



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Civic Engagement and Education Committee  
Minutes – Draft  
Tuesday, March 21, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS**

**Members:** Steven Hum (Co-Chair), Maureen Loftus (Co-Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting, Yena Im

**Present:** Steven Hum (Co-Chair), Maureen Loftus (Co-Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting

**Tardy:**

**Absent:** Yena Im, Ewan Barker Plummer

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person in regular session and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Tuesday, March 21, 2023, with Chair Maureen Loftus presiding.

Chair Loftus calls the meeting to order at 5:37 PM.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

On the call of the roll:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present / Absent</b>
Commissioner Barker Plummer	absent
Commissioner Im	absent
Commissioner Pimentel	present
Commissioner Utting	present
Chair Hum	present
Chair Loftus	present



**4 present, 2 absent**  
**Quorum is met.**

Commissioner Utting motions to excuse Commissioner Barker Plummer from the meeting, Commissioner Pimentel seconds the motion.

Chair Loftus inquires about the 72-hour courtesy notice, Joy responds. Commissioner Utting notes the contributions that Commissioner Barker Plummer has provided the Committee and urges the Committee to support the motion.

*No public comment.*

Member	AYE / NAY / ABSTAIN
Commissioner Barker Plummer	absent
Commissioner Im	absent
Commissioner Pimentel	aye
Commissioner Utting	aye
Chair Hum	aye
Chair Loftus	aye

**4 ayes, 2 absent**  
**The motion passes.**

**2. Communications**

Joy Zhan, staff, provides communications.

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

Moved by Commissioner UTTING, seconded by Commissioner PIMENTEL to approve today's agenda.

*No discussion*

*No public comment.*

On the motion to approve today's agenda:



Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Barker Plummer	absent
Commissioner Im	absent
Commissioner Pimentel	aye
Commissioner Utting	aye
Chair Hum	aye
Chair Loftus	aye

**4 ayes, 2 absent**  
**The motion passes.**

4. **Approval of Minutes** (Action Item)
  - a. March 7, 2023 (Packet Materials)

Moved by Commissioner PIMENTEL, seconded by Commissioner UTTING to approve the March 7, 2023 Committee meeting minutes.

*No discussion.*

*No public comment.*

On the motion to approve the minutes for the March 7, 2023 Committee meeting minutes:

Member	Aye / Nay / Abstain / Absent
Commissioner Barker Plummer	absent
Commissioner Im	absent
Commissioner Pimentel	aye
Commissioner Utting	aye
Chair Hum	aye
Chair Loftus	aye

**4 ayes, 2 absent**  
**The motion passes.**



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

*No public comment.*

**6. Committee Business** (Discussion)

A) Updates on Upcoming Resolutions

Chair Loftus and Commissioner Pimentel intend to work on a resolution on life skills in SFUSD schools. Commissioner Pimentel and Chair Hum are continuing to work on the mental health resolution. Commissioner Utting is still working on a vote preregistration resolution but still has some questions for the Department of Elections, so she will work with Joy to get them to come to a future CEEC meeting to continue the discussion. She is also going to connect with Commissioner Im on a resolution calling on streamlining the CCSF courses process. Additionally, Commissioner Utting is looking into a resolution calling for getting the Youth Commission paid.

B) Prop G Community Input Survey (Presenter: Commissioner Vanessa Pimentel)

The survey has passed at the Full Commission. Commissioner Pimentel is working with Commissioner Colin to outreach to community organizations. They will also reconnect with Leslie from UESF to get a list of educators to send the survey to their students. Listening sessions will begin in May.

C) Vote16 Charter Amendment Review

Question from Chair Hum: If the state law says that there's a certain age that states who is a vote, can that affect SF passing this? Since the City has to follow state laws.

D) CEEC-related news.

CASC (Esther Kim and Aarnav Verma) gives a brief introduction.

Chair Loftus asks how big is CASC. Esther answers that it's a statewide organization throughout California. Aarnav says that there are 20 cabinet members. Chair Loftus asks about the found values that have been around for 75 years. Esther responds.

Commissioner Pimentel asks if they're SF students and if there are any SF students involved.

Aarnav responds that they're not SF students, but there are a few SF students involved.

