



## YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (YES) ADVISORY BOARD

2929 Tapo Canyon Rd., Simi Valley, California 93063-2199 • (805) 583-6766

Wednesday, April 15, 2026, 8:15 a.m.  
City Hall Community Room  
2929 Tapo Canyon Road

### AGENDA

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 March 18, 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. Kris Turner, Simi Valley Family YMCA Executive Director
7. New Business
  - a. Debrief of the YES Job and Career Fair
  - b. Discussion of the YES Summer Workshop Series
  - c. YES Advisory Board Recruitment
  - d. Discussion and Selection of the YES Advisory Board Interview Subcommittee
8. 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.
9. Coordinator's Report
10. Adjournment: Wednesday, May 20, 2026, 8:15 a.m., City Hall Community Room.

If any interested individual has a disability that may require accommodation to participate in this meeting, please contact the YES 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

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

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

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Employment Service Coordinator

Guests: Joe Metcalf, Simi Valley Film Festival; David Rosenberg, Simi Valley Public Library; Joeseeph Ayala, Simi Valley City Council

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of Minutes from February 18, 2026

**ACTION:** A motion to approve the February 18, 2026, minutes as presented was made by Mike Shaw and seconded by Al Brown.

**YES Advisory Board Vote: 7 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions**

**The motion passed.**

4. Correspondence

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler shared an article that had been published in the recent issue of the Simi Valley Acorn, promoting the upcoming Job and Career Fair. Mr. Fowler thanked Ryan Taggart for his recent social media posts promoting the job fair and asked other board members to share and create posts as well.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Joe Metcalf informed the board about the upcoming nine-day Simi Valley Film Festival and the new Youth Film Festival component.

6. Continued Business

a. Discussion of the YES Job & Career Fair on Saturday March 21, 2026

Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board Chair Anthony Angelini asked if there were any updates regarding the upcoming Job & Career Fair. YES Coordinator Ryan Fowler passed around a sign-up sheet for assigned duties during the fair. Gloria Bowman reviewed the YES branded giveaways: pens, tote bags, and construction hats. Ms. Bowman stated that she was purchasing rubber ducks that represented various careers and was working with Mr. Fowler to add YES stickers and tags to them. Erica Ayala confirmed she would be presenting a financial literacy workshop from 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and volunteered to provide snacks for the job fair attendees. Mr. Fowler stated that Simi Valley City Council Member Rocky Rhodes would not be able to provide coffee, as he has in previous years, and after discussion Council Member Joseph Ayala volunteered to provide coffee for the fair.

b. Debrief of the 2026 Interview Skills Workshops

Youth Employment Service (YES) Advisory Board Chair Anthony Angelini asked board members to share any feedback that they had about the recent Interview Skills Workshops. Eric Verwey stated he liked having the work experience students help with the presentation and that they should be assigned parts next year. Council Member Joseph Ayala stated the board members should receive the materials earlier. Sylvan Tauber stated he will ask some of his students to participate in the presentation next year, and Hayley Estrada said she could also include students who are working. Erica Ayala suggested a section be added to cover virtual or zoom interviews. YES Coordinator Ryan Fowler passed around the results from the student survey which the board discussed. Mr. Fowler stated that one of the Youth Council members attended the workshop and provided the following feedback: the topics that were the most helpful were the elevator pitch, the interview, and work permits; suggested practicing elevator speeches in a lightning round speed dating activity; include more about what questions people ask in interviews and what questions applicants should ask at the end; walk around and ask students questions.

7. New Business

a. Discussion of an Employer Work Permit Workshop

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated that he and board member Hayley Estrada had discussed some of the issues with employers not hiring people under the age of 18 and students not having work permits and came up with the idea of hosting a workshop for employers to learn more about work permits and promote the benefits of youth employment. Mr. Fowler suggested partnering with the Chamber of Commerce to host the workshop as part of their "Lunch and Learn" series.

After discussion, the board agreed to direct Mr. Fowler to continue developing the idea and coordinate with the Chamber of Commerce.

8. Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Reports and Comments

Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Chair Anthony Angelini asked board members to share any reports, updates or comments. Hayley Estrada shared that Santa Susana High School would be holding their senior capstone projects presentations on April 25<sup>th</sup>, and they are looking for community members to join as panelists. Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated he would share the related email from Santa Susana High School with the board.

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler advised board members that it was time for some of them to apply for a new term on the board. He stated the following members current terms were ending in June: Kris Turner, Eric Lundstrom, Michael Shaw, Sylvan Tauber, Eric Verwey, Stacey Roth, Anthony Angelini, Rithmika Naveen, and Sarina Khangura. Mr. Fowler said Mr. Shaw, Mr. Tauber, Mr. Angelini, and Ms. Khangura were all appointed by their respective organizations and instead of directly applying would need to be reappointed by their organizations. Mr. Fowler stated he would email copies of their previous applications to the board members who needed to reapply.

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

By consensus of the YES Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.