



AGENDA
Special Meeting Location and Time

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 Council. Any individual member who will be abstaining from a discussion item should announce his/her intentions at this time.

3. Approval of Minutes from March 3, 2026

4. Correspondence

5. Public Statements/Comments

Time allotted for public statements on all items on the agenda, as well as matters not on the agenda but within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Youth Council. Statements and comments are limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker.

6. Informational Presentation

a. Sandee McGee, Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

7. Continued Business

a. Debrief of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

b. Discussion of the Multicultural Night on March 20, 2026

c. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show on April 11, 2026

d. Discussion of the Field Day Event

e. Discussion of the Teen Wellness Night

8. New Business

a. Selection of a Candidate to Apply to the California Youth Council

b. Tour of the Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center

9. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

This is the time for Youth Council members' statements or comments on matters within the subject matter and jurisdiction of the Youth Council 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: Tuesday, April 7, 2026, 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center, Multipurpose Room

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the Youth Council Coordinator at (805) 583-6766. Upon advance notification, reasonable arrangements will be made to provide accessibility to the meeting.

DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m., and Youth Council Secretary Saanvi Daga took attendance, verifying that a quorum was present.

Selection Districts		Members-At-Large		
P	Jasleen Khangura - RHS	P	Ethan Bhat	E Daniel Sy
P	Rylan Downey - RHS	E	Mahie Daga	P Flora Yuan
P	Nishta Kubsad - SSHA	P	Saanvi Daga	Alternates
P	Jiya Bhatt - SSHA	E	Ashlyn Eddula	P Avery Opp
P	Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi - sv	E	Vedika Gupta	E Surya Ravikumar
P	Saydee Ro -SVHS	P	Sarina Khangura	P Lauryn Weitzman
P	Aman Sreejith - HMS	E	Kishan Mehta	P = Present E = Excused A = Absent V = Vacant
P	Claire Krier – SMS	E	Rithmika Naveen	
P	Brian Agak - VVMS	P	Dhiya Prabhuram	
		E	Elizabeth Rakowski	
*Arrived after approval of the minutes				

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Council Coordinator

Guests: Diya Bonthu, student; Jiang Guangcar, student; Shaan Khangura, student; Aarwin Narla, student; Khushi Patel, student; Wenping Wang, student.

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 17, 2026

ACTION: A motion to approve the February 17, 2026, minutes as written was made by Aman Sreejith and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

Youth Council Vote: 12 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared correspondence from the Simi Valley Unified School District inviting the Youth Council to present a report on their activities at the May 19 School Board meeting. Mr. Fowler stated that Detective Kellyn King of the Simi Valley Police Department, who presented at the recent Youth Impact Forum, was interested in partnering with the Youth Council to host a community workshop centered around teen safety.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Students in attendance introduced themselves, the school they attend, and their grade level.

6. Continued Business

a. Selection of a Youth Council Representative to Serve on the City of Simi Valley's Community Projects Grant Review Committee on April 15 and 22, 2026

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Aman Sreejith to share his experience of being on the Community Projects Grant Review Committee last year. After Mr. Sreejith shared, Ms. Khangura asked which Youth Council members would be interested in serving on the committee this year. Rylan Downey, Brian Agak, Aman Sreejith, Sarina Khangura, and Jiya Bhatt all indicated they were. Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared that Vedika Gupta had reached out about not being able to attend tonight's meeting but still wanted to be considered for the position. Ms. Gupta sent a statement about her qualifications to be read at the meeting. Ms. Khangura stated that each candidate would give a thirty-second speech as to why they should be chosen to represent the Youth Council, and then the Youth Council members would select one of the candidates by hand vote. After the speeches and the vote, Aman Sreejith was chosen to serve as the Youth Council representative on the Community Projects Grant Review Committee.

ACTION: A motion to approve Aman Sreejith as the Youth Council representative on the Community Projects Grant Review committee was made by Nishta Kubsad and seconded by Avery Opp.

