



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, September 28th, 2020
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

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

Chair Hylton begins with an ask for all commissioners to share their names and pronouns to ensure we all are pronouncing everyone's name correctly.

Chair Hylton calls the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. Commissioner Ginsburg is away in observance of a Jewish holiday and did not notify staff by the Wednesday deadline. Quorum is met.

Jayden Tanaka, he - present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, she - present
Lillian Tang, she - present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, she -present
Calvin Quick, he - present
Gabrielle Listana, she - present
Adrianna Zhang, she - present
Gracie Veiga, she - present
Ariana Arana, she - present
Rome Jones, he - present
Erika Morris, she - present
Arsema Asfaw, she - present
Sarah Cheung she - present
Sarah Ginsburg, she - absent
Nora Hylton, she - present
Amara Santos, she - present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, he -present

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



No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Jayden Tanaka - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Lillian Tang - aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Gabrielle Listana - aye
Adrianna Zhang - aye
Gracie Veiga - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Erika Morris - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Sarah Cheung - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Cheung motions to approve of the September 14th, 2020 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Quick. The motion passes by roll call vote.

A. September 14th, 2020 [\(Document A\)](#)

Jayden Tanaka - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Lillian Tang - aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy - aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Gabrielle Listana - aye
Adrianna Zhang - aye
Gracie Veiga - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Erika Morris - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Sarah Cheung - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye

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

No public comment.



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

- A. [Inform] Our Children Our Families (OCOF) Council Youth Seat Presentation
Presenter: Jay Liao, Deputy Director & Alecia Barillas, Administrative Analyst
(Document B)

Chair Hylton shares thanks for the presenters and reminders to please keep it to 10 minutes and advises the Youth Commission that there are no official decisions to be made on this item. Veronica Chew (Senior Analyst) Jay Liao, Child-Friendly Designation partnership with UNICEF. Created when the voters of SF passed Prop C, the Children and Families First Initiative, in Nov 2014. The goal is to improve youth outcomes, council leadership is co-chaired by the mayor and sfusd superintendent and includes: 13 dpt heads from the City & County of San Francisco; 13 leaders from SFUSD, and 14 community representatives appointed by the Mayor, including students, parents, and TAY. Our Approach - getting on the same page with equity, to ensure better outcomes for Latinx and black youth. Three-pronged chair strategy - assess fragmented systems to improve coordination, partner with those systems about scalable and sustainable change, shine a light on impactful work, and inform data decision making. They identify, convene, align, connect, and leverage roles to assist with leadership. Their outcome framework was adopted through 19 indicators that track progress with families and youth in San Francisco. There are five goals and 19 different indicators that are seen through an equity lens. They are focusing on ensuring each and every child enters kindergarten ready to learn and mentally ready. Their short term goal of 100% of all ethnic background are ready to learn. In addition, all families are healthy from all ethnic backgrounds.

Outcomes monitoring (Jay) following indicators for the 2 priorities (K Readiness (Children's data network, k-readiness working group), mental wellbeing (training and capacity (Heal sf), trauma-informed systems training, healing and children's health), data warehouse for city spending analysis.

Jay- They are collaborating with the state on data and created a survey. In addition, partnerships with the school district and theory HATCH. Service inventory and citywide spending analysis and SF child and youth Friendly City initiatives are projects they are working on.

Veronica, Child Youth Initiative, Officially partnered with UNICEF to bring the Child-Friendly Cities Initiative to SF. The CFCI is based on a child rights framework that values the needs, priorities, and voices of children and young people in local government. SF is one of the first cities to embark on this transformative process. The pathway to CFCI Candidacy is currently in phase 1. This includes with a situational analysis which is a data-gathering analysis and community assessment associated with this first step. Next, the local action plan will include a framework focused on disaster response and recovery. Finally, support youth and community-led projects will submit a candidacy application to UNICEF and if approved the local action plan will be approved

Questions:

Commissioner Quick - Thank you and can you speak a bit to the process as a government body to bring different stakeholders, how does the council bring community input specifically youth input as there isn't a large amount of youth?



Jay- Our council is made up of 3 bodies and in terms of youth, there is youth rep and there is one commissioner. Typically meet 3 times a year and have leaders within the school district and community. We can leverage those decisions we previously did not have. We want to gather better dates to support our programs. In terms of application, we are bringing in a couple of fellows to support and lead the work. It is important when talking about youth rights is led by youth. A lot of it is project related but we want to ensure we have enough participation.

Commissioner Santos- What do you expect as the time and capacity and what could the workload look like for the youth elect?

