



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, March 17, 2025

5:00 pm

IN-PERSON MEETING

City Hall, Room 416

**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).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on March 17, 2025, with Chair Fong presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 5:05pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present, 1 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
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)

Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Dang, motioned to approve the March 17, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 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
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. March 3, 2025 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Lonné Amir, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, motioned to approve the March 3, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 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
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. **Public Defender's Office Budget Presentation**

- i. Presenters: Mano Raju, San Francisco Public Defender; Lyslynn Lacoste, Chief of Staff; and Carolyn Goossen, San Francisco Policy Director

Public Defender Mano Raju presented his office budget and described the work of the Office of the Public Defender.

Commissioner Dang asked how their office keeps up with all of the changes with the federal administration with immigration changes, to which PD Raju said it's a lot but that they try and serve as many people as they can to ensure everyone can get access to adequate representation to fight for them to stay.

Officer Liao asked how they anticipate ensuring funding for their programs when many city budgets are being cut, to which PD Raju said they are planning to increase their budget since the work they do directly addresses public safety and keeps San Franciscans safe.

Vice Chair Listana asked for clarification regarding how many youth the Public Defenders unit serves, to which PD Raju said 1,700+. Chief of Staff Lacoste said that their programs also serve an additional 5,000+ youth, and there's thousands more transitional-aged youth they serve. Listana asked how the immigration issues have impacted their services, to which PD Raju said they've seen a huge increase in requests for immigration attorneys, and they're putting those requests in the budget to continue increasing their services.

Officer Valencia-Tow asked what plans they have to address the mistrust of law enforcement by youth from marginalized communities, to which PD Raju said that it's very important to educate the public about their rights to understand what law enforcement can and can't do. PD Raju added that a lot of the issues that law enforcement deals with are public health issues, and not necessarily issues that require a police response. PD Policy Director Carolyn Goosen said they're also constantly advocating for new legislation to be implemented that changes law enforcement policy to be more friendly to youth.

Officer Liang asked how often the Public Defender has to take plea bargains due to budget constraints, to which PD Raju said that they sadly happen more often than they should. PD Raju said that they need 30 more attorneys, paralegals, and other full time staff to reduce the burden on their current staff and to expand their operations.

Commissioner Fortgang asked how the city's cuts to community organizations will affect the resources that are available to youth throughout the city, to which PD Raju said city funding for CBOs is critical to ensuring ongoing support and that they are also advocating for continued funding to programs they know work. PD COS Lacoste added that the City has been here before and that's what the reason was for creating BMagic and MoMagic, to connect the community to critical resources youth need to thrive.

Commissioner Lonné Amir asked if they provide funding or support CBOs, to which PD Raju said that they've incorporated BMagic and MoMagic's funding and budgets into the Public Defender's Office budget.

Chair Fong asked what the Youth Commission can do to help support the budget of the Public Defender's Office, to which PD Raju said the expansion of space and continued increase in funding is critical to support the work that they do, and they can take the rest from there.

b. Recreation and Parks Department Budget Presentation

i. Presenter: Antonio Guerra, Chief Financial Officer

CFO Antonio Guerra presented their budget for the SF Recreation and Parks Department.

Officer Valencia-Tow asked how they'll ensure funding will be spent equitably towards underrepresented communities, to which Guerra said their funding does hope to prioritize the protection of vulnerable communities to ensure everyone has well-maintained parks, but that their budget constraints will continue to grow in the upcoming years.

Officer Liang asked if they would be contracting out maintenance to maintain the public golf courses, to which Guerra said that they'd be doing a request to have a lease arrangement to external organizations. Liang also asked if leasing the golf courses out will mean that some maintenance will be done by non-city workers, to which Guerra said yes.

Vice Chair Listana asked how youth employment programs will be affected by the proposed budget cuts, to which Guerra said the Greenagers program will be kept since it's being funded by DCYF. Guerra said Camp Mather will also be sure to continue since they currently have a 70% cost recovery, and some of the deficit was cut by raising the prices for the Marina Yacht Harbor. Listana asked what cuts could be expected if the revenue-generating proposals do not go through, to which Guerra said that he can't think of anything that would be on the chopping block and that the City has made moves to reallocate funding to prioritize youth programs, but reduced programming could be anticipated across the board.

Commissioner Ansari asked what process they'll embark on if they decide budget cuts would have to be made and how they'd determine to protect parks in equity priority areas, to which Guerra said they would work with the Mayor's Office to work on a long-term plan to ensure their budget deficit affects the least amount of people as possible.

Officer Valencia-Tow asked if they've considered playing with court fees to flex depending on the time and day, to which Guerra said about half of the City's courts are walk-up and flexible with times, and that people should expect to pay for the service of using a public court.

