



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES - Draft

Tuesday, January 3, 2023
5:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8), Chloe Wong (D1), Allister Adair (D2), Qien Feng (D3), Maureen Loftus (D4), Hayden Miller (D5), Ann Anish (D7), Yoselin Colin (D9), Vanessa Pimentel (D10), Sahara Frett (Mayoral), Yena Im (Mayoral), Tyron S. Hillman III (Mayoral).

Present: Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Qien Feng, Hayden Miller, Gabbie Listana, Ann Anish, Astrid Utting, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Steven Hum, Raven Shaw, Yena Im, Tyrone S. Hillman III.

Absent: Maureen Loftus (excused), Sahara Frett (unexcused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on January 3, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:10pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present
Qien Feng present



Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller present
Gabrielle Listana present
Ann Anish present
Astrid Utting present
Yoselin Colin present
Vanessa Pimentel present
Emily Nguyen present
Ewan Barker Plummer present
Steven Hum present
Raven Shaw present
Sahara Frett absent
Yena Im present
Tyrone S. Hillman III present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Commissioner Utting, seconded by Officer Shaw, motioned to excuse Commissioner Loftus. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Qien Feng aye
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Sahara Frett absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye

Action: Commissioner Loftus's absence excused.



2. Communications

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No discussion, and no public comment.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the January 3, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Qien Feng aye
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Sahara Frett absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. December 19, 2022 (Packet Materials)

Officer Utting amended the minutes to reflect that her excused absence at the December 19, 2022 full Youth Commission meeting was excused. No public comment.



Officer Utting, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve the amended December 19, 2022 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Qien Feng aye
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Sahara Frett absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

No public comment.

6. Resignation Letter - Commissioner Frett (discussion and action item)

a. Presenter: YC Staff

Director Esquivel Garcia read the resignation letter for Commissioner Frett, in addition to Commissioner Frett's attendance record, due to their violation of the Youth Commission attendance policy. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if there was any communication between staff and Commissioner Frett, and Director Esquivel Garcia said that the Commissioner asked for alternatives rather than resignation. Commissioners also asked if there was any precedent or possibility of a resigned Commissioner being re-appointed.



Commissioner Colin, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the resignation letter of Commissioner Frett. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Qien Feng aye
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Emily Nguyen aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
Sahara Frett absent
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye

Action: Commissioner Frett's resignation letter accepted.

7. Sexual Harassment and Assault Resolution (first reading and discussion)

- a. Presenters: Chair Nguyen, Vice Chair Barker Plummer, Commissioner Im, and Commissioner Loftus.

Commissioners introduced the resolution, in addition to the background of why this resolution is being presented. Officer Hum asked for his submitted amendment to be included in the language presented in the resolution, and Officer Shaw asked about the process of how youth voices would be included in the 'Safer Schools Task Force'. Commissioner Colin highlighted grammatical amendments that should be made by the next reading, and asked for clarification about the language around specific cases of sexual assault. Commissioner Miller asked what metrics other school districts have used that have been successful, and how the culture of sexual harassment and assault can be addressed directly in a tangible way. Chair Nguyen agreed that there should be metrics to compare progress, in addition to a more in-depth educational curriculum taught in SFUSD on these issues. Commissioner Anish said higher education institutions should also be included in this conversation. Officer Utting said it would be helpful to



have the details of the reporting process during and after that process takes place, so that students understand the full scope. Commissioner Adair, Commissioner Colin, and Commissioner Hillman all agreed that specific language needs to be included. Commissioner Im asked what the boundaries are when it comes to naming cases or individuals. Commissioner Pimentel supports this resolution, and would like to see more testimonials included, in addition to ages since the definition of 'youth' can vary wildly. Commissioner Wong supports including quotes in the resolution. Commissioner Colin stated that some accountability measures of those processes in specific cases should be included. Officer Shaw wanted to emphasize increased access to both mental health resources and safe spaces.

No public comment.

