YOUTH SERVICES COMMISSION
EAST GRANBY, CONNECTICUT

MINUTES
April 20, 2026

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
A regular meeting of the East Granby Youth Services Commission was held Monday, April 20, 2025, at the East Granby Town Hall. Bonnie Jones called the meeting to order at 6:33pm. Members also present were Evan Hanks, Sara Kleinman, Art Reardon, and Swastika Gupta. Alicia Van Neil (Program Coordinator) was also present.

2. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
None.

3. **CORRESPONDENCE**
None.

4. **APPROVE MINUTES**
A Reardon made a motion to approve the minutes of the March 16, 2026, meeting, with the amendment that the pancake breakfast was sponsored by the CT Northern Veterans. S Kleinman seconded the motion. Four approved, one abstained. Motion carried.

5. **OLD BUSINESS**

A/B. Programming/Prevention-
Programming is wrapping up for the year. The next Girls Circle has been canceled due to low enrollment. 6th, 7th, and 8th grade health classes will have visits from Youth Services this month and then again in May. Boys Council and Girls Circle need to be restructured or marketed differently next year. Another possibility is to offer them during the school day instead of after school. A Van Neil met with Justine from FVHD, Suzanne Palmeri, and Josh Martin to talk about the plan for Mental Health programming.

C. High School and Middle School Updates- S Gupta did not have an update for the Middle School. E Hanks met with the principal from the High School and there was nothing to note that he could think of.

D. YAC Update- A Van Neil reported that the High School YAC helped with the town Easter Egg hunt and will hold a town-wide clean-up for Earth Day on April 26th. A Van Neil will be meeting with the members in a couple weeks to talk about the future of the program. E Hanks reported that the Portrait of a Graduate project is finishing interviews that will be compiled soon. A Van Neil reported that the Middle School YAC also helped with the Easter Egg Hunt and Veteran's Pancake Breakfast. They will hold an Earth Day celebration on Wednesday and will join the HS members for the clean-up on Sunday. Last Saturday the group went to the Miracle League for a program. The group will have their Try-It night as part of their reapplication process on May 6. They will also be going to Wynding Trails for their end-of-year celebration on June 6. E Hanks reported the HS group held a town

movie night. Moving the movie indoors in the winter was good and it went well. A few families attended.

E. JRB Update- A Reardon reported there is no update. A Van Neil mentioned the state will be holding their 4-day training for JRB members, but they won't be able to attend, however, because it is held during the work week.

6. **NEW BUSINESS**

A. Member Recruitment – A Van Neil reached out to some people but has not had any luck finding a member. She will post the opening on the website and in the next "Let's Talk Turkey".

B. Needs Assessment – The analysis will start soon. A low number of students filled out the assessment at the High School, especially from the senior class.

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

None

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by S Kleinman and seconded by E Hanks to adjourn the meeting at 6:59pm. Votes were unanimous. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennifer Kovaleski
Youth Services Commission Clerk