



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 18, 2025

5:00 pm

IN-PERSON MEETING

City Hall, Room 278

**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Youth Commission Membership includes:

Jason Fong (Chair, Mayoral), Gabbie Listana (Vice Chair, D6), Lucas Liang (Leg Affairs Officer, D4), Jin Valencia-Tow (Leg Affairs Officer, D7), Winnie Liao (Comms Officer, D3), Emily Yang (Comms Officer, Mayoral), Clarisse Kim (D1), Camryn Marlow (D2), Ethar Alameri (D5), Harper Fortgang (D8), Skylar Dang (D9), Ikahihifo Paea (D10), Imaan Ansari (D11), Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral), Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

Present: Jason Fong, Gabbie Listana, Lucas Liang, Jin Valencia-Tow, Winnie Liao, Emily Yang, Clarisse Kim, Camryn Marlow, Ethar Alameri, Harper Fortgang, Skylar Dang, Imaan Ansari, Téa Lonné Amir, Eloise Krehlik, Ava Oram.

Absent: Ikahihifo Paea (unexcused), Aisha Majdoub (unexcused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on February 18, 2025, with Chair Fong presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 5:07pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - present
Camryn Marlow (D2) - present
Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Lucas Liang (D4) - present
Ethar Alameri (D5) - present
Gabbie Listana (D6) - present
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present
Skylar Dang (D9) - present
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - present
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - present
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - present
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - present
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

2. Communications

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

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Officer Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the February 18, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- a. January 6, 2025
- b. January 18, 2025
- c. January 19, 2025
- d. February 3, 2025

Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Officer Valencia-Tow, motioned to approve the January 6, January 18, January 19, and February 3, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. Presentation (discussion & possible action)

a. Budget Presentation - San Francisco Unified School District

- i. Presenter: Dr. Maria Su, Superintendent, and Dr. Michele Huntoon, Associate Superintendent of Business Services

Dr. Maria Su presented the budget for SFUSD's proposed strategic resource allocation, with Dr. Huntoon and BOE Commissioner Ray in attendance.

Commissioner Alameri asked about cuts to the central office and full-time staff and how they will affect classroom sizes, to which Dr. Su said central office staff include a lot of various classifications and there will likely be hard layoffs in the future. She said that the enrollment numbers continue to lower, even with updates for this year, and that they will have to close or merge classrooms.

Commissioner Oram asked that if layoffs are almost inevitable why the district hasn't done a hiring freeze, to which Dr. Su said that there has been a hiring freeze for the past year, which is why they haven't been able to hire counselors that many schools have been asking for.

Commissioner Fortgang asked what steps they're taking to pull families back into public schools, to which Dr. Su said while high school enrollment has been reducing slightly, that there has been a large increase in prekindergarten (TK). She added that the State of California pays the district based on student attendance as well, so she encouraged everyone to make sure their friends go to class. She also said they need to promote more of their unique programs.

Officer Liang asked what the school district is doing to get students to have stronger attendance records, to which Dr. Su said there's many issues that students face that continue to make students miss class, such as mental health, safety issues, and ensuring students feel a welcoming culture.

Commissioner Dang asked how the district will be moving forward with the potential school closures, to which Dr. Su said they're promoting schools to increase enrollment, and having deeper conversations about deeply under-enrolled schools. Dang also asked if layoffs will have a negative effect on enrollment, to which Dr. Su said that the first "teachers" to be laid off would be those who are currently not in the classroom.

Commissioner Kim asked how the school district is going to balance the budget while also addressing the needs of teachers, to which Dr. Su said they have made historic investments in recent years. Kim asked what the best way students can have their voices heard, to which Ray said to connect with their SFUSD Student Delegates to raise those concerns.

Dr. Su had to depart the meeting at 6:10pm, and Commissioner Ray was able to stay.

Commissioner Liao asked if the \$669.3 million was just state or state and local funds, to which Ray responded that she believes it's mostly state funds via student attendance.

