

# Minutes

Seattle Youth Commission



**Seattle**  
Neighborhoods

## Date and Time

Saturday, March 28, 2026

9:00 AM PST – 12:00 PM PST

## In-Person Meeting Location

Seattle City Hall

600 4<sup>th</sup> Ave, Seattle, WA, 98104

Boards and Commissions Room

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## Members Present

Anya Peterson (Late), Audrey Trinen, Bill Chen, Caleb Goldberg, Harry Sumner, Juliana Ariza, Koreb Tadesse, Lila Fu, Max Chandrasekaran, Mohini Kaplan

## Members Not Present

Aicha Sinha-Khan, Max Tagsip, Sabi Yoon

## Items

### Number, Topic, Start Time

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| <b>1) Welcoming</b>   | 9:00 AM |
| <b>2) Approval of the Agenda</b> (March 28, 2026)   | 9:02 AM |
| Motion made by Harry Sumner, seconded by Caleb Goldberg   |         |
| <b>3) Approval of the Minutes</b> (February 21, 2026)   |         |
| Motion made by Caleb Goldberg, seconded by Bill Chen  |         |
| <b>4) Approval of the Minutes</b> (March 25, 2026)  |         |
| Motion made by Caleb Goldberg, seconded by Harry Sumner   |         |
| <b>5) In-person Public Comment</b>  | 9:07 AM |
| No in-person public comment   |         |
| <b>6) Conversation with City Councilmember Rivera</b>   | 9:08 AM |
| - Self-introductions were made by all Seattle Youth Commission members, Seattle Youth Commission liaisons, and Councilmember Rivera                               |         |
| - Councilmember Rivera gave a background on her responsibilities and activities on the city council   |         |
| - The issue of youth safety and gun violence was brought up. Councilmember Rivera talked about her strategy to address this, which started with conversations and |         |

summits with cities that have successfully addressed this issue (specifically, Baltimore, St. Louis, and Boston)

- SYC Commissioner Anya Peterson gave a brief overview of the activities of the now defunct Safety and Gun Violence Subcommittee
- Councilmember Rivera discussed her work on the Libraries, Education & Neighborhoods Committee. Specifically, Councilmember Rivera talked about how the Seattle Public Library system is administered, her advocacy for the Neighborhood Matching Fund, the challenges of combating the use of illicit drugs, and the relationship between Seattle Public Schools and the City of Seattle
- The discussion concluded with a conversation about how the Seattle Youth Commission can most effectively share the youth perspective with the City Council. Councilmember Rivera emphasized the need to put policy ideas and outreach plans on paper

**7) Bio Break** 10:10 AM

**8) Debrief of discussion with Council President Hollingsworth** 10:25 AM

- SYC Commissioner Bill Chen discussed the possibility of social media collaboration
- SYC Commissioners discussed the need to consolidate and promote city-provided resources
- SYC Commissioner Audrey Trinen mentioned that as part of her work, she has a document of many city-provided resources

**9) SYC Google Drive Quick Update** 10:35 AM

**10) Commissioner/Subcommittee Updates** 10:37 AM

- Commissioners quickly debriefed their work related to the Seattle Youth Commission over the past month.
- The Social Media Subcommittee published a piece on the Department of Neighborhoods newsletter
- Multiple Commissioners discussed their work writing op-eds following previous Commission activities
- SYC Commissioner Max Chandrasekaran discussed his work on the turfing of public parks in District 7
- SYC Commissioner Bill Chen discussed the CSO introduction
- SYC Commissioner Audrey Trinen noted that she recently attended a town hall at Seattle University

**11) Public Testimony Update** 11:05 AM

SYC Liaisons brought up the recent testimony by SYC Commissioners. Following their public testimony in front of city hall, several concerns were raised, including the abrasive and demanding nature of the testimony; the lack of communication between said commissioners and the rest of SYC prior to this public testimony; the contents of the

testimony being directly related to the activities of the SYC, despite no prior discussion or approval by the SYC; the meetings between SYC liaisons and several bodies within the City of Seattle; and the newfound need for a Commissioner Code of Conduct and release of liability

**12) Subcommittee restructuring**

11:40 AM

Pursuant to the effort to restructure subcommittees to be more flexible and tailored to specific Commissioner interests, SYC Commissioners went around and discussed their top three priorities for the remainder of the current SYC term

**13) Reappointment**

11:47 AM

SYC Liaisons discussed the process for the reappointment of commissioners, as well as the general application process for prospective commissioners.

**14) Adjourn**

12:02 PM

Motion made by Bill Chen, seconded by Harry Sumner