



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, June 15th, 2020

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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Conference ID: 854 908 881#

There will be public comment on each item.

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

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

Commissioner Cureton: Zoom fatigue is real, stretch legs a break may happen, please put your last name in chat if you wish to add to the discussion.

Commissioner Santos: raise hand function if chat is not eligible.

Commissioner Cureton calls the meeting to order at 5:01 PM.

Roll Call for Attendance:

Sarah Cheung, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Maggie Dong, present
Josephine Cureton, present
Calvin Quick, present
Khatab Alameri, present
Crystal Chan, present
JoJo Ty, present
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, present
Amara Santos, present
Arianna Nassiri, present



Nora Hylton, present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Alexander Hirji, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present

Quorum is met.

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

There is no public comment. Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Ginsburg, seconded by Commissioner Santos.

Roll Call vote: 17 Aye, 0 Nay

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

The motion passes by roll call vote. 17 Aye, 0 Nay

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

A. June 1st, 2020
[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment.

Commissioner Quick motions to approve of June 1st, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hirji.

Roll Call vote: 17 Aye, 0 Nay

Sarah Cheung, aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

The motion passes by roll call vote. 17 Aye, 0 Nays

4. **Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)**

Shraddha Chaplot - engineer for 11 years, and STEAM teacher in San Francisco

I have created this class to get our younger generation to recognize the power to change they have. They will learn about issues in SF, learn tech tools / create a website, and start to become an activist for a cause they are passionate about. I also want to emphasize local engagement i.e. in SF or whichever city they live in, which is why I'll be sharing SF related topics of concern. I asked my colleague, who is a history teacher, to co-teach with me and we have 11 students who have signed up (from incoming 9th graders to rising 12th graders). My goal for the class is to get them to "Think Global, Act Local", to be proactive, and to believe in themselves to make positive change.

I would love for someone from the youth commission to come on **Friday, June 26th for 15-20 minutes (probably around 11:30 am-12 pm)**, to speak to how students can get more involved / talk about this Youth Commission, what it's like to be part of the city, and letting the students see they have the power and voice to make a change. My students will be presenting their city challenge and solution at the beginning of Friday's class, so of course, whoever comes is welcome to join that as well!

5. **Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**

A. [Input + Decision] BOS File No. 200592 [Resolution Urging the Civil Service Commission to Establish Disqualifying Standards for Applicants for Position of Police Officer and Sheriff Deputy Applicants Based on Misconduct]
Sponsors: Supervisors Walton, Yee, Preston, Peskin, Fewer, Ronen, Haney, and Mar



Presenter: Tracy, Legislative Aide, District 10
(Document B)

Presenter: Commissioner Rome Jones and Nora Hylton

The resolution is a blanket ban on the hiring of any new officer/deputy with police misconduct that is a result of the George Floyd. We talked about the feedback about the accountability on the officers. And how the impact of public record releases on it. police commission who looks into misconduct.

TJ recommendations:

- expand the criteria of misconduct [officer shootings, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, perjury, and drunken driving]
- rephrase on the use of "significant misconduct" this is often subjective and is tied to what do we deem as normal/and goes into what behavior we excuse.
- rephrase or redefine: use of "excessive force" - as this is often case by case, subjective terms.
- to include a clause pushing for a more stringent review of criminal convictions who have been law enforcement officers in California or applied to be one
- to name how many roadblocks there are for communities of color to get justice for their loved ones from uncooperative government workers to missing case files to sloppy record-keeping.
- recommendation to clearly define and expand this resolution to other law enforcement agencies

Commissioner Quick: Sheriff & PD aren't the only law enforcement agencies with JPD and APD - could we do this to apply to those departments especially JPD as they oversee juvenile hall. Retroactive & Continuous to employment and hiring as issues with union contracts

Commissioner Hirji: Disqualification from any applicant from uniform ranks - not admin roles, only officers,

Commissioner Quick: uniformed as an SFPD officer

Discussion:

Commissioner Santos - supports Commissioner's Quick point and would include a recommendation to clearly define and expand to other law enforcement agencies such as Juvenile Probation Department and Adult Probation Department.

Commissioner Quick - especially since resolution names to sheriff & pd, not the only law enforcement dpt.

Commissioner Hylton motions to include the Transformative Justice recommendations and additional recommendation from Commissioner Santos and question from Commissioner Hirji, seconded by Commissioner Quick.

- expand the criteria of misconduct [officer shootings, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, perjury, and drunken driving]
- also thoughts on the use of "significant misconduct" this is often subjective and is tied to what do we deem as normal/and goes into what behavior we excuse.



