youth Houselessness Working Group have still received limited participation in the survey they sent out. The working group is looking for volunteering opportunities.
- c. The Election Involvement Working Group reported that they are finishing up their letter of support to be approved by the city commission. This letter will be sent to the county and state regarding a house bill that aligns with their original intentions. For future years, they plan to continue focusing on this as a smaller aspect of their larger goals, while also working on getting more youth actively engaged in elections.
- d. The Youth Physical and Mental Health Working Group discussed submitting proposals to the Metro Nature in Neighborhoods Community Grants program. Hannah Schmidt, the staff liaison, informed the group about upcoming idea workshops:
 - Saturday, May 17 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Gladstone Library
 - Sunday, June 1 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. at Milwaukee City Hall
 - Saturday, June 7 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Oregon City Library

Schmidt encouraged at least one member of the working group to attend these events if they don't submit a proposal beforehand.

- e. Jack Solari indicated that he will provide more updates about the Clackamas County Tobacco Prevention and Education Program at the next Youth Advisory Commission meeting.
- f. Hannah Schmidt, the staff liaison, provided several updates:
 1. Outreach opportunities at local middle schools:
 - Gardner Middle School: Thursday, May 29th from 12:29 to 1:01 PM
 - Tumwata Middle School: Monday, May 19th from 9:15 to 9:35 AM
 2. End of term celebration: A barbecue will be held on Tuesday, May 27th at Elijah McFarland's family's home. Members are encouraged to bring sides and drinks.
 3. Presentation to City Commission: The Chair and Vice Chair of the Youth Advisory Commission will present a term report to the city commission on Wednesday, June 4th at 7 PM.
 4. Art for Every Heart competition: The deadline is May 21st.
 5. Ivy Pull event: May 17th from 9 AM to 12 PM.
 6. Economic Development Update: The last quarterly newsletter from the Economic Development Department was distributed.
 7. Oregon City Together: Information about a leadership opportunity on June 2nd was shared.

- g. Commission Adam Marl briefly mentioned that if members could get information about YAC applications into daily announcements at their schools, it would be helpful. The application deadline is June 27th.

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made to approve the minutes for both the April 14, 2025 and April 21, 2025 meetings.

Justin Evers moved to approve the minutes for April 14, 2025, and April 21, 2025. The motion was seconded by Myles Kinney. Motion was unanimously approved.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Julian Guerra Molina adjured the meeting at 9:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Hannah Schmidt, Community Engagement Specialist
Date Approved: _____