



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION
Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee**

MINUTES

**Monday, March 24, 2025
5:00pm**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

Members: Imaan Ansari (Chair, D11), Harper Fortgang (Vice Chair, D8), Winnie Liao (D3), Jin Valencia-Tow (D7), Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

Present: Ansari, Fortgang, Liao, Valencia-Tow, Krehlik, Oram.

Absent: None.

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission's Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee met in-person with remote access, on March 24, 2025, with Chair Ansari presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Ansari called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 6 present.

Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - present

Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Imaan Ansari (D11) - present

A quorum of the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee membership was present.

2. Communications

Joshua Rudy Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Oram, seconded by Vice Chair Fortgang, motioned to approve the March 24, 2025 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. March 10, 2025 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Krehlik, motioned to approve the March 10, 2025 Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 6 ayes.

Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - aye
Harper Fortgang (D8) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. Presentation

- a. CalAcademy Careers in Science Intern Program - 5:10pm
 - i. Presenter: CiS Interns, CiS Staff, Commissioner Fortgang

The CiS Interns presented their program and what they do as Careers in Science Interns to commissioners. They highlighted they need support to expand their program to have underrepresented students, and how the YC can support them.

Chair Ansari asked the Interns what the process is to apply to the internship, to which the CiS Interns said they have an equitable process and application. They mentioned that the program only takes freshmen and sophomores because it's a 3-year program.

Vice Chair Fortgang asked the CiS Interns what their program has taught them, to which they said it has helped them improve their public speaking skills, as well as open their mind to new career paths and opportunities for them.

Commissioner Oram asked the CiS Interns how to improve access to their application and program, to which they said to include their program on our website, as well as other resources or scholarships.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow asked the CiS Interns if they've worked with other community organizations or youth groups on various initiatives, to which they said they have worked with TeenForce and other programs throughout the years.

Commissioner Krehlik asked the CiS Interns if they've thought about implementing AI or some type of virtual reality with their research, to which they said somewhat with their DNA sequencing, but since a lot of it is hard science, that they do most of it themselves.

Commissioner Liao asked the CiS Interns how they found out about the CiS Internship, to which they said they heard about it from another youth program, word of mouth, and by walking up to talk to someone about it. They mentioned having a centralized hub on our website of various youth opportunities or resources could be helpful.

Commissioner Oram asked the CiS Interns if they have data on how to expand transit, to which they said they can look into providing more information about how to do that.

Vice Chair Fortgang asked the CiS Interns what their highest priority solution would be, to which they said creating a centralized resource hub and uplifting the conversation about cheaper BART youth fares.

7. Committee Business (discussion & possible action)

a. Icebreaker

Chair Imaan asked everyone “what is your favorite place in or around City Hall”? Commissioners and staff responded.

b. BOS Budget & Policy Priorities Presentation Updates

Commissioners Valencia-Tow, Fortgang, Oram, and Specialist Ochoa all spoke about how the BPP presentation had gone last week.

c. HRT BPP Advocacy Next Steps

Chair Ansari said she wants to build off of the TAY Housing BPP and use it to have new assessments on how to better support transitional-aged youth. Specialist Ochoa mentioned that HSH is currently working on some proposals because they’ve heard the calls from the community. Commissioner Oram said pushing support behind SFMTA via a letter of support or resolution, in addition to a community bike lane effort. Vice Chair Fortgang said she will continue to push for her Climate BPP recommendations in several ways. Commissioner Liao said she is interested in taking some type of action around the lack of trash cans around the City. Commissioner Krehlik also said that she wants to work on street safety. Commissioner Valencia-Tow said he’s interested in writing a resolution about the family shelter housing, as well as working with Commissioner Yang on various other resolutions. He also might work on the sewage plant that’s on Ocean Beach, as recommended by Supervisor Melgar. Chair Ansari said she wants to focus on street speed limits across her district.

Specialist Ochoa added that Specialist Zhan should be working with everyone to schedule ongoing advocacy meetings with their appointing officers as the budget process progresses.

d. HRT-related Updates

i. April 28 Meeting Cancellation

Specialist Ochoa said that the April 28th HRT Committee Meeting is going to be canceled in order to host a fun interactive activity in collaboration with WalkSF.

Specialist Ochoa presented on the MUNI Funding Working Group's six proposals that they're forwarding to the SFMTA Board of Directors to make final decisions on the potential paths toward addressing the transit fiscal cliff. Commissioner Oram said that she supports Package A or B, considering the options. Chair Ansari said the Youth Commission should do public comment to encourage the SFMTA to retain fare subsidies and the Free MUNI for All Youth program.

8. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

No announcements.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee adjourned at 6:18pm.