



Rochester Hills

Minutes - Draft

Rochester Hills Government Youth Council

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Marvie Neubauer, City Council Liaison; Erin McKay Mims, Youth Council Liaison*

Thursday, March 19, 2026

6:00 PM

1000 Rochester Hills Drive

CALL TO ORDER

Joshi called the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Special Meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present 13 - Janelle Hayes, Eliza Pizzuti, Seo-Yun Woo, Brennan Deel, Jackson Deel, Kishyo Giri, Isabella Blakeley, Lucas DiGrande, Sasha Joshi, Christina Wang, Oliver Blakeley, Saachi Dahanukar and Andrew Thomas

Excused 2 - Siddh Sheth and Jueon Kim

Absent 2 - Dev Shah and Mohammad Uzair

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by I. Blakeley seconded by Wang to approve the March 11, 2026 meeting minutes as presented. The Motion carried by the following vote:

[2026-0139](#) March 11, 2026 Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Special Meeting Minutes

Attachments: [RHGYC Special Min 031126.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Approved

Aye 13 - Hayes, Pizzuti, Woo, Deel, Deel, Giri, Blakeley, DiGrande, Joshi, Wang, Blakeley, Dahanukar and Thomas

Excused 2 - Sheth and Kim

Absent 2 - Shah and Uzair

Resolved, that March 11, 2026 Special Meeting Minutes be approved as presented.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dais Reports:

Lucas DiGrande: 3/9/2026

- Banning the feeding of Turkeys*
- Nonprofit designation for a charity for a gaming licence*
- Approval of purchase requests: construction grounds, etc.*

*Public Infrastructure and Safety Technical Review Committee Meeting:
(MOVED to next meeting)*

Committee Reports and Updates:

- Technical Review Committee Reports*

Sasha Joshi:

- Planning Committee: Zoning and Regulatory Ordinance, Housing changes*
- Local zoning changes, allocation of pipes and construction*

Updates from Erin:

- Mohammed is no longer a member of the Youth Council, we wish him well.*
- Need to update the Dais dates and the Green Space Appointment.*
- Committee members, please ensure you are providing updates to your team and on the Google Sheet.*
- RHGYC Applications will go out the week of the Cultural Fair.*
- We had a great walkthrough yesterday at RCU, we can do another one in the coming weeks.*
- The quote from the tee shirt design is underway- Please let me know if you need a different size.*

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

*- 2026 Cultural Fair
Saturday, April 18, 2026
12pm-3pm
Rochester Christian University Alumni Center*

Update from Committee leads:

- Food: 11 confirmed cuisines. Waiting on 2 more, overall good spot, waiting on a few more responses for Oliver's contacts. We need to begin collecting logos.

- Vendors: Korean society is confirmed, African American Cultural society is on hold, Ethiopian restaurant is interested and confirmed, Black Caucus Organization is interested but needs to work around their timings. The Islamic association and the Kimono are interested, the Chaldean culture is interested, and backup is within schools. 15-20 is the goal for vendors.

- Performances: 6 contacted, no responses; 3 responses; German Dance Crew is interested but will confirm later. Peru Dancing is interested and waiting for approval, and Native American Dance is yet to respond.

- Sponsorships: Passed the 2nd contact deadline, Buff City Soap is donating a basket, JJ Barney is interested in donating. Chief Financial is confirmed, and work is moving.

- Prizes: Stoney Creek Merch is available for a basket. Beyond Juice gift cards, Spice and Tea-Exchange gift cards.

Work Session

*- Check in with your team
- Use this time to be as efficient as possible
- Eliminate distractions while you are here
- Check in with Erin and if you need a new task, you can start thinking about marketing ideas.*

- Performances: Polynesian dancers are on break, so filler is being worked on. The Native American Dance Group, Spanish flamenco, and African Drumming group are in progress. The German Dance group is

secured. Next Steps: Music and formal schedule.

