



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Garland Youth Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:30 PM on October 14, 2025, at the Bradfield Recreation Center, 1146 Castle Drive, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Isabella Acuna
Julia Arruwen Barrera
Jacob Arteaga
Preston Bass
Vanessa Bello
Kamyla Garcia
Halexander Garza
Pranav Gautam
Andrew Kuzhippilil
Catherine Le
Lucas Le
Cole McCleskey
Emily Miles
Brisa Morales
Arora Ngo
Amsi Orozco
Xavier Price
Natalee Ritter
Karen Rubio Rosales
Enya Rosales
Sophia Sal
Ariana Sanchez
Mai'ana Tajalle
Tasi Tajalle
Anna Tankersley
Aletheia Yu
Tamara Zamora

Absent: Bila Aubin
Fiona Buford
Juliana De Jesus
Ivanka Hernandez
Nancy Nguyen
Esther Odetola
Amsi Orozco
George Prado

Staff Present: Jennifer Alanis
Tiffany Veno

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. **Consider Approval of Minutes from September 9, 2025 Meeting**

Motion was made by Catherine Le and seconded by Andrew Kuzhippilil to approve the minutes as presented. All Youth Council Members voted in favor.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Persons who desire to address the Committee on any item on the agenda are allowed three minutes to speak.

No public comments.

3. ITEMS FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

a. City Council Meet and Greet

Youth Council Members will get to know Garland City Council Member Ed Moore.

District 3 City Council Member Ed Moore spoke about his journey to service and encouraged Youth Council Members to pursue their passions.

b. Speaker - City of Garland Library Services

Children's Librarian Melanie Johnston will share about youth engagement and opportunities for collaboration.

Youth Services Librarian Melanie Johnston spoke about available resources like makerspace areas and resume writing assistance, as well as volunteer opportunities like the Teen Advisory Board.

c. Speaker - City of Garland Parks & Recreation

Recreation Services Manager Jesse Johnson will share about amenities, classes and camps that are available to Garland residents, as well as potential job opportunities for Youth Council Members.

Recreation Services Manager Jesse Johnson spoke about Garland's six recreation centers and two senior centers, offering aquatic, athletic and fitness facilities in addition to a wide variety of classes that continues to grow with input from patrons. He also spoke about job opportunities beginning at 16 years old.

d. Recap Recent Volunteer Opportunities

Youth Council Members will discuss their experiences volunteering at recent events.

Youth Council Members who attended the GHS Car Show, League of Women Voters of Dallas Civics Lounge and Safety Fest shared their experiences.

e. Breakout into Committee Groups

Community Service, Teen Events and Social/Promotions committees will plan upcoming activities.

Youth Council Members planned upcoming activities.

f. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- *October 24 - Garland Graveyard Haunted House/Trunk or Treat*
- *October 25 - Camelot Neighborhood Association Annual Picnic/Block Party*
- *October 28 - Garland Youth Council Social*
- *November 1 - Día de los Muertos*
- *November 11 - Garland Youth Council Meeting*
- *December 4 - Christmas on the Square*
- *December 6 - Pancakes with Santa*

Youth Council Members signed up for future volunteer opportunities.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Submitted By:

Tasi Tajalle, President

Tamara Zamora, Secretary