Commissioner Dang asked how they would guarantee that people will be safe and healthy in the Hunters Point Shipyard, to which Guerra said that he is talking outside of his expertise, but that the toxic soils have been cleaned up.

Officer Dang asked how they will leverage voter feedback with the services they directly provide, to which Guerra said they will be sure to continue to accept the wide array of feedback from community members and elected leaders, and he said that the community has been relatively clear that they want the department to continue doing what it's doing now.

Officer Liang asked if he believes the costs of accessing golf courses will increase due to contracting out, to which Guerra said they are not seeing the recovery compared to other regions.

Chair Fong asked if there's any revenue measures that the Youth Commission can support to ensure that the Recreation and Parks Department succeeds, to which Guerra said that the budget request to increase paid parking is their biggest priority to the Mayor's Office, and that that would balance the budget. Fong asked about updates regarding the San Francisco Zoo, to which Guerra said the zoo is run by a nonprofit and is funded with \$4 million a year.

Commissioner Dang took a point of personal privilege at 6:06pm, and returned at 6:12pm. Officer Valencia-Tow took a point of personal privilege at 6:27pm, and returned at 6:30pm. Commissioner Marlow took a point of personal privilege at 6:31pm, and returned at 6:35pm.

No public comment. Chair Fong called for a 5-minute recess at 6:35pm, and called the meeting back to order at 6:47pm.

7. Commission Business (Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. **RESOLUTION NO. 2425-AL-06:** [24-Divisadero MUNI Extension] - Resolution urging the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to extend the 24-Divisadero bus from its ending place at Jackson and Weber St. to the Presidio Transit Center. (First Reading)
 - i. Sponsor: Oram

Commissioner Oram read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Kim asked where the picture came from, to which Oram said that she did it herself. Chair Fong said a map legend might be helpful, to which Oram agreed. Commissioner Dang asked if they found any data about how many youth are accessing school via the 24-bus, which could make the resolution stronger. Commissioner Fortgang asked if SFMTA would be supportive of this initiative, to which Oram said she reached out but they haven't responded. Commissioner Dang asked why the proposed route makes a specific turn, to which Oram said it's to align with another bus route and because of typography.

Officer Liang asked if there's been a study or call to extend the 24-bus line, to which Oram said she knows from personal experience the need and that this line is one of the most heavily used that could improve access across the City. Officer Valencia-Tow asked if this extension was considered to route the 24-bus closer to public schools since it might not be a priority to route to private schools, to which Oram said that she believes MUNI should serve all youth regardless of where they go to school.

Commissioner Dang said it would be helpful to see how many Bayview youth attend school in the Marina to further justify the expansion. Chair Fong said he shares the concern of further overcrowding on the 24-bus, but that there's other solutions that can be considered like expanding another line or increasing the frequency. Commissioner Marlow said it might be a good idea to consider the 22-bus line to extend to the Presidio as well.

Vice Chair Listana took a point of personal privilege at 7:14pm, and returned at 7:17pm. Commissioner Lonné Amir and Officer Liao took a point of personal privilege at 7:20pm, and returned at 7:22pm.

- b. **RESOLUTION NO. 2425-AL-07:** [SFUSD School Infrastructure] - Resolution addressing concerns surrounding deteriorating school infrastructure, which negatively augments student experiences and abilities to learn.
 - i. Sponsor: Marlow, Kim, Fong, Liang, Yang

Commissioners Marlow, Kim, Fong, Liang, and Yang read the resolution into the record. Commissioner Dang said that she has heard that only one to two workers are responsible for the maintenance of SFUSD facilities, to which Commissioner Ansari said she has heard the same and that many SFUSD educators have also complained about this issue.

Commissioners discussed their experiences with maintenance deterioration at various SFUSD facilities that they've attended or visited, and the overwhelming need to improve conditions.

Commissioner Alameri and Ansari took a point of personal privilege at 7:33pm, and returned at 7:37pm.

- c. **MOTION NO. 2425-AL-08:** Letter of Support for California's \$2 Billion Support to Fund Public Transit
 - i. Sponsor: Fong

Chair Fong read the motion and letter of support into the record. Officer Liang recommended grammatical changes by moving some of the paragraphs, to which Chair Fong said that can be covered in the motion. Commissioner Dang said it might be a good idea to note the fiscal situation, to which Chair Fong said he believes that he knows they are aware of the situation.

Commissioner Ansari, seconded by Commissioner Marlow, motioned to support the letter of support for California's \$2 Billion Support to Fund Public Transit. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 1 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
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Motion No. 2425-AL-08 passed, with grammatical amendments.

An earthquake was felt in the Youth Commission chamber at 7:48pm.

