



El Paso Public Libraries

MAYOR
Renard U. Johnson

**Youth Advisory Board Minutes
April 20, 2026 at 5:00pm
Thorman Conference Room, 802 Texas Ave. – Basement**

CITY COUNCIL

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 5:02pm

District 1
Alejandra Chávez

The following members answered Roll Call: Madyson Cerda, Arianna Jaime, Leon Lerma, Madison Miller, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez.

District 2
Dr. Josh Acevedo

The following members were absent: Aliana Acuña, David Dorsey and Rebekah Holguin.

District 3
Deanna M. Rocha

Public Comment: None

District 4
Cynthia Boyar Trejo

District 5
Ivan Niño

1. Discussion and Action on Approval of Minutes from the January 12, 2026 and February 23, 2026 Meetings

Madison Miller motioned to approve the minutes from the January 12, 2026 and February 23, 2026 meetings. Ana Talavera seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

District 6
Art Fierro

AYES: Madyson Cerda, Arianna Jaime, Leon Lerma, Madison Miller, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

District 7
Lily Limón

NAYS: None

District 8
Chris Canales

ABSENT: Aliana Acuña, David Dorsey, and Rebekah Holguin

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2. Introductory Presentation by Centre Future to Share Information about their Program

Kalina Gallardo with Centre Future, provided a PowerPoint presentation to review Centre Future's efforts, why they exist, where their efforts are focused and how they support young adults in our community.

3. Presentation and Discussion on a Youth-Supported Social Media Approach, Aligned with City Standards

Laura Cruz-Acosta, Communications Director, provided a PowerPoint presentation that briefly reviewed a youth-supported social media approach, to include key focus areas, member roles, and how the City can support the effort.

4. Discussion and Action on a Partnership with Workforce Solutions Borderplex Staff for the Creation of Focus Groups to Engage the Youth Population in Open Discussions about Issues Impacting Youth in our Community

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Janell Valles with Workforce Solutions Borderplex spoke on customizing their NextForce program to youth in the hope to create a focus group with the Youth Advisory Board members for their input on a white paper.

Chair requested a motion to approve a future date to discuss a partnership with Workforce Solutions Borderplex. Madison Miller motioned to approve; Arianna Jaime seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Madyson Cerda, Arianna Jaime, Leon Lerma, Madison Miller, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aliana Acuña, David Dorsey, and Rebekah Holguin

5. Discussion and Action on Plan Development for Youth Town Hall Meetings to be Hosted by Youth Advisory Board Members in their Districts

Stephanie Otero with the El Paso Community Foundation noted that the UNICEF Child-Friendly City Designation is now in Phase 1 - Youth Feedback. This effort is intertwined with the City. She engaged members in a 3-minute activity to outline what they would like in their perfect neighborhood.

Madison Miller motioned to add an item to the agenda for the next meeting to discuss a potential idea for the Youth Summit. Leon Lerma seconded, all members voted in favor, none opposed, and motion passed unanimously.

AYES: Madyson Cerda, Arianna Jaime, Leon Lerma, Madison Miller, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aliana Acuña, David Dorsey, and Rebekah Holguin

ADJOURN

Motion to adjourn made by Madison Miller, seconded by Arianna Jaime, and unanimously carried to adjourn the meeting at 6:09pm.

AYES: Madyson Cerda, Arianna Jaime, Leon Lerma, Madison Miller, Ana Talavera and Adlai Yañez

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Aliana Acuña, David Dorsey, and Rebekah Holguin

APPROVED AS TO CONTENT BY:

Norma P. Martinez, Director of Library Services



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