8. Stop Pretext Stops Resolution (second reading & action)
a. Presenters: Officer Shaw and Commissioner Colin.

Commissioners read the updated resolution, in addition to the context of the changes that have been made since the last full Youth Commission meeting, where there were several proposed amendments by Commissioners. Commissioner Miller thanked the authors for writing the resolution, appreciated the incorporation of feedback into the newest version, and amended the resolution to include a final clause on who the resolution will be sent to:

“THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the 2022-2023 San Francisco Youth Commission directs the YC staff to send this resolution to the Mayor Office, San Francisco Board of Supervisors, San Francisco Police Department, the Police Commission, the Department of Police Accountability.”

No public comment.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Miller, motioned to approve the Stop Pretext Stops Resolution with the newly added amendments. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Qien Feng aye
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye



Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
~~Sahara Frett n/a~~
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Stop Pretext Stops Resolution passes as amended.

Chair Nguyen called for a 10 minute recess, with no members in dissent, at 6:30pm

Chair Nguyen called the meeting back to order at 6:42pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present
Qien Feng present
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller present
Gabrielle Listana present
Ann Anish present
Astrid Utting present
Yoselin Colin present
Vanessa Pimentel present
Ewan Barker Plummer present
Steven Hum present
Raven Shaw present
~~Sahara Frett n/a~~
Yena Im present
Tyrone S. Hillman III present
Emily Nguyen present



A quorum of the Commission was present.

9. Freeway Resolution (first reading and discussion item)

- a. Presenters: Chair Nguyen, Vice Chair Barker Plummer, Commissioner Miller.

Commissioners introduced the resolution, in addition to the background of why this resolution is being presented. Chair Nguyen spoke on the divisive nature of freeways in her personal experience, and Vice Chair Barker Plummer talked about the history of how freeways have perpetuated institutional racism, as well as divided and destroyed many communities of color across the nation. Commissioner Miller also stated that freeway removal has been done before in San Francisco, and that it's created people-centered spaces for all.

Staff recommended to direct the resolved clauses toward advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's Office directly, since the Youth Commission can only directly advise them both. Commissioner Wong recommends that the reference to higher crime rates be more specific. Commissioner Adair supported the resolution and said it was well done. Commissioner Im was skeptical at first, but came around to supporting it through the proposed language. Officer Shaw stated that she does understand the impacts on the BIPOC community that the freeway removal would have, but wants to make sure that if the freeway is removed, it's done in a way to still support the movement of people around the city. Commissioner Miller said the resolution could be strengthened by shortening the language, and Chair Nguyen said that would be considered by the next meeting. Commissioner Feng said the resolution language was long, and asked for clarification on the goal of the resolution. Chair Nguyen clarified that this resolution is to urge the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to urge Caltrans to fulfill the study that was planned. Commissioner Miller also said there should be a distinction if I-280 should be included in this. Chair Nguyen said that I-280 should be included in that study since the study hasn't been conducted yet.

Public Comment:

Caller 1 (Kevin Ortiz): The caller believes that it's young people's responsibility to learn about the history and abuse of urban planning. They want the members of the Youth Commission to table the resolution until they reach out to members of the community, and not to repeat the same mistakes of the past.

Caller 2 (Erick Aguello): The caller read a letter from the American Indian Cultural District, and wants community organizations to be included in the process of any



decision regarding the Central Freeway. They believe that studies should be done with race and equity in mind.

Caller 3 (Luis Avalos): The caller wants Youth Commissioners to table this and listen to what the community has to say, as previous callers stated.

10. Retreat Update (discussion item)

a. Presenter: YC Staff

Chair Nguyen called for a recess due to the internet interruption at 7:35pm, with unanimous approval. Chair Nguyen resumed the meeting at 7:37pm, when the internet connection resumed.

Staff presented updates on the agenda for the Youth Commission's Mid-Year Retreat on Saturday, January 14th, 2023. Specialist Zhan also specified that private and personal information would be discussed during recess, since this meeting must be public. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked for clarification if the community advocacy training would be with San Francisco Rising's 401(c)(3), which staff confirmed it would. Commissioners asked for clarification about what the dress code will be for the photoshoot at the retreat.