- additionally thoughts on the use of "excessive force" how is this defined - as this is often case by case, subjective terms.
- to include a clause pushing for a more stringent review of criminal convictions who have been law enforcement officers in California or applied to be one
- to name how many roadblocks there are for communities of color to get justice for their loved ones from uncooperative government workers to missing case files to sloppy record-keeping.
- recommendation to clearly define and expand this resolution to other law enforcement agencies such as the Juvenile Probation Department and Adult Probation Department.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Motion passes by full roll call vote.

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

A. [Inform + Decision] Floyd Rule Legislation

Presenter: Dakshina Thanksy and Namrata 'Nimi' Dayana, USF School of Law
(Document C)

Dakshina Thanksy and Namrata 'Nimi' Dayana, USF School of Law students, working with D10 office. This legislation is in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and public outcry over George Floyd's death. First, this legislation gives San Francisco residents the tools to peacefully require a police officer to cease inflicting excessive force that could result in death to a non-resisting person. Community tools for intervention. Second, this legislation protects all residents of San Francisco, including members of the Black community, from encountering racist policing. D10 is working on this legislation.

These are checks to the police, and this role will give community the potential safeguards for their lives.



Questions:

Commissioner Ginsburg - referencing only citizens in your presentation, how does this impact noncitizens

DT - in the legislation, this is used as civilian - to best raise this rule as police never listen to the "bad guy"

Commissioner Santos - what happens when officer chooses to detain someone on basis of obstruction of justice?

DT - hence why we are pushing that a civilian invoking this rule must get absolute immunity, don't become part of police report, and officer must comply

Commissioner Santos - depending on situation, pd may get training and suspension and what are the guidelines and what are further steps for firing?

DT - under this rule, they will start listening and applying it.

Commissioner Santos - without legal rule versus what's right morally, is something that as brown and black folks this isn't the lived experience. what's to get police to stop out of legal obligation

ND - in legislation this will have to check on case by case basis on fit for duty

Commissioner Jones- if the first act costs someone their life, how does it go to someone's badge, community needs a process to assess the action and what happens that the community do and have control on discipline, what's the outreach so that community knows they have the right to hold sfpd accountable

ND - as people we can see when our community is injured, and in our democratic system we should be able to check that person that is doing the harm and do more than stand by like in the case of george floyd.

Commissioner Jones - the use of george floyd, he is not the only person to be killed by police officer, is there a way to think about nuances that isn't just by community/group - and consider it more as to how it impacts individuals

ND - this applies to when police do this in broad day light and we have know say - we know when this person will work , this is just one step to introduce police to community

Commissioner Santos - echo commissioner jones as this is based on assumption that black and brown folks are comfortable and confident to say these things to pd to have caused so much pain and havoc, what if this person is undocumented, language i don't feel comfortable with what's on the table - yes community has a say in the community, but hold these officer's on how to talk, deescalate and emotional labor who should be there to protect us, and concept of law enforcement to be happening in the 21st century

Commissioner Asfaw - concerns, training to listen to the community, why does pd get to go away without repercussions, no law where pd listens to community, different reforms just give ways for pd to be sneakier, pd going into alleyways where no one witnesses, my concern with this reform is another obstacle to overcome

ND - hope to see pd phased out, but right now we need a safeguard, which is why community being involved now and being given a tool to be immune to police enforcement



Commissioner Ginsburg - how does this account for youth to be involved
ND - no community member empowered by this rule, suffering wrongfully by pd, civilian to be defined

Commissioner Hylton- definition of excessive force, as death or severe injury as it's subjective, leaves the loophole, accountability in the moment - this is a hard gray area where technically for actions letter, stop won't get them to do it later,
ND - punishment of this law, retraining and suspension or potential removal of force

Commissioner Cureton - clarification, within this law section 3 - for violating this rule, in addition to retraining, will officer be charged, if asked to stop after, injury or death, besides retraining

DT - qualified immunity,

Commissioner Cureton- this is based on trust on police, even with white privilege

Commissioner Hirji- what makes law enforcement give authority or let go of authority entering situation, given what we've seen over many decades of police misconduct and overreach

Commissioner Cheung - cut to discussion

Commissioner Santos- shared opinions and concerns with great merit and have record that hearing this piece this is telling balck and brown people, that police are gonna continue but keep using flimsy safety guards

Commissioner Dong- don't feel comfortable supporting as this is unaddressed and a lot can go wrong even if real - excuses will get through if we are trying to protect

Commissioner Jones- as a black male id person from d10, this conversation has raised my emotions in not a good way, not going to support and definitely going to say, blanket feel good statements and resolutions because whoever is making good in the movement than true impact on what's going on and saying something that will come into nothing effective.