Jay- The council meetings are typically 3 times a year and unsure how they will look in the future. In the past, they were in the afternoon for no more than 1 hour and a half. A low commitment to the council meetings. There will be some amount of review before each meeting. We are still trying to figure out how it will look virtually.

Commissioner Quick- Over the summer committee groups were meeting semi-regularly on how to best uplift the need of youth. A discussion that came up was using the Youth Commission as a resource, is that still something the organization is still interested in pursuing?

Jay- I think that is a great idea and aligns with our direction is having more youth and community engagement. Our past council meetings have been presenting to council on our work but bringing in and elevating youth voices is something we will try to implement.

Commissioner Hylton opened for public comment.

No public comment.

Commissioner Hylton opened the floor up for discussion, comments, questions from commissioners.

Commissioner Quick - Reminder this is an informational session.

Commissioner Hylton thanks the presenters and calls for the next item.

B. [Inform + Decision] The Great Youth-led Questioning of Board of Education Candidates Forum

Presenter: YMAC Youth & Andrea Mejia, Civic Engagement Organizer, Coleman Advocates for Children & Youth

Yesenia- CMAC organizer for Coleman Advocates.

Daniella- Youth and civic engagement committee from the Coleman advocate. We have been planning the CMAC forum on the candidate's intentions about why they want to run and other serious questions. We have 3 co-sponsors (CPA, lyric, and mission grad) and 10 candidates.

Questions:

Commissioner Hylton - we cosponsored the DA youth forum,

Daniella- If you choose to co-sponsor you will share your logo, outreach to your contacts, and attend the Zoom forum by committing to bringing 10 people.



Commissioner Hylton - How can we submit questions?

Yessenia- When you register you can ask questions or submit them before Friday at 3 pm as a Youth Commission.

ycamacho@colemanadvocates.org

Repeat of Asks

- share your logo
- outreach to your members
- attend the zoom forum 5:30 - 7:30 pm
- commit to bringing 10 people

Commissioner Quick- We have sponsored these events in the past and I have attended a few. We should co-sponsor and refer to staff and coms on capacity on fulfilling the tasks given it is this Friday.

Staff Truong- Yes Comms can support.

Staff Estrada- Yes just sent the questions before the deadline and I will follow up.

Commissioner Hylton- An asks for at least 10 commissioners can attend and I want to ensure people can complete that commitment.

Yessenia- It does not have to be commissioner, only commit to 10 general people.

Commissioner Quick- I think people should still say they can commit to attending for accountability.

Staff Estrada- Yes I agree with that comment.

Commissioner Quick, Hylton, Zhang, Tanaka, Listana, Staff Hosmon, Estrada Truong - available and will be attending the event.

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the motion, seconded by Commissioner Veiga to co-sponsor. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Jayden Tanaka - aye

Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye

Lillian Tang - aye

Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy - aye

Calvin Quick - aye

Gabrielle Listana - aye

Adrianna Zhang - aye

Gracie Veiga - aye

Ariana Arana - aye

Rome Jones - aye

Erika Morris - aye

Arsema Asfaw - aye

Sarah Cheung - aye

Sarah Ginsburg - absent

Nora Hylton - aye

Amara Santos - aye



Stephen "Rocky" Versace -aye

C. [Inform + Decision] Transit Recovery Program (Future of MUNI)
Presenter: Eric Chan, Community Organizer, SF Transit Riders
(Document C)

Eric- community organizer with SF Transit rider. Will talk about the future of Muni post-pandemic. SF Transit Rider is a nonprofit advocacy organizer working to make transportation more accessible and equitable. They are on their 10-year mark and have worked on long term funding, extended transfers, supporting free muni for all youth. Lately, it has been 30 x 30 measures which is to travel from one end of the city in 30 minutes. Through outreach 29, 22, and T are the vital bus lines for the project. We are talking about transportation and importance because of climate mitigation and supporting climate efforts. The diagram displays how poor our environment is currently experiencing, especially seen by poor air quality. We see public transportation as a solution for climate issues and promotes safety as you are 60x less likely to die than in a car and more robust transit to prevent fewer accidents and casualties. Some problems with COVID are the massive budget cuts with MFTA, 30 or 40 lines are suspended indefinitely if not solved then will be 500 million in debt. How does transit come back and be more robust? Lately, the conjunction has been going up and will become worse post-pandemic. All that to say we are focusing on transit recovery. We have 4 main points- transit only lanes to keep buses out of traffic, new equitable funding, ensuring safe and accessible transit for all, and increased community engagement and decision making.