11. Reviewing Civic Engagement Survey (discussion and action item)

a. Presenter: Officer Utting

Officer Utting presented the updates on the Civic Engagement Survey, and there was conversation

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, motioned to table this item to the January 17, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Qien Feng aye
Maureen Loftus absent
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye



Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum aye
Raven Shaw aye
~~Sahara Frett~~ n/a
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Agenda item tabled to January 17, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting.

12. Meeting Debrief - Chief Katie Miller, JUV (discussion item)

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Pimentel and Commissioner Colin.

Commissioner Pimentel and Commissioner Colin discussed their takeaways from the meeting with Chief Katie Miller from the Juvenile Probation Department. Commissioners said that the Board of Supervisors took no action on the 39 recommendations made towards the closure of Juvenile Hall, due to the lack of verification of state laws, policies, and regulations. Commissioner Colin clarified that Chief Miller said the State of California would need to take action in order for any further movement to close or radically change the current structure of Juvenile Hall to be more rehabilitative. Commissioner Colin also said that they are resistant to making any physical changes to Juvenile Hall since potential action is possibly in the works, so they're not willing to make those investments. Currently, there are 14 youths in Juvenile Hall. Chief Miller asked the Youth Commission to potentially pass a resolution, hold a hearing to discuss these issues, and/or put these recommendations into our budget and policy priorities on how to best address the issues within Juvenile Hall. Staff clarified the situation and restrictions with the timeline of closure, state law changes, and other important information.

13. Budget and Policy Priorities - Basic Needs Discussion (discussion item)

- a. Presenter: YC Staff

Specialist Zhan presented questions on how the Youth Commission can create budget and policy priorities that would be youth-centric, and are focused on ensuring that all youth in San Francisco have their basic needs met. Commissioner Miller brought up the lack of access to public restrooms as one issue, as well as access to healthcare in general. Commissioner Colin brought up access to sanitation is critically important, as well as access to legal services. Commissioner Adair said that access to open spaces for people and the community to recreate and be in the outdoors, along with a clean surrounding environment. Chair Nguyen said that access to social and emotional



education, and expanding mental health and educational materials to all. Officer Utting brought up the importance of access to therapy and mental health services.

Specialist Zhan also walked Commissioners through the calendar for the upcoming weeks and months in regards to the Youth Commission's Budget and Policy Proposals for the 2023-2024 budget. Chair Nguyen also said that we can discuss whether or not the Commission should have an official budget committee, but that will be discussed further at the mid-year retreat.

14. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Shaw gave updates on the most recent of legislative actions from the Youth Commission, but noted that there hasn't been much since the Board of Supervisors continue to be in legislative recess until January 9th.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Utting announced that the Comms meetings would soon resume, and that the Comms team would start to post on social media with the recently passed YC resolutions and legislation referred memos.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Barker Plummer stated that the Executive Committee did not meet on December 28, 2022 since it was during the holiday season.

1. Youth Commission Attendance

No discussion.

b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Commissioner Anish gave updates on recent HRT Committee's last meeting in December, and the ongoing progress on multiple resolutions and discussions.

c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

No major updates.



d. Transformative Justice Committee

No major updates.

e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

Commissioner Pimentel gave updates that the task force hopes to meet with community organizations to better align the Youth Commission's legislative priorities with CBO's resources and services.

No public comment.

15. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia requested that Commissioners finish their online trainings, and asked for Commissioners to request copies if they want physical copies of official meeting documents. Specialist Zhan gave updates on future budget priorities, and for final community organization presentations. Specialist Ochoa gave updates that he is sending emails for folks to reschedule 1:1's and meetings, and for Commissioners to request what community-based organizations they'd like to speak at either committee or full Commission.

No public comment.

16. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Director Esquivel Garcia announced that most full Commission meetings until March are likely to be in City Hall's Room 278, due to the conflicting holidays that fall on Mondays for the upcoming months.

No public comment.

17. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 9:13pm.