Commissioner Quick- best to not support this as yet again, bandaid mentality we can't currently control our sfpd as govt on how we conduct even this very discussion, with defunding the budget - is not where we need to be going with

Commissioner Alameri - although I see the intention of this. I just dont think it is feasible way to hold police accountable. I personally lean towards just starting to lessen their responsibilities and have other professionals in restorative justice or mental health that does not involve police in handling certain situation that have lead to many police killings in the past like fake money, mental health emergency, and so on

Commissioner Hirji - handoff to community do not know

Commissioner Cheung - internal discussion is going to end thanks for sharing perspectives.



no public comment.

Commissioner Cureton motions to not support the Floyd Rule, seconded by Commissioner Alameri.

no other motions on the table.

Roll Call Vote: 17 ayes, 0 nays

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Motion passes by full roll call vote. Commissioner Cureton calls the meeting from recess at 6:35 pm.

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

- A. [First Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-12 [Urging the San Francisco Unified School District to end its affiliation with the San Francisco Police Department by disbanding the SFPD/SFUSD Memorandum of Understanding]
Presenter: Commissioner Hylton
(Document D)

Commissioner Hylton was inspired from Minnesota Public Schools terminate the contract with Police. This resolution urging for the SFUSD to end its affiliation with the SFPD.

Commissioner Cureton is this something you want to pass in first reading?
Commissioner Hylton: wanted to pass with LGBTQ youth needs

Commissioner Quick: statistics and note resolved clauses - but pass it today



Commissioner Ty: statistics with LGBTQ students please reach out to me

Commissioner Quick: pass today - then would not be able to go back next meeting to incorporate new information

Commissioner Hylton: incorporate amendments and pass at next meeting

Staff: stats are substantive, casual information - between now and close of meeting and read those stats before end of meeting to pass today

Commissioners came back to this agenda item and incorporated a data piece on LGBT youth of color experiences.

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motions to suspend article 9 section C paragraph 2 to have this resolution passed on first reading.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Quick, motions to pass the resolution with the recommendations that Commissioner Hylton made.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye



Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

Motion passes by a full roll call vote.

- B. [Second Reading] Resolution No. 1920-AL-11 [Youth Services and Programs – City Response to COVID-19 Pandemic]
Presenter: Commissioner Quick
(Document E)

No public comment.

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Cureton, motioned to approve the amendments as noted in the agenda packet.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

No public comment. Commissioner Quick Motion to pass the resolution, seconded Commissioner Jones.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Cheung, aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

C. [Second Reading] Budget and Policy Priorities for FY 20-21, 21-22
Presenters: All committee chairs

CEC: Expand and Implement Voting Rights to Include 16 & 17 year olds in San Francisco Municipal Elections.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1) We urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to support San Francisco in continuing to lead the country in the discussion and implementation of young voter engagement by indicating their continued support for lowering the municipal voting age in San Francisco to sixteen.
- 2) We strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to write a resolution in support of the Assembly Constitutional Amendment 8 (ACA 8) which would lower the voting age from 18 years old to 17 years old in the state of CA.
- 3) We urge the Board of Supervisors and Mayor's office to collaborate with SFUSD's Board of Education to implement more consistent voter education courses in public schools via the existing Board of Education Resolution 162-23A3 -- Encouraging Students to Exercise Their Voting Rights.
- 4) We urge that the city budget, particularly in the Department of Election's budget, include adequate funding for youth voter outreach and voter pre registration and registration of the newly eligible 16 and 17-year-olds.
- 5) We urge the Board of Supervisors introduced a charter amendment addendum that includes expanding voting rights to 16 & 17 year old undocumented youth.
- 6) Finally, we urge the Board of Supervisors to support a potential ballot measure to amend the city charter that would legalize the right to vote for non-citizens in San Francisco Municipal elections while ensuring confidentiality



HLU:

- BPP 1: Increase Emergency Shelter Options and Permanent Exits from Homelessness for Transitional Age Youth

Recommendations:

- Complete the 2015 TAY Housing Plan.
- Recommit to a new 2025 TAY Housing Plan.
- Maintain a requirement to have a TAY Navigation Center and explore opening more.
- Increase Supportive Services for TAY.
- Fund TAY programs proportionally to the TAY population.

