



YOUTH COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 14, 2026, 3:30 pm

**San Jose Job Center Conference Rooms
1608 Las Plumas Avenue, San Jose**

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YOUTH COMMITTEE

MEMBERS | May 2026

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Former Employment Services Director (*retired as of Jan 1, 2025*)
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South Bay Consortium for Adult Education
Director
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AGENDA

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| I. | CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL | 5 min |
| II. | BUSINESS | 3:35 pm end |
| | A. Approval of Minutes {Action} | 5 min |
| | <i>Rafaela Perez, Committee Chair</i> | 3:40 pm end |
| | Approve minutes of the February 12, 2026, Youth Committee meeting. | |
| | B. Chair's Report {Information} | 5 min |
| | <i>Rafaela Perez, Committee Chair</i> | 3:45 pm end |
| | Report on various matters of interest to the committee. | |
| | C. Discussion on Strategic Plan and Survey {Information} | 30 min |
| | <i>Rafaela Perez, Committee Chair and fellow Committee Members</i> | 4:15 pm end |
| | Discuss efforts to develop strategic plan to bring more partners to career center and utilizing youth participant survey to identify priorities for strategic plan. | |
| | D. WIOA Youth Program PY 2025-26 Update {Information} | 20 min |
| | <i>Mirza Handzar, Youth Program & Training Project Manager; Rick Robles, Project Director, Equus Workforce Solutions, Guillermo Granados, Equus Workforce Solutions</i> | 4:35 pm end |
| | Q3 report on metrics for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program for Program Year 2025, which began July 1, 2025, and will end June 30, 2026. | |
| III. | OPEN FORUM | 10 min |
| | Members of the public can address the committee on matters not on the agenda. | 4:45 pm end |
| IV. | OTHER | 5 min |
| | <i>Announcements, committee housekeeping</i> | 4:55 pm end |
| | A. Next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for August 13, 2026. | |
| | B. Other | |
| V. | ADJOURNMENT | |

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Committee member: N/A

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I

**Call to Order
& Roll Call**

II

Business

Each of the following items will be taken up separately. Unless otherwise indicated, each is an information and discussion item:

- A. Approval of Minutes {Action}**
- B. Chair's Report**
- C. Discussion on Strategic Plan and Survey**
- D. WIOA Youth Program PY 2025-26 Update**

YOUTH COMMITTEE MEETING

February 12, 2026, 3:30 pm

Meeting Minutes

Staff: Handzar, Luu, Morado, Thoo

Guests: Guillermo Grandos, Equus Workforce Solutions Youth Manager, Rick Robles, Equus Project Director

I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

Chair Perez called the meeting to order at 3:40 pm.

Roll Call

Present: Clark, Estill, Ong (Zoom), Perez, Pham, Preminger, Williams

Late: Herrity (3:43pm). Vans (3:43pm)

II. INTRODUCTIONS

None

III. BUSINESS

A. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Mr. Estill moved, Mr. Preminger seconded, and the committee voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 6, 2025, meeting.

B. Chair's Report

Chair Perez discussed various topics including in demand occupation, first job priority, and supportive services for youth.

C. WIOA Youth Program PY 2025-26 Update

Mr. Handzar, Mr. Robles, and Mr. Granados discussed report on metrics for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program for Program Year 2025-26 and addressed questions from the committee.

D. Discussion on Strategic Plan

This item was originally scheduled as III. C. Chair Perez elected to switch with WIOA Youth Program PY 2025-26 above. Chair Perez and committee members discuss plans to bring more partners to career center by seeking input from youth clients.

IV. OPEN FORUM

None

V. OTHER

A. Next Youth Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 14, 2026, 3:30 pm at 1608 Las Plumas Ave, San Jose, CA.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Perez adjourned the meeting at 4:39 p.m.

Draft minutes prepared by D. Luu, H. Morado.

CHAIR'S REPORT

Youth Committee Chair Rafaela Perez will report on various matters of interests to the committee.

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Discussion on Strategic Plan

Chair Perez, committee members, and Staff will discuss efforts to develop strategic plan to bring more partners to career center and utilizing youth participant survey to identify priorities for strategic plan.

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WIOA Youth Program PY 2025-26 Update

Third Quarter staff report on metrics for the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Youth Program for Program Year 2025, which began July 1, 2025, and continues through June 30, 2026.

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Attachments

Youth Program Dashboard (as of 3-31-26)						
Youth Participants	OSY New Enrollment	OSY Goals	ISY Enrollment	ISY Goals	OSY C/O 24-25	ISY C/O 24-25
Total Enrollments for 25-26	163	103	67	30	103	28
Q1	47	40	0	0		
Q2	45	63	39	30		
Q3	71	77	28	30		
Q4						
Youth Participants (Barriers)	OSY Equus		ISY		OSY C/O	ISY C/O
1 barrier	163		68		103	28
2 barriers	156		68		82	28
3 barriers	33		0		20	5
4 barriers or more	6		0		3	0
Youth Participants (Categories)	OSY		ISY		OSY C/O	ISY C/O
Needs additional assistance	3		N/A		7	0
Foster	22		1		3	0
Justice Involved	25		1		8	1
Homeless	69		4		49	1
Pregnant/Parenting	24		1		14	0
Disabled	19		N/A		3	5
Low Income	163		67		57	28
Basic Skills Deficient	27		61		10	7
(ELL)	5		61		0	14
Youth Participants (Case Management)	OSY		ISY			
# of Total Contacts	6,137		832			
# of Total Contacts Per Client (average)	37.65		12.42			
Average Time - Contact to Enrollment	2.5		3.5			
Active Clients in FY 25-26	163		67			
OUTCOMES						
Youth Participants - Work	OSY		ISY			
Construction & Trades	14		1			
Advanced Manufacturing	7		2			
Healthcare	18		6			
Accounting/Business	10		1			
Information Technology	2		0			
In-demand	37		6			
Other	116		16			
Youth Participants - Education	OSY		ISY			
Traditional (Post Secondary)	0		4			
Traditional (HS or GED))	0		63			
Non-Traditional (ETPL)	3		0			
Pre-Apprenticeship	0		0			
Apprenticeship	0		0			
Earn and Learn (WEX)	39		55			
Follow Up after Exit	OSY		ISY			
Contact 3 months after exit						
Contact 6 months after exit						
Contact 9 months after exit						
Contact 12 months after exit						
State Performance	Goal		Actuals		Percent of Goal	
(Generated by State/EDD)						
Placement in Employment/Education Q2						
Entered Employment Rate Q4						
Median Earnings						
Attainment of a credential or certificate						
Measurable Skills Gain						
Partnerships	OSY		ISY			
Metro ED	1		52			
Conservation Corps	2		0			
Job Corps	6		0			
SJ Works/PRNS	0		10			
Bill Wilson Center	32		0			
Unity Care	1		0			
Referral from existing Client	2		0			
IRC	5		0			
Jacobs Ladder	0		7			
County of Santa Clara	16		0			
Other	98		0			

III
Open Forum

IV
Other

V
Adjournment