*No public comment.*



**7. Staff Report** (Discussion Item)

**Joy** says that she's connecting with the former coordinator for the YouthVote program and will invite him to a CEEC meeting. Joy is also working on bringing the Department of Elections to present to CEEC.

**8. Adjournment**

There is no further business. The meeting is adjourned at 6:46 PM.

1 [Resolution in support of increasing existing funding for wellness centers in San  
 2 Francisco Public High Schools]  
 3 **Resolution in support of increasing existing funding for wellness programs,**  
 4 **resources, outreach, and education in San Francisco public schools including**  
 5 **more professional development for school staff on wellness practices and**  
 6 **frameworks such as healing-centered care, and youth-anchored peer-to-peer**  
 7 **counseling.**

8 WHEREAS, the San Francisco Wellness Initiative was launched to improve the  
 9 health and well-being of all SFUSD students<sup>1</sup>; and,

10 WHEREAS, wellness centers were implemented in SFUSD schools to provide  
 11 mental and physical health care services available to all SFUSD students, therefore  
 12 enhancing students' feelings of safety and belonging<sup>2</sup>; and,

13 WHEREAS, in the 2006-2007 Youth Commission Budget and Policy Priority  
 14 Proposals, the Youth Commission consistently advocated for the expansion and funding  
 15 of SFUSD wellness centers to the city's Middle and High Schools, as well as the  
 16 preservation of mental health programs and the use of add-backs to hire more wellness  
 17 center staff in the 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 Youth Commission Budget and Policy  
 18 Priority Proposals<sup>3</sup>; and,

19 WHEREAS, a KidsData survey<sup>4</sup> found that 30.2% of Black SFUSD students in  
 20 grades 7, 9, and 11 experienced depression-related feelings, along with 29.7% of  
 21 Hispanic/Latino students, and 22.4% of Asian students; and,

<sup>1</sup> "SFUSD Expands Access to Health and Wellness Supports for Students." *SFUSD*, <https://www.sfusd.edu/about-sfusd/sfusd-news/press-releases/2021-08-06-sfusd-expands-access-health-and-wellness-supports-students>.

<sup>2</sup> "SFUSD Expands Access to Health and Wellness Supports for Students." *SFUSD*, <https://www.sfusd.edu/about-sfusd/sfusd-news/press-releases/2021-08-06-sfusd-expands-access-health-and-wellness-supports-students>.

<sup>3</sup> *Youth Commission*. Budget and Policy Reports | Youth Commission. (n.d.). Retrieved March 27, 2023, from <https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/budget-and-policy-reports>

<sup>4</sup> "San Francisco," KidsData, accessed February 22, 2023, <https://www.kidsdata.org/region/266/san-francisco/results#ind=&say=&cat=27>.

1 WHEREAS, these issues increased and disparities, only increased with the  
2 COVID-19 pandemic in 2020<sup>5</sup>; and,

3 WHEREAS, the pandemic school closures deprived students from seeing  
4 classmates, and being a part of organizations, teams, and programs which offered them  
5 joy and purpose<sup>6</sup>; and,

6 WHEREAS, following the pandemic, SFUSD committed to supporting students'  
7 mental health and wellness, as well as increasing access to health and wellness  
8 services for middle school students<sup>7</sup>; and,

9 WHEREAS, the Youth Commission recognizes the need for a larger investment  
10 in mental health services coming out of the pandemic<sup>8</sup>; and,

11 WHEREAS, many SFUSD students presently do not have access to wellness  
12 centers for a variety of reasons, including a lack of diverse representation<sup>9</sup> and a  
13 disconnect between services and students, as students do not feel comfortable  
14 accessing the wellness centers<sup>10</sup>; and

15 WHEREAS, a survey published by K12 Dive reports that Black students are the  
16 least likely to report having a trusted adult at school and the most likely to claim that  
17 their school mental health professional cannot understand their situation due to racial or  
18 ethnic differences<sup>11</sup> ; and,

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<sup>5</sup> "Pandemic Shines Light on Mental Health Crisis Facing SF Students." *Pandemic Shines Light on Mental Health Crisis Facing SF Students - San Francisco Examiner*, 6/4/2021 *Imperial County, California*, 4 June 2021, <https://imperial.networkofcare.org/mh/news-article-detail.aspx?id=123812>.

