

# **CONEJO COALITION FOR YOUTH & FAMILIES**

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## MEMBER AGENCIES

Conejo Recreation & Park District  
Conejo Valley Unified School District  
City of Thousand Oaks

Marissa Buss, Conejo Recreation & Park District  
*Conejo Coalition for Youth & Families Chair*

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## COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Community Conscience

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## SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Wednesday, September 17m 2025, 12:00pm

University Center  
2801 Atlas Ave, Thousand Oaks, CA

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Buss called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Buss announced Public Comments would be taken at the end of the meeting.

### 2. ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTIONS

#### **Board Members Present:**

Marissa Buss, Conejo Recreation & Park District, Lisa Evans Powell, Conejo Valley Unified School District, Tie Gutierrez, City of Thousand Oaks

#### **Board Members Absent:**

#### **Staff Present:**

Rochelle Callis, Conejo Recreation & Park District, Raquel Broeker, Conejo Recreation & Park District, Amber Bowman, Conejo Valley Unified School District, Sarah Mailes, City of Thousand Oaks

#### **Members of the Public Present:**

Amber Bowman	CVUSD
Ana L Alvarez	CVUSD Parent Outreach
Andrea McClellan	Scouting America, Ventura County Council
Betsy Connolly	Adelante Comunidad Conejo
Brenda Rachels	CVUSD
Christina Harrison	CVUSD
Cristal Rodriguez	Conejo Recreation and Park District
Denise Benic	Rainbow Connection Family Resource and Empowerment Center
Denise Cortez	Harbor House

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Devon Herbert	Conejo Recreation & Park District
Ethan Craig	TOArts
Judy French	PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center
Kelly Dooley	Big Brothers Big Sisters of VC
Kyle Jorrey	Hospice of the Conejo
Lana Clark	Conejo Schools Foundation
Len Krukowski	Sleep In Heavenly Peace (2)
Lori Peters	One Spark Academy
Marcos Aviles	Mando youth development group
Marina Gringetti	Assistance League of Conejo Valley
Robin Britt	Community Conscience
Roland Roberts	BRITE
Roseanne Guerra	American Association of University Women
Sarah Hawkins	Conejo Free Clinic
Shane Meserve	Ventura County Public Health
Shelby Ferns	First 5 Ventura County
Madeline Sather	
Michael Morisette	
Leu Smolbard	Boys and Girls Club
Carole Shelton	Adelante Comunidad Conejo
Sharhrzad Ehya	Kid Stream
Juan Montejano	Mando youth development group
Alex Buenrostro	CVUSD
Jeremy Paris	TOPD
Sonja Montier	CSF
Sharon Elmensdorp	First 5 Ventura County
Tami Barnett	Raising Hope

## 4. WORKSHOP

### a. Youth and Families Summit

Buss opened the Summit by welcoming attendees, outlining the event's goals, and facilitating a round of introductions.

Gutierrez moderated the panel discussion featuring: Marina Gringetti representing Assistance League of Conejo Valley, Denise Cortes representing Harbor House, Brenda Rachels representing CVUSD Breakthrough Student Services Program, Jose Hernandez representing the youth perspective, and Jennifer Gondola representing the family perspective. Each panelist shared valuable insights on how the community can better support youth and families through partnerships, shared resources, and amplifying the voices of those with lived experience.

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Evans Powell provided the closing remarks, ensuring attendees received a copy of the contact list, had the opportunity to complete the post-summit survey, and facilitated a raffle benefitting three winning attendee agencies, as well as gifting the center pieces.

## \*3. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

## 5. ADJOURN

Meeting adjourned at 1:17 p.m.