



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Garland Youth Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:30 PM on February 10, 2026, at the Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Isabella Acuna
Vanessa Bello
Juliana De Jesus
Kamyla Garcia
Pranav Gautam
Andrew Kuzhippilil
Catherine Le
Emily Miles
Arora Ngo
Nancy Nguyen
Amsi Orozco
George Prado
Xavier Price
Enya Rosales
Sophia Sal
Tasi Tajalle
Tamara Zamora

Absent: Julia Arruwen Barrera
Jacob Arteaga
Bila Aubin
Preston Bass
Fiona Buford
Halexander Garza
Ivanka Hernandez
Lucas Le
Cole McCleskey
Brisa Morales
Esther Odetola
Natalee Ritter
Karen Rubio Rosales
Ariana Sanchez
Mai'ana Tajalle
Anna Tankersley
Aletheia Yu

Staff Present: Tiffany Veno

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of Minutes from January 13, 2026 Meeting

Motion was made by Tasi Tajalle 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 Carissa Dutton.

District 6 City Council Member Carissa Dutton shared some of her most memorable experiences on the Garland City Council and also encouraged Youth Council Members to make the most of their time serving on the Garland Youth Council. She spoke about taking advantage of opportunities to make an impact and always keeping the best interest of the community at heart.

b. Speakers

Youth Council Members will learn about financial planning, as well as other skills to prepare for college, careers and life.

Maria Hazan-Cohen, Community Manager for JPMorgan Chase, educated Youth Council Members on building credit, responsible credit card usage and how to avoid long-term debt. Nicole Green, former Youth Council Member and current college student, also shared tips for applying to colleges, balancing priorities in high school and beyond, and maintaining a growth mindset despite rejection, stress or possible setbacks.

c. Breakout into Committee Groups

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

Youth Council Members discussed plans for upcoming activities.

d. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- *TBD - Trusted World Donation Drop-Off*
- *February 21 - Animal Shelter & Adoption Center*
- *February 24 - Garland Youth Council Social*
- *March 10 - Garland Youth Council Meeting*
- *April 1 - Trunk-N-Hunt*

Youth Council Members were reminded of future volunteer opportunities and meetings.

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 7 p.m.

Submitted By:

Tasi Tajalle, President

Tamara Zamora, Secretary