



**City and County of San Francisco
YOUTH COMMISSION**

MINUTES

**Monday, January 6th, 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), Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral), Ava Oram (Mayoral).

Present: Jason Fong, 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: Gabbie Listana (excused), Ikahihifo Paea (excused), Aisha Majdoub (excused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on January 6, 2025, with Chair Fong presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 5:01pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 14 present, 3 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - present
Camryn Marlow (D2) - present
Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Lucas Liang (D4) - present
Ethar Alameri (D5) - present
Gabbie Listana (D6) - absent
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
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - present
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Commissioner Lonné Amir, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to excuse Commissioners Listana, Paea, and Majdoub for today's absence. No discussion. No public comment. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 3 absent

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - absent
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
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Commissioner Listana, Paea, and Majdoub's absence excused.

2. Communications

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Dang, seconded by Officer Yang, motioned to approve the January 6, 2025 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 3 absent

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - absent
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
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - aye
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. December 16, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Marlow, seconded by Officer Liao, motioned to approve the December 16, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 3 absent

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - absent
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
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - absent
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. Presentations (discussion & possible action)

a. San Francisco Transit Municipal Authority Budget Presentation

i. Presenter: Rally Catapang, SFMTA Section Director - Budget and Capital Finance

Rally Catapang gave a presentation on the budget process of SFMTA and the steps moving forward to address the upcoming budget deficit.

Commissioner Lonné Amir asked what the plan is to prevent unforeseen costs in the budget, to which Catapang said they're working to ensure the reserves can handle any large costs while also slowly cutting costs in other areas.

Commissioner Fortgang asked if SFMTA foresees challenges to be able to fund the FMFAY program, to which Catapang said that the program is very popular and they are not looking to cut the program and it will hopefully be a permanent program.

Commissioner Oram asked if the FMFAY program could be expanded to other transit programs, to which Catapang said that that would likely be a regional conversation if any changes are to be made in the direction of free public transit access for youth.

Commissioner Krehlik asked if they're expecting any changes in the federal or state funding for public transit, to which Catapang said they would have to see if the new federal government administrations in the White House and Congress are open to more funding, but that is unlikely to take place. Catapang added that the state government budget hasn't been doing well either, but remains an avenue for potential future funding.

Officer Yang asked if the school tripper program would be affected by budget changes, to which Catapang said he'll have to get back to them about any potential changes.

Officer Liang asked if there's any consideration of lowering expenditures for parking garages or expanding and/or increasing parking meters to help support the budget deficit, to which Catapang said that there was a recent unsuccessful effort to increase certain zones of parking meters, but it remains as a potential funding avenue.

Commissioner Krehlik asked how this year's budget compares to last year's budget and how the funding methods have changed, to which Catapang said they've been focusing on cost-cutting options that will also make the streets safer.

Officer Valencia-Tow asked about the proposals from the November 13th SFMTA Funding Working Group which listed elimination of FMFAY program as a possibility, to which Catapang said those are the worst-case scenario of what the cuts could be and not a realistic proposal.

Officer Liang asked if the downtown parking garages are sustainable in their current form or if they could potentially be converted to other uses, to which Catapang said they still remain as revenue-generating but are simply not meeting expected revenues.

Chair Fong asked the usefulness of the fare enforcement procedures and if they're actually recuperating fares enough to help support the budget, to which Catapang said they're currently looking at the results of their hiring increases, and it's looking as if there is a return in their investment.

7. Commission Business (discussion & possible action)

a. Resolution No. 2425-AL-03 [Addressing Food Insecurity in San Francisco] - **Resolution urging an increase in outreach and funding for city-funded food programs to address food insecurity.**

- i. Presenter: Commissioners Listana, Dang, Lonné Amir, Alameri, Paea.

Commissioner Dang read the resolution into the record. Officer Liang asked if they have looked at how to expand service of current programs with existing funding since the local and state budgets are struggling, to which Commissioner Dang said that they did look into it and saw that they needed more funding for food. Commissioner Alameri added supportive comments.

b. Winter Retreat 2025 Overview

- i. Presenter: YC Staff

Specialist Zhan discussed the overview of what is to be discussed for the Winter Retreat for January 18-19, 2025, and will be located at City Hall in Room 278.

8. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

- i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Valencia-Tow said there's no legislation referred, and that they're working on the smaller budget forums. Officer Liang asked for any CBOs that commissioners are interested in doing small forums with.

Officer Valencia-Tow left the meeting at 6:11pm, and returned at 6:13pm.

- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Yang said they're starting to plan for YC application recruitment for 2025/2026 with multiple events and targeted outreach at high schools and other community events.

Officer Liao told everyone to expect to be reached out to by the Comms Officers for teachers that they may want to present with.

- iii. General Committee Updates

Officer Fong said that they have not met since the last FYC meeting.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Kim said they worked on a resolution.

c. Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee

Commissioner Fortgang said they are working on the smoke-free resolution and BPPs next.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Lonné Amir said that they passed the food insecurity resolution.

9. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia asked everyone to finalize their official trainings as soon as they possibly can. Specialist Zhan announced that she has been working and planning for the upcoming Winter Retreat.

Specialist Ochoa announced the opportunities to attend the swearing-ins of newly elected candidates across San Francisco in the coming week for Supervisor Melgar, the official mayoral swearing-in of Mayor-elect Lurie and newly-elected Supervisors (Chan, Sauter, Mahmood, Melgar, Fielder, & Chen), the swearing-in of the newly-elected City College board trustees, the swearing-in of the newly-elected SFUSD board of education, the community swearing-in of Supervisor Mahmood, the community swearing-in of Supervisor Sauter, and the community swearing-in of Supervisor Fielder.

10. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Commissioner Dang said that on January 18th, Balboa High School will be partnering with an organization to offer discounted ice skating, and recommended they could go after their full Youth Commission retreat later this month.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:21pm.

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