<sup>6</sup> "SFUSD Expands Access to Health and Wellness Supports for Students." *SFUSD*, <https://www.sfusd.edu/about-sfusd/sfusd-news/press-releases/2021-08-06-sfusd-expands-access-health-and-wellness-supports-students>.

<sup>7</sup> "SFUSD Expands Access to Health and Wellness Supports for Students." *SFUSD*, <https://www.sfusd.edu/about-sfusd/sfusd-news/press-releases/2021-08-06-sfusd-expands-access-health-and-wellness-supports-students>.

<sup>8</sup> *Youth Commission*. Hearing on the City's reimbursement practices and maximizing funding for mental health services from State and Federal programs, including, but not limited to, Mental Health Medi-Cal administrative activities; and requesting the Department of Public Health, Human Services Agency, Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families, Juvenile Probation Department, San Francisco Unified School District, and community-based mental health providers to report. (2021, February 26). Retrieved February 19, 2023, from <https://sfgov.org/youthcommission/sites/default/files/210042%20Youth%20Commission%202021-RBM-09.pdf>

<sup>9</sup> "Our Healing in Our Hands Campaign." *Chinese Progressive Association*, Youth Movement of Justice and Organizing, <https://cpasf.org/ourhealinginourhands/>.

<sup>10</sup> "Our Healing in Our Hands Campaign." *Chinese Progressive Association*, Youth Movement of Justice and Organizing, <https://cpasf.org/ourhealinginourhands/>.

<sup>11</sup> Modan, Naaz. "Survey: Third of Students Reluctant to Seek Help for Mental Health Issues." *K*, 23 May 2022, <https://www.k12dive.com/news/survey-third-of-students-reluctant-to-seek-help-for-mental-health-issues/624200/>.

1 WHEREAS, the Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey (of nearly 1000  
2 SFUSD students) found that the SFUSD wellness centers currently do not meet the  
3 cultural and linguistic needs of its students and families<sup>12</sup>; and,

4 WHEREAS, students do not want their parents to know they are meeting with a  
5 school counselor, and are concerned that school staff will treat them differently or  
6 provide them with fewer opportunities at school<sup>13</sup>; and,

7 WHEREAS, the Chinese Progressive Association's 2017 survey showed that  
8 36% of lesbian and gay students reported that concerns about family and friends finding  
9 out about their mental health issues barred them from accessing the wellness centers.<sup>14</sup>

10 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San  
11 Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to  
12 increase funding to hire staff, therapists, and social workers from different backgrounds  
13 to serve the needs of students of color and immigrant students; and,

14 RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the Mayor of San  
15 Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of Education to invest  
16 in preventative resources to strengthen preventative resources, including mindfulness,  
17 community schools, restorative practices, and peer resource programs; and,

18 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the San Francisco Youth Commission urges the  
19 Mayor of San Francisco and Board of Supervisors to collaborate with the Board of  
20 Education to increase the voice and decision-making power of students and local school  
21 staff by forming a mental health committee comprising students and local staff to  
22 include them in district and school decisions on wellness infrastructure, assessments,  
23 staff hiring, curriculum development, and financing.

<sup>12</sup> "Our Healing in Our Hands Campaign." Chinese Progressive Association, Youth Movement of Justice and Organizing, <https://cpasf.org/ourhealinginourhands/>.

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FILE NO.

RESOLUTION NO.

[Support the Development of Financial Literacy and Life Skills Education in Public High Schools]

**Resolution supporting financial literacy and life skills education in public high schools to help all San Francisco students achieve their future goals.**

WHEREAS, financial literacy and life skills are essential skills for success in adulthood and throughout life; and,

WHEREAS, there are no current educational requirements or standards regarding financial literacy in California even though it has been shown to create economic consequences for students later down the line; and,

WHEREAS, PISA (Program for International Student Assessment) reports that "22% of students, or more than 1.2 million 15-year-olds, score below the baseline level of proficiency in financial literacy," which highlights the need for school districts to properly integrate financial education into a K–12 curriculum because failure to do so could result in students making poor financial decisions later in life and endanger their financial future; and

WHEREAS, such education can reduce the financial anxiety among students and their families; and,

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RESOLVED,

FURTHER RESOLVED,