



GARLAND

MINUTES

The Garland Youth Council of the City of Garland convened in regular session at 5:30 PM on April 14, 2026, at the Fields Recreation Center, 1701 Dairy Road, Garland, Texas, with the following members present:

Present: Isabella Acuna
Julia Arruwen Barrera
Fiona Buford
Halexander Garza
Pranav Gautam
Ivanka Hernandez
Andrew Kuzhippilil
Lucas Le
Brisa Morales
Nancy Nguyen
Amsi Orozco
Xavier Price
Karen Rubio Rosales
Sophia Sal
Ariana Sanchez
Tasi Tajalle
Tamara Zamora

Absent: Bila Aubin
Jacob Arteaga
Preston Bass
Vanessa Bello
Juliana De Jesus
Kamyla Garcia
Catherine Le
Cole McCleskey
Emily Miles
Arora Ngo
Esther Odetola
George Prado
Natalee Ritter
Enya Rosales
Maï'ana Tajalle
Anna Tankersley
Aletheia Yu

Staff Present: Jennifer Alanis
Rhonda McTyre

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Consider Approval of Minutes from March 24, 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 Kris Beard.

District 2 Council Member Kris Beard discussed the importance of economic development to both attract businesses that residents want and generate funding for essential City services. She also encouraged Youth Council Members to not be afraid to take risks and try something new that they feel called to do.

b. State of the City

Garland Mayor Dylan Hedrick will share about recent accomplishments and upcoming initiatives.

Mayor Dylan Hedrick highlighted major citywide investments, including new and improved community facilities such as recreation centers, libraries, fire stations and senior amenities.

c. Breakout into Committee Groups

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

Youth Council Members planned the final logistics for the upcoming GYC Field Day.

d. Upcoming Meetings/Events

- *April 25 - GYC Field Day*
- *May 12 - End-of-Year Celebration*
- *May 4 or 18 - GYC Presentation to City Council*
- *Through May 31 - Recruiting Challenge*

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 7:03 p.m.

Submitted By:

Tasi Tajalle, President

Tamara Zamora, Secretary