



YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE (YES) ADVISORY BOARD
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Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 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 October 16, 2024
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. J.P. Morgan Chase – Community Programs
7. Continued Business
 - a. Debrief of Simi Valley Street Fair on October 26, 2024
 - b. Debrief of YES Annual Volunteer Fair of November 14, 2024
8. New Business
 - a. Discussion of the 2025 Interview Skills Workshops
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, December 18, 2024, 8:15 a.m., City Hall Community Room

/s/ _____
Anna M. Medina
Deputy Community Services Director

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DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Welcome

Chair Gloria Bowman called the meeting to order at 8:15 a.m. and Secretary Tim Harrington verified that a quorum was present.

A	Anthony Angelini	P	Rita Longo		Alternates
P	Gloria Bowman	P	Bernardo Perez	P	Eric Verwey
P	Al Brown	P	Ryan Taggart	E	Stacey Roth
P	Hayley Estrada	A	Rikka Tignac	E	Rithmika Naveen
P	Tim Harrington	P	Jennifer Wigdor	V	Vacant
P	Chelsie Kennedy	V	Local Business	P	Present
E	Nicole Kim	V	Local Business	E	Excused
*Arrived after approval of minutes				A	Absent

Staff: Ryan Fowler, Youth Employment Services Coordinator

Guests: Kelly Behle, Simi Valley Public Library; Kris Turner, Simi Valley YMCA; Erica Aella, J.P. Morgan Chase; Angelica Chavez, SVUSD, Tammy White, SVUSD; Hani Youssef, SVUSD; Matt Guzzo, SVUSD; Stacy Cashman, SVUSD; Sandi Knox, SVUSD

2. Agenda Review

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

3. Approval of the Minutes of September 18, 2024

ACTION: A motion to approve the September 18, 2024, minutes as presented was made by Vice Chair Al Brown and seconded by Bernardo Perez.

YES Advisory Board Vote: 8 Ayes; 0 Noes; 2 Abstentions

The motion passed.

4. Correspondence

There was no correspondence presented or discussed.

5. Public Statements/Comments

Guests introduced themselves and their organizations. Stacy Cashman, Principal of the Simi Institute for Careers & Education, shared about the different vocational programs and courses available at the Simi Institute. She emphasized the Simi Valley Unified School District's commitment to offering and promoting alternatives to University, and introduced Sandi Knox, the Simi Institute's Job Coach.

6. Continued Business – None

7. New Business

- a. Discussion of the 7th Annual Volunteer Fair on Thursday, November 14, 2024

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated that he had contacted the Boys and Girls Club and the Simi Valley Public Library to coordinate the Volunteer Fair for November 13. Kelly Behle, Director of the Simi Valley Public Library, indicated that the Library was not available on November 13, but that the YES Advisory Boards alternate date of November 14 was available. There being no objection, the Volunteer Fair was now being held Thursday, November 14, 2024, at the Simi Valley Public Library. Mr. Fowler stated that they currently had 13 non-profits registered to attend. He also stated that he had created a flyer for the event and that it was approved for distribution by the Simi Valley Unified School District. He passed around hard copies of the flyer, stated that he would send a digital copy to board members, and asked everyone to please help promote the event.

- b. Discussion of Start Up Simi

Chair Gloria Bowman gave a brief overview of the history of the Start Up Simi committee and their events. Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated that the board members previously involved with the committee were no longer YES Advisory Board members. He asked the current board members if they thought Start Up Simi was an initiative that the YES Advisory Board wanted to continue, if so what the scope of the committee would be, and who would like to be on the committee. Several board members asked questions clarifying the intent of the original Start Up Simi group and suggested possible locations of a potential future entrepreneurial incubator space including the Simi Valley Public Library and the upstairs space of J.P. Morgan Chase's office. After discussion it was determined a committee to continue the discussion of the future of Start Up Simi would be appropriate, and board members Chelsie Kennedy and Bernardo Perez along with members of the public Angelica Chavez and Erica Aella agreed to be on the committee. Mr. Fowler said he would email the committee members to coordinate a date and time for a meeting.

- c. Discussion on Hosting Inspire Entrepreneurship Forums

Chair Gloria Bowman explained the main activity the Start Up Simi group had accomplished was the creation of the Inspire Entrepreneurship speakers' series. Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler asked the board if, given our previous discussion regarding Start Up Simi, these forums were something the YES Advisory Board was interested in continuing or taking the

lead on. Several board members shared their experience attending previous Inspire Entrepreneurship Forums, noting that attendance at them had been very inconsistent. Chelsie Kennedy suggested that if they were to continue, they could possibly be held at the Simi Valley Unified School District offices. Mr. Fowler suggested that the Chamber of Commerce might be interested in taking over as the lead of the forums, and the YES Advisory Board could offer support. He stated that he would ask board member Anthony Angelini his thoughts on this, as Anthony was absent from this meeting. After discussion, it was determined that the Start Up Simi committee would also consider whether to continue the Inspire Entrepreneurship Forums.

8. Youth Employment Service Advisory Board Reports and Comments

Bernardo Perez stated that he enjoyed being a part of the Youth Council Youth Summit the previous Friday. Rita Longo shared that she had reserved February 3rd, 9:00 a.m. to 2:23 p.m. for the Interview Skills Workshop at Royal High School. Ryan Taggart stated that he would reserve February 7th for the Interview Skills Workshop at Simi Valley High School. Kris Turner shared that the YMCA was holding its annual Trunk or Treat event on Saturday, October 19, 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Angelica Chavez shared that Madera Elementary had received a civics award from the State and was the only elementary school to do so. Gloria Bowman stated she was working on getting pens and other giveaways for the upcoming Simi Valley Street Fair.

9. Coordinator's Report

Youth Employment Service Coordinator Ryan Fowler stated that the Youth Council would be hosting a booth at Rancho Simi Recreation and Park District's Heritage Halloween event on Saturday, October 19, 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Strathearn Historical Park. Mr. Fowler reminded board members of the Street Fair on Saturday, October 26th, and asked for board members to sign up for afternoon shifts at our booth, and to donate candy. He also stated that the decorations would be "pumpkin spiders" and asked for donations of pumpkins and pipe cleaners.

10. Adjournment: Wednesday, November 20, 2024, 8:15 a.m., in the City Hall Community Room.

By consensus of the YES Advisory Board, the meeting was adjourned at 9:25 a.m.