



# **San Francisco Youth Commission**

## **DRAFT - Minutes**

**Monday, May 6, 2019**

**5:00 pm-8:00 pm**

**City Hall, Room 416**

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

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Charley Obermeyer, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin, and Savion Green

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)**

The meeting is called to order at 5:05 PM. Commissioners present: Charley Obermeyer, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick,, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton,Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin, and Savion Green. Commissioners absent: Alysha Sadarangani, Drew Min, and Grace Hoogerhyde. Commissioners Tardy: Natalie Ibarra 5:12pm  
Commissioner Quick motions to excuse Commissioner Sadarangani, Commissioner Chin seconds the motion. The motion passes unanimously.

**2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

There is public comment. Commissioner Quick, Hirji motions to approve the agenda. Commissioner Hirji seconds the motion. Motion passes by vote of acclamation.

**3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

A. April 15, 2019

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There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick - item 6d, went into more detail on priorities, no noticed document we were discussing, be more detailed on an item for future. Commissioner Cureton motions to approve the minutes. Commissioner Quick seconds the motion. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

**4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**

There is no public comment.

**5. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. BOS File No. 190392 [Administrative Code - Juvenile Hall Closure]



Sponsor: Supervisor Walton, District 10

Presenter: Natalie Gee, District 10 Chief of Staff -> Tracy Brown

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Presentations 10 -15 minutes, 5 minute for agenda

Tracy Brown: working closely with 8 of supervisors to close down Youth Guidance Center, questions on what Board of Supervisors (BOS) and Mayor is doing and what's

the difference. BOS has deadline - December of 2021. Mayor needs to responsible on how to close ygc and create budget. BOS that is great and here is the deadline, dpt heads have had a long time to do juv hall reform and more recently nonprofits are not getting funds to get in juv hall. 2 referrals only. 6 months where nothing is being done, so bos came up with something forward to close it, there is a high cost of incarceration 288,000 to incarcerate youth. In Sacramento - people are closing jails. where sf 150 beds for youth, the highest number is 44 youth. of the 44 the youth come from bayview and 80% are African American. A large juvenile hall is not needed, restorative justice and practices are here. Youth don't need to be here because there's a risk assessment tool that's happening. Not saying everybody is out on street. 14 million cost to city, to help kids on track. there are no mental health beds for kids, foster care placements, boys and girls group home are shut down or in process. people are sitting in juvenile hall because there isn't anything else. Probation violation, people are taking in because of learning disabilities and standard base. education system that youth have to navigate, that people are cutting but is it enough to get detained? Does not make any community safer, what it does is what happens in juvenile hall - you learn to adapt to a system and institutionalized. The intent is to get youth a second chance to make sure youth have tools. kids undocumented and unaccompanied are sitting in juvenile hall. Risk assessment where youth are scoring low enough to get released, so if we really weed away the amount of alternatives to another facility log cabin ranch -> youth guidance center. What can be done after the closure. Putting kids in jail is inhumane, model city that gives second chances and creates opportunities and connects people. Met with juvenile probation staff and union staff and raised a lot of questions. However, our date is non negotiable, and we would love the youth commission to support this ordinance.

There is no public comment.

Commissioner Cureton: I was invited to Mayor's blue ribbon panel. We are working in parallel, correct? What is the relationship?

Tracy: We both encourage any conversation with juvenile justice reform because the system is broken. We hope the blue ribbon panel proposes real solutions and addresses all the things that address long term detainment. Our position is shutting down. We also know that juvenile justice reform needs to be done - for example, a moratorium on department of juvenile justice, hoping blue ribbon



addresses those things. Mayor controls budget, and we align with the push for mental health, foster youth, and tay navigation center resources.

Commissioner Hylton: If you know, what is the ratio of staff people to youth in YGC?

Tracy: I know there are 221 staff in YGC, some are probation officers and there are about 100 people in the hall.