- d. **Youth Commission Resignation - Commissioner Paea**
 - i. Presenter: Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Youth Commission Director

Director Esquivel Garcia explained the circumstances with Commissioner Paea.

Commissioner Marlow, seconded by Commissioner Krehlik, motioned to accept the resignation of Commissioner Paea (D10). No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes, 3 absent.

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

Action: Resignation of Commissioner Paea accepted.

8. Committee Reports (discussion item)

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Valencia-Tow said the LAOs will be creating a Google Form to allow for the submission of questions after presentations are made at the Full Youth Commission.

Officer Liang said they'll be referring a BOS hearing regarding language access and monitoring two pieces of legislation regarding family shelters and parental leave.

- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Yang said YC Staff will be passing out flyers for 2025/26 Youth Commission recruitment for initial distribution.

Officer Liao said that the Instagram Takeovers started today. Chair Fong emphasized to make sure we get over 100 and possibly 150 applicants for the 2025/26 recruitment effort, so everyone should make sure they participate in the social media takeovers.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Listana said they prepared for the presentation for the BOS Budget and Appropriations Committee on Wednesday, March 19th. Chair Fong said thank you to everyone for their work on putting together the Budget and Policy Priorities.

1. Youth Commission Attendance

No updates.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Kim said they worked on a resolution, and chose Food Insecurity and Youth Development Programs as the top two priorities for their BPPs.

c. Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee

Commissioner Fortgang said Housing and Climate were the top two priorities for their BPPs, they discussed Commissioner Oram's resolution on the expansion of the 24-bus, and discussed MUNI's 2025 Summer Service Cuts.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Lonné Amir said they didn't meet last week, but are looking into resolutions that they want to work on for the remainder of the term. TJ chose Youth Workforce Development and Youth & Police Relations as the top two priorities for their BPPs.

9. 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.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow said he's been working on a Youth Roundtable on SFMTA, and he's hoping to write a resolution on the current shelter conditions.

Commissioner Liao said she's been working on putting together the District 3 Youth Council, she's hoping to write a resolution on the lack of trash cans throughout the City, and a future resolution with Officer Yang.

Commissioner Fong said he's working with Officer Valencia-Tow on the Youth SFMTA Roundtable, and has been working with the District 7 Youth Council.

Commissioner Dang said she met with Supervisor Fielder and they discussed how to best support newcomer families, she's drafting a resolution with Commissioner Lonné Amir, and she'll be working on something for sexual assault awareness month.

Commissioner Fortgang said she's been working with Officer Yang on the SFUSD environmental literacy coordinator about the Goldman Awards Ceremony and invited the full Youth Commission to attend, she did a climate talk with SF Environment on how youth can get involved in the City and how to brainstorm ideas for the City, and she attended the Climate Literacy Exchange with Officer Yang in Oakland.

Commissioner Lonné Amir said she's drafting a resolution on human trafficking with Commissioner Dang, and she met with her chosen CBO and is planning the next meeting after they acclimate their new board members.

Commissioner Alameri said she attended the Ramadan celebration at City Hall last week, and she reached out to Supervisor Mahmoud's Office to discuss a potential resolution.

Commissioner Kim said she attended a Family Pokemon Day in the Richmond District with Supervisor Chan, and she also attended the Meet Your Youth Commissioner community builder.

Commissioner Krehlik said she met with Mayor Lurie and discussed the street conditions on and around the Mission/16th intersection, and attended the Meet Your Youth Commissioner community builder.

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No introductions.

10. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia said she sent out a calendar invite for a youth vote symposium, asked everyone to respond to the April 21st event sent by Commissioner Fortgang, that

there will be a collaboration event with Black Women Revolt this Saturday, and she's working on a Spanish translation of the recruitment and application flyer.

Specialist Zhan said the newly passed Budget and Policy Priorities have been uploaded to the Youth Commission website, the physical BPPs will be sent to the printer soon, she is working on a Chinese translation of the recruitment and application flyer, and requested all to not contact her since she will be out of office March 21st to April 5th.

Specialist Ochoa said staff will be tabling at several events this month, he will be attending the final MUNI Funding Working Group Meeting this Friday, he will be reaching out to everyone to plan school presentations in SFUSD and other SF schools, and requested all of the commissioners to distribute recruitment flyers across the City.

11. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Officer Yang announced the SF Department of Elections is opening its ambassador program and encouraged everyone to apply or get others to apply. She also announced that the YC is planning on tabling at the Youth Climate Action Summit on April 18th, 10am to 3pm.

Commissioner Fortgang said everyone is invited to the April 21st Goldman Awards Ceremony. There will be a special youth reception starting at 4pm, and the main event will be from 5:30pm to 7pm. She also asked everyone to let her know if they plan on attending by Friday, March 21st.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 8:19pm.

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