Temp emergency transit lanes only allow buses for use but the temp ones are the white diamond lines because they are temporary and an experiment. A bunch of have been passed through the emergency declaration so they don't have to outreach. It has been passed in the Mission and various bus lines. We are pushing for these lines to become permanent once transit becomes a full force. We are requesting SFYC to support this letter, We have 40 signatures and will present during Annual Transit Week. Transit is more than going from one place to another but also climate, pedestrian safety, and a city more economically robust. When youth return to in-person learning they should have a system that supports them.

Questions

Commissioner Santos- Thank you for presenting and I am not well versed in transportation. My question is based on the TJ committee in which we read an article on transportation policing. Have you considered this especially for black and brown youths safety in a more interperson way?

Eric- We supported free muni for youth but COVID. This is a new conversation in which they are figuring out ways to not police. We acknowledge lower income people of color are affected. We need to keep an eye out when it fully returns and how it looks like when we return.

Commissioner Quick- Thank you for presenting. I spoke to a former commissioner and because everything is low intensity right now there is a cost analysis on their fare collection program especially on youth. We are wondering if transit riders are considering the fare committee and asking SFMTA and is this costing you more than collecting?



Jay- That is a good question and haven't made a call for that type of analysis. Fares generate 15-20% of their revenue and wouldn't make sense to spend more than that. What would it look like in being a community ambassador and it goes into our progressive policies.

Commissioner Hylton- request to repeat asks.

Jay- The asks are a google form of 5 questions. 1 commissioner submits the form and states you support the organization. If you want to work on more transit-related issues than reach out to us.

Commissioner Hylton opens public comment.
No public comment.

Commissioner Hylton asks the commissioners for questions or recommendations.

Commissioner Quick- Repeated the 4 asks and is comfortable with approving them.

Commissioner Hylton opens the floor up for motions.

Commissioner Santos brings up concern to highlight concern on Muni Operators with the current health crisis.

Commissioner Quick motions to support to sign on to the google form with the recommendation to be mindful and concerns of riders and muni operators in this transit recovery plan, seconded by Commissioner Zhang. The motion passes by a roll call vote. 10: Aye, 1: Absent.

Jay- I want to agree on supporting MUNI drivers. We want to support them from PPE and have them feel safe. We hosted a webinar of 3 MUNI drivers in which I will share with the commissioners.

Jayden Tanaka - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Lillian Tang - aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy -aye
Calvin Quick - aye
Gabrielle Listana - aye
Adrianna Zhang - aye
Gracie Veiga - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Erika Morris - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Sarah Cheung - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye



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

- A. [Discussion + Decision] Motion 2021-AL-01 Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee Youth Seat Appointment
Presenter: Executive Committee

Public comment is where the youth recommendations get to speak:

Kiana K: I am 16 years old and 10 grade. I have attended public schools and live in district 10. I have experience with sharing leadership roles and fundraising with clubs. I was a district 11 fellow last year. As a youth in D10, I noticed the food desserts in this district. Going to public and private schools in D11, I have noticed how sugary drinks affected marginalized communities of color. I noticed how the tax can fund my community and can support public health. I have first-hand experience of how these programs have greatly affected communities. I am personally connected and motivated to work on this issue.

Yi Luo submitted a video.

Public comment closed.

Questions:

Commissioner Quick - Thanks for coming to present, confirmation - for a 2 year term, for the best of your knowledge barring unforeseen circumstances.

K.K: Yes

Staff Estrada - folks to share and specify
Commissioner Hylton - to give clarification

Commissioner Zhang - sorry Yi couldn't make it, strong candidates

Commissioner Santos- I really liked how both are well informed but Kiana has their lived experiences to work. I think that is amazing how Kiana can highlight that in their public comment.

Commissioner Quick- I want to second the previous two commissioners. The executive committee was set on these two candidates. I would personally recommend Kiana because of their understanding of systemic issues and underlying issues of food deserts and others. By combining that with personal and lived experiences of underfunding, I would like to personally recommend Kiana.

Kiana K - thanks for your time.

Commissioner Santos motions to appoint Kiana to SDDTAC youth seat, seconded by Commissioner Zhang.

Jayden Tanaka - aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier - aye
Lillian Tang - aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy -aye
Calvin Quick - aye



Gabrielle Listana - was disconnected/had technical difficulties
Adrianna Zhang - aye
Gracie Veiga - aye
Ariana Arana - aye
Rome Jones - aye
Erika Morris - aye
Arsema Asfaw - aye
Sarah Cheung - aye
Sarah Ginsburg - absent
Nora Hylton - aye
Amara Santos - aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - aye

B. [Discussion + Decision] Election of Our Children Our Families (OCOF) Council 20-21
Youth Representative
Presenter: Nora Hylton, Chair

Commissioner Hylton - the positions entail a leadership position that works with Staff Estrada.