Commissioner Green: Is there a specific alternative program that we're signing in for?

Tracy: Mayor needs to come up with what that looks like, BOS will submit a report of recommendations and looking at funding mental health programming, no new jails coalition is behind it, and there is a focus on foster care youth. any ideas we are interested in taking it: town halls May 8th at the Human Rights Commission on 25 Van Ness and May 15th youth town hall location to be determined. San Francisco Public Library is holding koret auditorium. I also met with juvenile justice probation and the unions, both are down to hold any hearings

Chair Vigil any recommendations are welcomed and possible

Commissioner Green: How does this impact youth homelessness?

Tracy Brown: Mayor is setting up housing bond, BOS is looking into it. We also know that stable housing will minimize crime.

Commissioner Nassiri: Since the blue ribbon task force is creating a reform plan - when is the plan going to be solidified?

Tracy Brown: In the ordinance there are quarterly updates for full closure, hoping to add amendment for a date where folks can present plan. Item will be heard May 16th at 10am in the Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

Commissioner Nassiri: For the December 2021 deadline, will the facilities be shut down or starting plan for transition.

Tracy: We hope by 12.31 that a transition plan to shut down has occurred.

Commissioner Quick: What would happen if the deadline passes and juvenile hall is not shut down.

Tracy: Crying the night before, for one. It's not about not having a plan, it's about the judge. The presiding judge makes the last call - if he says bathrooms are not up to code, there will be a delay. Judge is responsible of public safety of minors in facility and codes are met. Board can amend date or extend it but it's not a preferred choice. Because we've giving a deadline, there is hope that juvenile hall might be closed.

Commissioner Cureton: Mayor's goal is to have a plan as created by committee in October of 2019.

Commissioner Green motions to support legislation, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



## 6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. Mental Health Association of San Francisco Peer Programs Presentation  
Presenter: Meaghan O'Brien, Peer Programs Manager

Meaghan is here to talk about youth programs that are funded by Department of Public Health (DPH) to create system of care for Transitional Aged Youth (TAY). One of them is Youth eliminating stigma, Luca will share story and go to community to eliminate stigma. Important for youth because it is common for youth to face stigma in their environments. Meaghan hopes that we can have preventative services for the stigmas youth face. There are three types of stigmas that they discuss. There is structural stigma, public stigma, and self stigma (negative self talk). The biggest reason doing this for doing this work is because it is okay to not be okay.

Training on youth educating folks to discuss via city bodies and to break the jargon.

Luca, transgender youth, shares life story and journey with mental health.

Public comment on item: Allie con, issue that impacts thousands of people.

Commissioner Ty: Thanks for sharing your story and the impact on the Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming (TGNC) communities.

Commissioner Obermeyer: Thanks for sharing this deep vulnerability. Can you let us know of any institutions that failed to serve you and how they could've been better to help you?

Luca: Legal protections were there but weren't spoken about in schools. Also, sex ed workshops are not culturally competent or readily available. Teachers should be aware of this as a first point of contact for youth.

Chair Vigil: Thanks for your advocacy and openness to share your life experiences. It helps with makes us more strong and comfortable.

No public comment.

Chair Vigil motions to support, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Vice-Chair Cureton brings up a concern on item 5a, and the need to reopen item 5a to include the Transformative Justice Letter of Support. Commissioner Quick motions to rescind the motion to support the legislation, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.



Commissioner Hylton reads Transformative Justice letter of support into the record.

No public comment on item.

Discussion on letter. Cureton grammatical amendment 2nd paragraph alternate and expanded to alternatives to incarceration.

