



# GARLAND

## MINUTES

The Garland Youth Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:30 PM on January 13, 2026, 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  
Fiona Buford  
Juliana De Jesus  
Kamyla Garcia  
Halexander Garza  
Ivanka Hernandez  
Lucas Le  
Cole McCleskey  
Emily Miles  
Xavier Price  
Karen Rubio Rosales  
Enya Rosales  
Sophia Sal  
Ariana Sanchez  
Mai'ana Tajalle  
Tasi Tajalle

Absent: Bila Aubin  
Vanessa Bello  
Pranav Gautam  
Andrew Kuzhippilil  
Catherine Le  
Brisa Morales  
Arora Ngo  
Nancy Nguyen  
Esther Odetola  
Amsi Orozco  
George Prado  
Natalee Ritter  
Anna Tankersley  
Aletheia Yu  
Tamara Zamora

Staff Present: Jennifer Alanis  
Rhonda McTyre  
Tiffany Veno

### **1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **Consider Approval of Minutes from December 13, 2025 Meeting**

Motion was made by Tasi Tajalle and seconded by Cole McCleskey 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 B.J. Williams.*

District 4 City Council Member BJ Williams spoke about the power of persistence and being ready to serve when the time is right. The importance of relationships and communications during public service was also discussed.

### **b. Clothing Drive Wrap-Up**

*Youth Council Members will discuss the results of their clothing drive that ended Jan. 6, as well as next steps.*

Youth Council Members discussed the success of their winter weather clothing drive, which collected more than a dozen bags of donations. Members also learned about the Trusted World organization, which is where Members will deliver the donations.

### **c. Breakout into Committee Groups**

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

Youth Council Members planned upcoming activities.

### **d. Upcoming Meetings/Events**

- *January 15 - Library Survey Deadline*
- *January 17 - MLK Parade and March*
- *February 7 - Sweetheart Dance*
- *February 21 - Animal Shelter & Adoption Center*

Youth Council Members signed up for future volunteer opportunities.

## **4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

## **5. ADJOURN**

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

**Submitted By:**

**Tasi Tajalle, President**

**Tamara Zamora, Secretary**