Mayor Lurie and Dr. Su entered the meeting at 6:18pm to answer questions. Chair Fong asked if the school bus program could be merged with the Free Muni for All Youth program to save money, to which Dr. Su and Mayor Lurie said that the school bus program is specifically for young children.

Officer Yang asked how community partnerships will be affected with the cuts to the City and SFUSD budget, to which Dr. Su said that she and Mayor Lurie will make sure to use as many resources as they can to support students. Mayor Lurie discussed his budget outlook for this upcoming cycle.

Director Garcia asked how San Francisco being a City and a County affects the budget, to which Ray said it makes it more complicated because they are required to both be a local school district and a county-level board that provides educational guidance.

Officer Yang asked how SFUSD's Board of Education is currently supporting the Student Advisory Council, to which Ray said that another SFUSD employee is supporting SAC because the previous employee's position was eliminated due to budget cuts.

Vice Chair Listana asked what the projections are for combining classroom grades, to which Ray said that she hasn't seen any projections but that she believes there are examples that work well.

Chair Fong called for a 5-minute recess at 6:45pm, and called the meeting back to order at 6:53pm.

7. 2024-2025 Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 25-26 / 26-27 (First Reading)

Civic Engagement and Education Committee:

Chair Fong and Officer Liang read the Youth Civic Engagement BPP into the record, and there was no discussion or comments.

Commissioner Kim and Officer Yang read the Food Insecurity BPP into the record. Commissioner Fortgang said the research on the BPP is really great, and Commissioner Dang said that they should include what the Youth Commission has done in the past, in addition to what the BPP is advocating for.

Commissioner Marlow read the Mental Health BPP into the record. Commissioner Oram said it was very well researched. Officer Liang asked if there were any community organizations to include, to which Marlow said that she would look to put that information in there. Commissioner Fortgang added a potential change specific to the COVID-19 pandemic and the recommendations.

Commissioner Kim, Officer Yang, and Officer Liao read the Youth Development BPP into the record. Chair Fong recommended that any mention of "SF" be "the City" or "San Francisco", but the content is comprehensive and well done.

Commissioner Marlow read the Sexual Violence BPP into the record, and there was no discussion or comments.

Chair Fong called for a 3-minute recess at 7:52pm, and called the meeting back to order at 7:59pm.

Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee:

Officer Liang, Commissioner Oram, Commissioner Krehlik, Commissioner Ansari, Commissioner Fortgang, Officer Liao, and Officer Valencia-Tow read the Transit BPP into the record. Chair Fong recommended that they could add language to SFUSD's mandated responsibilities to the school tripper section. Commissioner Dang recommended that there should be clarifying language around what the school tripper program is. Officer Liang asked if they reached out to SFMTA to ask about the feasibility considering the budget woes. Commissioner Marlow said the language looks really good. Chair Fong said this was exactly what he had envisioned in these BPPs, but recommended reformatting as well. Commissioner Fortgang said it might not be feasible, but that transitional-aged youth should be included in the language to be included in the Free Muni for All Youth program. Commissioner Dang asked if there were any instances of fare inspection officers being aggressive towards youth, to which Chair Fong said he hasn't but he knows that youth have been unfairly cited.

Commissioner Fortgang, Vice Chair Listana, and Officer Yang read the Climate BPP into the record. Officer Valencia-Tow recommended introducing some type of language around EV charging and how the production of batteries can pollute. Chair Fong also added that there should be additional issues included around the production of clean energy as well.

Officer Liao, Officer Valencia-Tow, Commissioner Ansari, and Chair Fong read the Housing BPP into the record. Commissioner Kim asked to reflect that it took 33 minutes to read this language. Commissioner Dang suggested putting pictures in the language since it's very text heavy. Officer Liang suggested a language change.

Officer Valencia-Tow took a point of personal privilege at 6:56pm, and returned at 6:58pm. Commissioner Kim took a point of personal privilege at 7:00pm, and returned at 7:04pm. Commissioner Marlow took a point of personal privilege at 8:45pm, and returned at 8:48pm.