Motion to support the legislation and adopt the letter as a comment in the legislation by Commissioner Quick and Commissioner Obermeyer seconds. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

## **7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. [First Reading] Motion No. 1819-AL - 16 [Letter of Support for the HESPA youth-related budget asks]  
Presenter: Housing and Land Use Committee  
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Commissioner Ty reads the motion to the record. No public comment.  
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motion to support, seconded by Commissioner Green. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

- B. [ First Reading ] Motion No. 1819- AL – 17 [Letter supporting Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8, Allowing 17 year Olds to Vote in State Elections]  
Presenter: Civic Engagement Committee  
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Chair Nassiri reads the letter into the record. No public comment.  
Discussion: Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: I still think it should be 18.  
Commissioner Nassiri motions to support, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Ask for a roll call vote. 12 ayes and 1 nae with Commissioner Marshall-Fricker in the dissent. The motion passes.

- C. [Second Reading] Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities for FY2019-2020 – FY2020-2021

Presenters: All committee chairs  
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- Commissioner Dong: Complete the 2015 TAY Housing Plan, fully fund the remaining 120 units, proportional funding for TAY in HSH budget,
- Commissioner Nassiri: BLING funding, introduce a ballot measure that would lower the sf municipal voting age from 18 to 16,
- Commissioner Hylton: continue to expand alternatives to incarceration esp for tay, parents, people with mental illness:
  - non detention, open door services
  - include impacted youth in effort to envision



- make monetary investment to orgs that promote rehabilitation and support to young people in and around the juvenile justice system
- continue to invest in reentry support for youth and tay youth
  - increase budget for caring consistent adults
  - behavioral health screenings
  - rehabilitation therapies and resources
  - culturally relevant case management
  - family therapy
  - extend bchc
  - create new beds in residential treatment programs
- improve support and services for children with incarcerated parents and support family unity by increasing opportunities for youth to visit their incarcerated parents
  - fully implement San Francisco Children of Incarcerated Parents Program bill of rights
  - assist San Francisco Unified School District to support with family focused school district liaison roles
  - ensure regular evaluations of time of arrest protocols
  - continue to advertise, evaluate family positive visiting policies, including project what's visitation without hesitation policy.
- invest in culturally relevant youth rights trainings. invest in mandatory trauma and cognitive development training for sfpd, sfo's, and jpd.
  - culturally youth rights training
  - sfpd oversight and expansion in mandatory trauma and cognitive development training for sfpd, sro's and jpd.
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- no public comment.  
Discussion:
  - Commissioner Quick: when is final passage?
    - Director Hosmon: today, as long as general recommendations are made and we're not adding more or off the cuff it is fine to request back. with supplementary documents it highlights changes and shows institutional knowledge.
  - public comment:
    - Sylvia - update to healthcare psyche in transformative justice, should be trained.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motions to support BPP. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

- D. [ Second Reading ] Resolution No 1819 – AL – 12 [Urging the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to adopt a city-wide tobacco minimum price law and prohibit the redemption of coupons for tobacco products.]  
Presenter: Civic Engagement Committee  
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Commissioner Chin reads the resolution into record.

Public comment:

Sylvia, health care and raising prices on legislation, matters in health care and has been part of issue for and discrimination of product.

Fearless educator and resistors, mary, youth shares based on feedback from natalie gee, and will be working with walton's office on e-cigarettes.

Shana, part of fearcam, Youth Leadership Institute (YLI) met with San Francisco State University HESA where they talked about campaign for 2 years. HESA promotes growth and will work on engaging with community and working with cec and inviting all YC to community forum where young people are talking on issues of alcohol and tobacco.

Question:

Commissioner Green: what are the further actions if this passes?

Itzel: We will be working with bacr because of city wide block, engaging young people and in highschool 18 - 24 in summer outreach.

Commissioner Green: any rehabilitation programs especially with youth.

Itzel: Seen as a tax on poor people, what is community support and not take away, dph offers services and it's part of resolution that bos can offer more support and resources.

Commissioner Quick: abbreviations in resolutions, fear cam - has not been spelled out, in resolved, and period in second to last resolved clause.

Staff Hosmon: emergency on friday that required posting earlier without changes. This resolution should mention contextual information on YLI and that it has been vetted it through CEC. Further formatting changes will occur.