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- BPP 2: Deliver Transportation Equity for Youth

Recommendations:

- Allocate funding to strategize to build an effective, equitable, and sustainable transportation system for SF youth and students, as part of the Service Equity Strategy.
- Collaborate with SFUSD and CCSF to obtain universal enrollment of students in the Free Muni for Youth Program, with a concurrent expansion of the program to a larger age range (TAY).
- Eliminate all nominal fares for youth (including TAY up to age 23).
- Increase funding for the 29-Sunset Improvement Project, with the view of developing a community and youth based solution to inadequate service on the aforementioned line.
- Stop working with SFPD when enforcing fares.

TJ:

- Priority X: Building a world without prisons or police, where we can all be safe Abolition
 - Defund the police
 - demilitarize communities
 - Allocating money back in communities for resources such as mental health services, substance abuse programs, economic opportunities,
 - Pushing for first responders to be mental health professionals, community workers, etc. not armed police
 - Getting rid of SFPD on Muni
 - remove police from schools
 - Ending SFUSD - SFPD MOU
 - Police training for youth development → invest in social workers/Wellness staff in schools
 - Prioritize safety and wellness in schools for all youth, particularly marginalized youth to be able to excel in social, academic and personal settings
 - Create a district wide training/program for staff/teachers in schools to best protect and educate themselves on immigrant rights/communities/people
- free people from prisons & jails



- Closure of juvenile hall
 - Updates
- Closure of 850
 - Input digital campaign
- Promoting restorative justice practices/community healing
- Lack of gender-specific shelters for female identifying individuals exiting Juvenile Hall
- Stop the displacement of people who are arrested (ie sending them out of the county)
- End to cash bail
- repeal laws criminalizing survival
 - Make public transportation free → no need for fare inspectors/tickets
- invest in community self governance
 - --% of SFPD officers do not live in SF/the communities they serve
 - invest in de-escalation training for social workers who respond to 911 calls
 - Have community members trained in de escalation/conflict mediation who can respond in place of police
 - Important in case of domestic abuse, physical violence
 - Know Your Rights trainings?
 - Creating a form of community accountability (for those who are responding to distress)
 - Educating community members in implicit bias
 - Provide economic opportunities that undocumented people are eligible for
- provide safe housing for everyone
 - provide housing for those released from juvenile hall
 - TAY navigation center?
 - Providing housing along with personal development programs that people can take partake in such as job training
 - Building more permanent supportive housing
 - Eviction protection for those impacted by COVID-19
 - Possibility of a housing/rent emergency fund
 - Housing assistance/stipends
- invest in care, not cops
 - For individuals exiting the justice system: reentry support and services provided by and within the community
 - ^ community focused job opportunities for previously incarcerated youth to learn and become healers in their communities
 - Instead of criminalization (especially around substance related “crimes”), divert individuals to mental/physical healthcare
 - Programs that work to aid youth specifically with youth who have been impacted by the system from a parent or guardian



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Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, motions to approve Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priorities for fiscal year 20-21, 21-22.

Roll Call Vote:

Sarah Cheung, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Maggie Dong, aye
Josephine Cureton, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Khatab Alameri, aye
Crystal Chan, aye
JoJo Ty, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Arianna Nassiri, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Alexander Hirji, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - i. last 2 tuesdays, BOS had no legislation pertaining to YC referral. Haney’s office discussed to reduce police “tactics”, banning tear gar, bean bag rounds, rubber bullets - only for protests - this is something YC should have referred when it is introduced, tenant protections
 - b. Comms
 - i. radical book club
 - ii. vote16 passed through rules committee,
 - c. General Committee Updates
 - i. presenter comment, yc has charter duties for holding people accountable for ideas, power dynamics from presenter
- b. Civic Engagement
 - a. vote16 passed rules committee come back june 30
- c. Housing and Land Use
 - a. bpp
 - b. discussion on sfmta budget for free muni 4 all
 - c. talk about addressing racist bart
- d. Transformative Justice
 - a. checked in on community



- b. talked about disqualifying standards on officers & sheriffs
- c. talked about bpps and assigned roles
- d. sfusd - sfpd mou
- e. OCOF
 - a. nothing to report as they are still figuring out virtual response
 - b. put specific agenda time, trying to incorporate more authentic youth voice

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Staff report:

- reminder for YC interview panel training tomorrow 4:15pm - 6:15pm
- guest speaking opportunity for the SF activism class (came through youth com email)
- reminder that bpp sections are due July 1st to staff
- opportunities to help with VOTE16 work
- radical book club wed 4pm

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Cureton, Cheung, Chan: sexual harassment in public schools and how admin have failed to support students, one of allegations is against a former YC'er

- Commissioner Quick & Santos

Commissioner Quick: D5 budget advocacy survey - please share with other D5 constituents

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Cureton adjourns the meeting at 7:55 pm.