Youth Council Vote: 8 Ayes; 0 Noes; 6 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Discussion of the Youth Council Multicultural Night

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked Lauryn Weitzman, Inclusivity Committee Chair, to share any Multicultural Night updates. Ms. Weitzman stated that planning and event preparations were going well. She said she had updated the list of decorations to be purchased and asked Mr. Fowler to review them. Ms. Weitzman shared that her committee had created passports for event attendees and that the role assignments would be out by the weekend. She said they were looking for more volunteer help and asked Youth Council members to share with their service clubs and groups at school that volunteers can earn service hours. Youth Council members stated which clubs and groups they would share with.

c. Discussion of the Youth Council Talent Show

Treasurer and Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro led a discussion regarding Talent Show ticket prices. Youth Council members discussed having a higher price for day of tickets at the door, student, family, and group discounts, how “student” would be defined, and a system for verifying that they were students. Youth Council members asked Mr. Fowler to verify what percentage of each ticket sold went to the Cultural Arts Center for expenses. After discussion it was determined to price the tickets at \$15 for adults and \$10 for students online, and same day tickets at the door \$17 for adults and \$12 for students. Ms. Ro asked Youth Council members to help with outreach to performers to register for the talent show and to continue fundraising.

ACTION: A motion to approve the Talent Show prices as discussed was made by Jiya Bhatt and seconded by Sarina Khangura.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of the Field Day/Fun Run Event

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura led a discussion regarding holding a field day or fun run type event to bring awareness to the issue of drinking and driving, as part of the Youth Council’s Friday Night Live activities. Fun activities that promote healthy choices were discussed and a potential date. Youth Council member Rylan Downey stated she reserved the stadium and field at Royal High School for May 30, 2026. Ms. Khangura suggested the event could also be added on to Teen Wellness Night or held immediately after. After discussion it was decided to hold the event on May 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ACTION: A motion to approve holding a field day event on May 30, 2026, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. was made by Aman Sreejith and seconded by Ethan Bhat.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

b. Debrief of the Youth Problem Gambling Webinar

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura led a discussion of what went well during the Youth Problem Gambling Webinar and what could be improved. Pros included the guest speaker Michale Liao, an active chat, participation, positive feedback from attendees, and the webinar format. A con discussed was the chat being a little too silly. Ideas to improve this for future webinars included pausing the chat

when the presenter was actively presenting, limiting the age range of participants, having a chat monitor, and stating the rules for the chat upfront.

c. Debrief of the 2026 Youth Impact Forum

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked for a motion to continue this agenda item to the March 17 Youth Council meeting in the interest of time.

ACTION: A motion to continue agenda item 7c to the March 17 Youth Council meeting was made by Brian Agak and seconded by Claire Krier.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

d. Discussion of the Cancellation of the May 5, 2026, Youth Council Meeting

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura stated that traditionally the Youth Council voted to cancel the first meeting in May due to AP testing. Ms. Khangura explained that on May 19th, the Youth Council would be presenting to the school board. She led a discussion of various options for meetings in May that included canceling the May 5th meeting, keeping the May 5th meeting, holding the May 5th meeting virtually, extending the May 19th meeting time, and holding the May 19th meeting on a different date in the same week. After discussion it was decided to cancel the May 5th meeting and extend the May 19th meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. Youth Council member Ethan Bhat asked if they could have pizza for the May 19th meeting.

ACTION: A motion to cancel the May 5th Youth Council meeting and extend the May 19th Youth Council meeting time from 5:00 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. was made by Saanvi Daga and seconded by Saydee Ro.

Youth Council Vote: 14 Ayes; 0 Noes; 0 Abstentions

The motion passed.

8. Representative Reports

Youth Council Reports and Comments

Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura asked committees to share any updates. Inclusivity Chair Nandhiha Krishnamoorthi stated they were discussing holding a workshop to educate students about scholarships. Fundraising Chair Saydee Ro again reminded Youth Council members to keep soliciting businesses for donations and sponsorships. The committee that planned the leadership workshop at Hollow Hills Elementary reported that the event went well and they received lots of positive feedback. Youth Council member Aman Sreejith stated he was impressed with the unique ideas the elementary students had.

Simi Valley Youth Council
Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 5:00 p.m. – 6:15 p.m.
City Hall Community Room
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Council Coordinator Ryan Fowler thanked the Youth Council for all their hard work on their recent events. He reminded them they still had several events planned for the rest of the year and to be mindful of their time management and to be aware of the secondary effects of canceling commitments at the last minute, such as transportation being arranged, schedules being changed, and food ordered.

10. Adjournment Tuesday, March 17, 2026, 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Simi Valley Cultural Arts Center.

Acting Youth Council Chair Jasleen Khangura adjourned the meeting at 6:22 p.m.