



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Garland Youth Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:30 PM on March 24, 2026, at the Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Isabella Acuna
Julia Arruwen Barrera
Jacob Arteaga
Preston Bass
Fiona Buford
Halexander Garza
Pranav Gautam
Ivanka Hernandez
Catherine Le
Emily Miles
Arora Ngo
Nancy Nguyen
Amsi Orozco
Xavier Price
Karen Rubio Rosales
Enya Rosales
Sophia Sal
Mai'ana Tajalle
Tasi Tajalle
Anna Tankersley
Aletheia Yu
Tamara Zamora

Absent: Bila Aubin
Vanessa Bello
Juliana De Jesus
Kamyla Garcia
Andrew Kuzhippilil
Lucas Le
Cole McCleskey
Brisa Morales
Esther Odetola
George Prado
Natalee Ritter
Ariana Sanchez

Staff Present: Rhonda McTyre
Tiffany Veno

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of Minutes from Feb. 24, 2026 Meeting

Motion was made by Tasi Tajalle and seconded by Catherine Le 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 Joe Thomas Jr.

District 7 Council Member Joe Thomas Jr. discussed how serving on the City Council means putting "Others Above Self" and highlighted several current initiatives aimed at improving the quality of life for residents in Garland.

b. Recruitment Challenge Kickoff

Youth Council Members will be challenged to encourage as many people as possible to apply for the 2026-27 year.

Youth Council Advisors shared the process for returning members to submit applications for next year's class. The top two GYC Members who recruit the most new applications for 2026-27 will also receive a prize. The deadline to apply is May 31, 2026.

c. Breakout into Committee Groups

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

Youth Council Members discussed the upcoming GYC Field Day, planning a station rotation of activities, food, registration, promotion and volunteers.

d. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- *April 1 - Trunk-N-Hunt*
- *April 11 - Skatepark Cleanup*
- *April 14 - GYC Meeting*
- *April 18 - Field Day*
- *May 12 - GYC End-of-Year Celebration*

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

4. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No future agenda items.

5. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Submitted By:

Tasi Tajalle, President

Tamara Zamora, Secretary