Chair Fong, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to table the remainder of Item 7 through 13 to the next full Youth Commission meeting, and schedule a special full Youth Commission meeting on Monday, February 24th at 5pm. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Items 7 through 13 are tabled until the next full Youth Commission meeting, and a special full Youth Commission meeting will be scheduled on Monday, February 24th at 5pm.

The remainder of this item was tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

8. Commission Business (discussion & possible action)

a. Recruitment Timeline

- i. Presenter: Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Youth Commission Staff

This item was tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

- b. **Resolution No. 2425-AL-04:** [Smoke-Free Multi-Unit Housing Policy] Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to implement a smoke-free multi-unit housing policy in San Francisco if additional considerations are addressed. (Second Reading)

- i. Presenters: Commissioners Ansari, Fortgang, Valencia-Tow, Krehlik, Oram, and Liao.

Commissioner Ansari said that there were minor language and grammatical amendments to the resolution, as shown on the supporting documents.

Commissioner Ansari, seconded by Officer Liao, motioned to approve Resolution No. 2425-AL-04. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Resolution No. 2425-AL-04 approved.

- c. **Sugary Drinks Distribution Tax Advisory Committee Youth Seat Recommendation**

- i. Presenter: Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Youth Commission Staff

Director Garcia explained the process of recommending a nominee and alternate candidate for the youth seat on the SDDTAC. Chair Fong said that the Executive Committee recommended Shoon Mon as the nominee, and Carter Thomas Meek as the alternate.

Chair Fong, seconded by Officer Valencia-Tow, motioned to recommend Shoon Mon to be appointed to the SDDTAC, with Carter Thomas Meek as the alternate recommendation. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 11 ayes, 4 abstain, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - abstain
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - abstain
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - abstain
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - abstain
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Shoon Mon has been recommended for appointment to SDDTAC, with Carter Thomas Meek as the alternate appointment recommendation.

9. Legislative Referred

- a. **BOS File No. 250128:** [Supporting the SFMTA's Joint Development Program Goals and Policy] Resolution supporting the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency's (SFMTA) Joint Development Program Goals and Policy to set a City-wide policy on the joint development of transit and housing projects, address the SFMTA's budget deficit, and advance San Francisco's housing and equity goals.
 - i. Presenter: Legislative Affairs Officer Liang and Youth Commission Staff

Officer Valencia-Tow explained the referred legislation, and Officer Liang explained that the resolution is a retroactive approval of this plan since the SFMTA Board of Directors has already approved the legislation. Valencia-Tow added that the Youth Commission should support this measure to ensure that public transit is financially supported, to which Chair Fong agreed to as well. Commissioner Kim asked if there's any concerns that they have, to which Liang said that he supports but there are some supervisors that

may not support because the resolution doesn't support a higher affordability rate. Specialist Zhan said that the reason for that is to give SFMTA the ability to negotiate with developers that may differentiate based on location and feasibility.

Chair Fong, seconded by Officer Valencia-Tow, motioned to positively recommend BOS File No. 250128. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Skylar Dang (D9) - aye
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - absent
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: BOS File No. 250128 approved with a positive recommendation.

10. Committee Reports (discussion item)

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Legislative Affairs Officers
 - ii. Communication and Outreach Officers
 - iii. General Committee Updates
 - 1. Youth Commission Attendance
- b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee
- c. Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee
- d. Transformative Justice Committee

This item was tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

11. Roll Call and Introductions (discussion item)

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission-related activities.

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Valencia-Tow, Commissioner Liao, Commissioner Fong, Commissioner Dang, Commissioner Fortgang, Commissioner Lonné Amir, Commissioner Alameri, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Krehlik.
- b. Other Legislative Introductions

This item was tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

12. Staff Report (discussion item)

This item was tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

13. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

This item was tabled to the next full Youth Commission meeting.

14. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 9:18pm.

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