Chair Vigil: Connect to direct problems that can show impact to marginalized communities and not just focus on accessibility problem. Will share studies offline.

Commissioner Quick brings up substantive amendments, how does it relate to motion to support now?

Staff Hosmon: given that the feedback was covered and read into record, so it would be an amend.

Commissioner Green motions to support with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Cureton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Chair Vigil calls for a recess.



Commissioner Hirji and Commissioner Ty motion to 15 minute break. Motion passes.  
Commission returns at 7:05 pm.

- E. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1819 – AL – 13 [Supporting AB 307 Homeless youth: grant program]  
Presenter: Calvin Quick, Legislative Affairs Officer  
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Commissioner Quick reads the resolution into the record. There is no public comment.  
Commissioner Marshall-Fricker motions to support, seconded by Commissioner Obermeyer. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

- F. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1819 – AL – 14 [Support for the Vote 16 Campaign in San Francisco]  
Presenter: Civic Engagement Committee  
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Commissioner Obermeyer reads the resolution into record.  
Public Comment: Elia, discusses health care issues.

Discussion: on the fourth page on line two, there should be an and before the next whereas. page 4 on line 15, kids seems rather informal, I would say children. On the last page, the Finally should say further. Then it should say and be it finally. State Constitutional Amendment. On page 1, state senator for Scott Weiner. On line 26, omit “a” before follow up legislation. The last thing, on page two, the whereas clause on page 13 and 14 Scotland allows kids to vote in local and national elections. On page 5, its should say 16 and 17 year olds, pural.

Director Hosmon: In the last resolved clause, “citizens and possibly non-citizens”  
Commissioner Obermeyer, seconded by Commissioner Green. 12 ayes and 1 nay  
with Commissioner Marshall-Fricker in the dissent.

## 8. **Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

### A. Executive Committee

#### i. LAO

1. Refer Supervisors Fewer’s youth incarceration hearing

#### ii. Communications Team

1. Commissioner Obermeyer, the main focus has been to local cbos and schools with open house, which went really well and kudos to everyone who organized that, and outreach for applications.

### B. Housing and Land Use Committee

- a. special meeting on Monday, April 29
- b. spent time going over bpps and research





- C. Transformative Justice Committee
  - a. presentation from the department of police accountability
  - b. went over our timeline
  - c. Bpps
- D. Civic Engagement Committee
  - a. prepped for pre registration training
  - b. worked on bpp and legislation

9. **Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

- May Timeline
  - YC applications is due May 12th 11:59pm. YC Staff reviews applications on May 13th.
  - Exec Cmte reviews applications on May 15th.
  - May 21st - 23rd YC interviews in Mayor's room 201.
  - Chinese Progressive Association Board of Education meeting - May 14th press event and boe meeting at 555 Franklin, - Vigil maybe, Staff Hosmon, Nassiri, Chin.
- Summer schedule + celebration
  - 5 more youth commission meetings:
  - 6/3 graduations: Commissioners Nassiri, Hoogerhyde, and Sadarangani
  - Commissioners Hirji and Green - submit a leave of absence request through executive committee
- Alumni network help: Commissioners Nassiri, Chin, Quick, Cureton, Vigil, Hylton
- Staff name change
  - name change to Austin Truong
- BPP process
  - Director Hosmon: May 7th writing lab neighborhood nest by DCYF building 1390, laptops and room reserved 3 -5:30pm (Commissioners Ibarra, Cureton, and Hylton)
  - Committee - utilizing in person working groups as solid as possible with filler information in cmte, final deadline May 17th. May 20th is bpp format.
  - June 6th - Commissioners Quick, Hirji, Nassiri, Ty, Vigil, and Hylton to possibly present.

10. **Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

- Go warriors! Commissioner Green: thank you and love you!
- Update on cash legislation by Commissioner Quick

11. **Adjournment** Chair Vigil adjourns the meeting at 7:21 PM.