- Vendors: Working on asking inside schools for Polish culture, the Ukrainian Cultural Center is going to be contacted, and the Jewish Federation of Detroit. 16 Total cultures secured, goal for 20. The library is confirmed, with books that provide different cultural information.

- Food: Grand Mideast Pastry Delight is being finalized, Juan Blancos, and working on emails.

- Prizes: Added more possible basket raffle options, 3 intermission points for raffle opportunities, this year look for 2 opportunities for raffle and longer.

- Sponsorships: Working with certain companies, in a good place. JJ Barney is in progress; Serra Ford and Erskine Law need to be contacted.

-Raffle intermission has to be navigated for speakers in the lobby; the auditorium cannot be heard. Want to avoid city equipment, utilize materials to the best of our ability.

NEW BUSINESS

- City Council Dais rescheduling for Monday, March 23 and Monday, July 27, 2026.

March 23rd: Kishyo Giri

July 27th: Sasha Joshi

- Appointment of an additional member for Green Space Committee

New Member: Christina Wang

- The upcoming RHGYC Special Meetings are:

- Wednesday, April 8

- Wednesday, April 15 (This will be assembling items for the Cultural Fair)

- Please plan to attend these Special Meetings as they will be work sessions for the Cultural Fair to check in and prepare items before the event.

[2025-0384](#) Amendment to the City Council dais assignments for March 23, 2026 and July 27, 2026

Attachments: [Participation on City Council Technical Review Committees 2025-2026.pdf](#)
[Technical Review Committee Nomination Sheet 2025-2026.pdf](#)
[090325 Resolution.pdf](#)

Approved

Aye 13 - Hayes, Pizzuti, Woo, Deel, Deel, Giri, Blakeley, DiGrande, Joshi, Wang, Blakeley, Dahanukar and Thomas

Excused 2 - Sheth and Kim

Absent 2 - Shah and Uzair

Resolved, that City Council Dais Assignments be amended, as follows:

March 23, 20226 - Remove Mohammed Uziar and Add Kishyo Giri

July 27, 2026 - Remove Mohammed Uziar and Add Sasha Joshi

[2026-0179](#) Nominations/Appointment to Green Space Committee to fill one (1) unexpired term vacated by Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Member Uzair; term to expire August 31, 2026.

Attachments: [Technical Review Committee Assignments 090325.pdf](#)
[Resolution \(Draft\).pdf](#)

Approved

Aye 13 - Hayes, Pizzuti, Woo, Deel, Deel, Giri, Blakeley, DiGrande, Joshi, Wang, Blakeley, Dahanukar and Thomas

Excused 2 - Sheth and Kim

Absent 2 - Shah and Uzair

Resolved, that the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council appoints Christina Wang as the Rochester Hills Government Youth Council representative for the Green Space Committee to fill Mohammed Uzair's unexpired term ending August 31, 2026:

Advisory Traffic and Safety Board

1. Lucas DiGrande

Avondale Youth Assistance

1. Brennan Deel

Cemetery Citizen Advisory Committee

1. Isabella Blakeley
2. Saachi Dahanukar

Deer Management Advisory Committee

1. Andrew Thomas

Green Space Advisory Board

1. Dev Shah
2. Mohammed Uzair

Historic Districts Commission

1. Sasha Joshi

Human Resources Technical Review Committee

1. Kishyo Giri
2. Christina Wang

Liquor License Review Committee

1. Jack Deel

Planning Commission

1. Siddh Sheth
2. Oliver Blakeley

Public Safety and Infrastructure Technical Review Committee

1. Seo-Yun Woo

Rochester Avon Recreation Authority

1. Janelle Hayes

Sister City Committee

1. Eliza Pizzuti

Water Systems Advisory Council

1. Jueon Kim

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

NEXT MEETING DATE

The next Rochester Hills Government Youth Council Special Meeting will take place on Wednesday, April 1, 2026 at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before Rochester Hills Government Youth Council, it was moved by I. Blakeley and seconded by Hayes to adjourn the meeting at 7:40pm.