



## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (YES) ADVISORY BOARD

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Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 8:15 a.m.

**Simi Valley Public Library Community Room  
2969 Tapo Canyon Road**

### AGENDA

#### Special Meeting Location

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
2. Agenda Review  
This is the time to reorder and/or remove items from the agenda by consensus of the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.
3. Approval of the Minutes of January 21, 2026
4. Correspondence
5. Public Statements/Comments  
This is the time allotted for statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.
6. Informational Presentation
  - a. Joaquin Vazquez – Burke, Williams, & Sorensen, LLP
7. Continued Business
  - a. Discussion of the YES Interview Skills Workshops
  - b. Discussion of the YES Job and Career Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2026
8. New Business
  - a. Discussion of Changing the YES Advisory Board May 20, 2026, Meeting Date
  - b. Simi Valley Public Library Tour and Discussion of Job and Career Fair Event Logistics
9. Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Reports and Comments  
This is the time for Youth Employment Service Advisory Board members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Employment Service Advisory Board or to request a future agenda item. This is also the time to make any announcements related to community events and other items of interest.
10. Coordinator's Report
11. Adjournment: Wednesday, March 18, 2026, 8:15 a.m., City Hall Community Room

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Anthony Angelini called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and acting Secretary Eric Verwey verified that a quorum was present.

P	Anthony Angelini	P	Sylvan Tauber	P	Jennifer Wigdor
E	Erica Ayala	P	Eric Lundstrom	P	Sarina Khangura
P	Al Brown	A	Michael Shaw		Alternates
P	Gloria Bowman	P	Rithmika Naveen	P	Eric Verwey
P	Hayley Estrada	P	Ryan Taggart	A	Stacey Roth
P	Tim Harrington	P	Kris Turner	V Vacant P Present E Excused A Absent	
P	Chelsie Kennedy	E	Autumn Verwey		
*Arrived after approval of minutes					

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Employment Service Coordinator

Guests: Stephanie Wronka, Simi Valley Public Library; Daniel Jordan, Claire ID; Xander Jordan, Claire ID

2. Agenda Review

There being no objections, the agenda is approved as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes from December 17, 2025

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the December 17, 2025, minutes as presented was made by Al Brown and seconded by Chelsie Kennedy.

**YES Advisory Board Vote: 12 Ayes; 0 Noes; 1 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared some correspondence from Bill Perry, Simi Valley Unified School District. Mr. Perry was hosting mock interviews for the Workability program students and needed four more interviewers.

5. Public Statements/Comments

There were no public statements or comments.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Rob West, Sub Zero Ice Cream

Rob West, owner of Sub-Zero Ice Cream, introduced himself and discussed his experience in hiring young people. Mr. West stated he was a big supporter of youth employment and detailed some of the benefits. He said he always hired high school students, however, due to the increase in minimum wage requirements he cannot afford to do so anymore. Mr. West also explained the turnover costs with staff are higher now, so it's more of an investment to hire individuals over the age of 18. He shared that he recently sold his business and will be moving to Idaho. During the presentation the board enjoyed ice cream from Sub Zero!

7. Continued Business

a. Discussion and Review of the Interview Skills Workshop Presentation

Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Chair Anthony Angelini reviewed the Interview Skills Workshop (ISW). Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared that the following dates had been confirmed for ISW: February 20, 2026, at Santa Susana High School; February 27, 2026, at Simi Valley High School; March 9, 2026, at Royal High School. He then passed around a sign-up form for each date. Mr. Fowler reviewed the ISW presentation and asked the board members to share anything they wanted to update. The following suggestions were made: add a picture of Arthur Ashe to go with his quote; change to a quote from a more relevant person; add a short TikTok video as an example of an elevator speech; adding cover letters to the applying for a job section; in the how to prepare section, display the data differently than using a pie chart; in the you're hired section, don't use percentages and rank in order instead. Change "get" to "earn"; in the science of leaving a job section, move to later in the presentation and add a slide that says to look in the workbook; add a list of jobs currently hiring; insert a flyer for the job fair into each workbook. Ryan Taggart suggested incorporating work experience students to share their personal experiences during the presentation.

b. Discussion of the YES Job and Career Fair on Saturday, March 21, 2026

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared a list of past employers who attended the Job Fair. He asked board members to review the list, add any businesses not on the list, and to mark which business they would reach out to with this year's information. Mr. Fowler shared letters and flyers that could be distributed to the businesses.

8. Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Reports and Comments

Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Chair Anthony Angelini asked board members to share any relevant updates. Kris Turner stated the YMCA would be holding a groundbreaking ceremony for their next expansion on January 24. He said the YMCA was looking to hire swim instructors, at least 16 years of age, no

experience or certifications required. Mr. Angelini stated the Chamber of Commerce would be holding a MEGA Job Fair in February.

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared a couple of upcoming Simi Valley Education Foundation events, the Super Bowl for Education on January 24 and the Gala on February 21. Mr. Fowler stated he was also on the campaign committee for the YMCA expansion and would be at the groundbreaking ceremony and invited any board members interested in donating to speak with him.

10. Adjournment: Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 8:15 a.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

By consensus of the YES Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:31 a.m.