Commissioner Zhang - asks for the time commitment.

Staff Estrada - The time commitment would be attending 3 meetings and to be the response when OCOF reaches out.

Commissioner Santos - Last year I held this position and was not too much of a time commitment. Last year I was present during 4 meetings and you can get more involved.
Staff Estrada - This person should be comfortable speaking in an adult dominated space. Last year Commissioner Santos did not seem intimidated by the presence. I will be present during the meetings.

Commissioner Quick - When do the meetings take place?

Staff Estrada - The meetings were usually three hours long meetings during the day. This year they will be one hour during the afternoon. Expect anything after 4 o clock. reads the bylaws.

Questions:

Commissioner Santos - Will there be a time to ask applicants questions?

Staff Estrada- Yes the same as the previous executive elections format.

Nomination for Commissioner [Santos] made by Commissioner [Quick], and seconded by commissioner [Murphy]. Nominee Santos, do you accept? Thank you, but no

Nomination for Commissioner [Listana] made by Commissioner [Hylton], and seconded by commissioner [Zhang]. Nominee Listana, do you accept? Yes

Speech:



Make an impact on the current education system and help youth in more ways than Youth Commission and local advocacy. I'll be a good fit for this position because I can speak to a lot of adults on issues, education is one of the main passions, and hope to improve the education system. Interested in supporting the OCOF issue areas:

Questions:

Commissioner Santos- The position is about public education and the impact on them. I would like to hear more about your experience with that and how do your lived experiences guide the work?

Commissioner Listana- I don't have experience attending public school. I have been attending private schools however I know many students who attend public schools. I want to help to better the standards of the public to the same level as private.

Commissioner Quick- Thank you for standing for the seat. We were talking about expanding opportunities for the OCOF. I would like to hear your thoughts on that.

Commissioner Listana- I would love to have the YC present to the council because I bet many commissioners have experience in public schools. In addition, create more awareness for OCOF towards the YC.

No public comment.

Silent deliberations.

Jayden Tanaka - Listana
Valentina Alioto-Pier - Listana
Lillian Tang - Listana
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy -Listana
Calvin Quick - Listana
Gabrielle Listana - Listana
Adrianna Zhang - Listana
Gracie Veiga - Listana
Ariana Arana - Listana
Rome Jones - Listana
Erika Morris - Listana
Arsema Asfaw - Listana
Sarah Cheung - Listana
Sarah Ginsburg - absent
Nora Hylton - Listana
Amara Santos - Listana
Stephen "Rocky" Versace - Listana

Listana: 16, 1 absent

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

a. LAO

- i. no legislation introduced relates specifically to youth



- ii. BOS final approval of budget is tomorrow and goes to mayor for signature
 - iii. CAREN Act was continued with amendments and will be heard again in cmte
- b. Comms
 - i. RBG post
 - ii. Census due on Wednesday- as commissioners we need to help with this task
- c. General Committee Updates
 - i. Reviewed **SDDTAC** applications
 - ii. reviewed social media post on RBGs
 - iii. encourage to speak your truth or feelings
 - iv. reminded commissioners of attendance tracking in exec
- B. Civic Engagement
 - a. discussed what cmte meetings would look like
 - b. created goals
 - c. Commissioner Cheng and Ginsburg as chair and vice-chair
 - d. Possible cancellations of CEC until November to focus on prop G
- C. Housing and Land Use
 - a. reviewed the homelessness and transportation bpps last year and this year
 - b. voicing our opinions
 - c. Commissioner Morris and Murphy as chair and vice-chair
- D. Transformative Justice
 - a. Commissioner Jones and Commissioner Veiga as chair and vice-chair
 - b. Police Commission Youth Commission report on 2nd Wednesday of each month
 - c. Know your rights pamphlet recommendations
- E. OCOF
 - a. no reports

8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Reminder: Oct. 5th is the next FYC meeting
- Oct 12 this a holiday and cmtes will need to reschedule
- Address the RBG staff letter

9. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- Staff Truong- Dept of Police Accountability speaking engagements on KYRs upcoming dates: 10.16 11 am - 12 pm, 11.13.2020 2 - 3 pm.
- D5 tabling on Saturdays please contact Commissioner Arsema or Quick.
- Staff Estrada - Board of Education forum on Sat 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm.

10. Adjournment

Commissioner Hylton adjourns the meeting at 7:23 pm.