



**Encino  
Neighborhood Council**  
(A Certified Neighborhood Council)

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## ENCINO NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL YOUTH COMMITTEE SPECIAL MEETING

### Minutes

**Thursday, February 19, 2026 @ 7:00 pm**

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**Voting Committee Members:** \*Tess Guralnick **present** *Chair*, \*Shaindi Schwebel **present** *Vice Chair*, Mia Garfin, **absent** *community stakeholder*, Lucas Hurwitz **present** *community stakeholder*, Ethan Lee **absent** *community stakeholder*, Cailin Weintraub **absent** *community stakeholder*. (\* Denotes Board Member/Alternate. Maximum of 5 allowed.)

**I. CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/DETERMINATION OF QUORUM (7:22 pm)**

**II. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR**

- a. Brief overview of tonight's meeting
- b. Review of agenda

**III. GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS **none****

**IV. NEW BUSINESS (Discussion and Possible Action)**

- a. Guest Speaker Presentation  
Presentation from Civicate Youth
  - Overview of organization and youth engagement work
  - Q&A

Workshops and booths – such as at Congress of Neighborhoods, LA Summit for Students Build, and EmpowerLA Youth Conference.

Gathering emails for newsletter system

Pushing for youth reps in every NC
- b. Recycling Initiative Discussion
  - Open discussion on proposed recycling initiative **helping families who need the bottles for money – supporting our planet and getting youth involved – could we do a monthly pickup? Or should we have people go directly – specific date monthly? Lucas is trying to get lithium bins in schools and getting e-waste bin in community center along with a bin for recycling. Could have a shared email account with time slots for pickup bottles. Could put out flyers to educate families about how their recyclables can help families in need.**
  - Brainstorm possible program names
  - Generate ideas for structure and implementation **families**

**Motion: The ENC Youth Committee should create its own Instagram account to promote its recycling initiative and other youth-oriented events and programming. (Yes 3-0)**

- Discuss outreach strategies (schools, social media, community partners)
- Identify feasibility and next steps
- c. Committee Updates **none**
  - Quick updates from members
  - Announcements of upcoming opportunities/events

## V. ASSIGNMENTS AND DEADLINES

- a. Initiative naming and concept refinement - Lucas and Tess will work on naming
- b. Outreach / research tasks - going to homes with flyers, as well as social media
- c. Planning responsibilities

## VI. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS (No discussion, list only)

- a. Upcoming service projects - Tess got an email from someone who works with LA Compost and wondering if we want to go work with them for service opportunities doing hands-on work.
- b. Potential guest speakers
- c. Community collaboration ideas

## VII. COMMITTEE MEMBER COMMENTS ON NON-AGENDA ITEMS

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT (8:08 pm)

### Next Youth Committee Meeting: TBD

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