



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

MINUTES

**Monday, November 4, 2024
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, Clarisse Kim, Camryn Marlow, Ethar Alameri, Harper Fortgang, Skylar Dang, Ikahihifo Paea, Imaan Ansari, Téa Lonné Amir, Aisha Majdoub, Ava Oram.

Absent: Gabbie Listana (excused), Emily Yang (excused).

Tardy: Eloise Krehlik.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on November 4, 2024, with Chair Fong presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Fong called the meeting to order at 5:06pm.

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) - absent
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - present
Imaan Ansari (D11) - present
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - present
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - absent
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - present
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - present
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - absent
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Commissioner Majdoub, seconded by Commissioner Lonné Amir, motioned to excuse Commissioners Listana, Krehlik, and Yang. No discussion. No public comment. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 13 ayes, 1 nays, 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) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - absent
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - absent
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - nay

Action: Commissioner Listana, Krehlik, and Yang's absences are excused, with Chair Fong in dissent.

2. Communications

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

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Commissioner Alameri, seconded by Commissioner Majdoub, motioned to approve the November 4, 2024 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) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - absent
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - absent
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. October 21, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Majdoub, seconded by Commissioner Oram, motioned to approve the October 21, 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) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - absent
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - absent
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. Training (discussion)

- a. Legislative Training
 - i. Presenter: Joy Zhan, Youth Development Specialist

Specialist Zhan gave a training to the commissioners to better understand the legislative process by the City and County of San Francisco.

Commissioner Fortgang asked about the life cycle of legislation at the Youth Commission level after they take an affirmative vote, to which Commissioner Valencia-Tow said that it gets sent to the Board of Supervisors. Zhan added additional context to the process.

- b. Goal Setting Discussion
 - i. Presenter: Jason Fong, Youth Commission Chair

Commissioners went into a peer share with other commissioners for 5 minutes.

Commissioner Ansari said more housing, equitable resources for D11, and prioritizing recreation centers being able to broadcast their services to ensure

residents are taking advantage of them. Commissioner Paea said research on the environmental effects on transitional-aged youth, environmental justice, waste management, housing, education, and violence.

Commissioner Majdoub said increasing teachers' pay and improving bathrooms in SFUSD schools. Commissioner Dang said making narcan more accessible, increase access to hygiene products and condoms.

Commissioner Liao said further her understanding of the school closures situation to prevent them. Commissioner Alameri said mitigating high school dropouts, gang violence, and improving the justice system to allow formerly incarcerated youth exit the system more easily.

Commissioner Fong said improve environmental issues, focus on transit issues, free BART rides, mental health, and hopes to grow in their public speaking. Commissioner Marlow said education policy, addressing sexual assault and harassment, and being open to trying new things.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow said passing resolutions, keeping up to date on his work as an LAO, and updating himself on legislation from the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Liang said do more school outreach and be out in the community more.

Commissioner Krehlik said transportation initiatives like a permanent Free Muni for All Youth program, and community events with YC presence. Commissioner Fortgang said environmental initiatives, installing green/electric appliances in new buildings, and having more youth present to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Lonné Amir said more interaction with the community-based organization, as well as general outreach and community events. Commissioner Oram said safety and accessibility of public transportation, as well as having the YC be a reliable source of information during elections. Commissioner Kim said ensuring newly elected officials are updated on youth issues.

Commissioner Krehlik entered the meeting at 5:28pm.

7. Commission Business (discussion & possible action)

- a. MOTION No. 2425-AL-01 California Association of Youth Commissions (CAYC)
 - i. Sponsor: Chair Jason Fong

Chair Fong read the motion, which is to appoint a Youth Commissioner to the CAYC. Fong explained what the purpose of CAYC was and Director Garcia provided further information on the first meeting that will be taking place on Saturday, November 9th.

Officer Liao, seconded by Officer Liang, motioned to appoint a Youth Representative from the San Francisco Youth Commission (SFYC) to the California Association of Youth Commissions (CAYC). No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 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) - aye
Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - absent
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Motion to appoint a Youth Representative to the CAYC passes.

Commissioner Marlow, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to appoint Commissioner Fortgang to represent the San Francisco Youth Commission on the California Association of Youth Commissions. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 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
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Imaan Ansari (D11) - aye
Téa Lonné Amir (Mayoral) - aye
Eloise Krehlik (Mayoral) - aye
Aisha Majdoub (Mayoral) - aye
Ava Oram (Mayoral) - aye
Emily Yang (Mayoral) - absent
Jason Fong (Mayoral) - aye

Action: Commissioner Fortgang appointed to serve as the San Francisco Youth Commission's Youth Representative to the California Association of Youth Commissions.

8. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Valencia-Tow said the LAOs have been monitoring two pieces of legislation regarding a rapid rehousing policy by Supervisor Ronen, and transitional housing legislation by Mayor Breed to extend TAY supportive housing grants. He also mentioned that he is watching the recording for the hearing on the math study program at the BOS.

Officer Liang said that the second and final reading of the e-bike incentive legislation will be voted on tomorrow, he said that the Youth Commission's Budget Community Forum will be on December 4th and a social media post will go out tomorrow.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Liao requested Commissioners Dang and Ansari to submit their individual bios, and they will be posting about the results of the fun election at the Great Hauntway event.

Officer Yang was absent.

iii. General Committee Updates

Chair Fong said things have been going well.

1. Youth Commission Attendance

Chair Fong said that attendance has been pretty good, and that officers have been doing good work.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Kim said it was a nice first meeting with icebreakers, and they discussed legislative priorities and goals for the upcoming year.

c. Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee

Commissioner Ansari said they went over legislative priorities and goals, and they had fun and bonded. Commissioner Fortgang went over a few of the priorities and goals they discussed at committees.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Dang said that they held elections for Chair and Vice Chair, discussed legislative priorities and goals, and reviewed the actions of previous Transformative Justice Committees. She added that they went over some legislation that's being discussed at the Public Defender's office.

9. Roll Call and Introductions (discussion item)

Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission-related activities.

a. Presenters: Commissioner Paea, Commissioner Marlow, Commissioner Majdoub, Commissioner Oram, Commissioner Listana, Commissioner Ansari, Commissioner Yang, and Commissioner Liang.

Commissioner Paea said she's working on a project on environmental justice, and her goal is to bring in policy in relation to the community center that she works for. She's looking into how those environmental issues affect TAY within the D10 Pacific Islander community.

Commissioner Marlow said she attended the Great Hauntway last weekend, as well as the Sunday Streets tabling event.

Commissioner Majdoub said she's been asking her peers about the most important issues that the Youth Commission should be focusing on, as well as spreading information about the school closures.

Commissioner Oram said she went to a mayoral candidate event and heard a lot of information about various local policy issues, and she attended the Great Hauntway event last weekend.

Commissioner Listana is absent.

Commissioner Ansari said her and Commissioner Fortgang did the KALW podcast to talk about the Youth Commission, the YC's priority, and were able to chat with other youth. She added that she's excited to get HRT going.

Commissioner Yang is absent

Commissioner Liang said he unfortunately hasn't been able to go to any of the recent Youth Commission events, but will try to do so since the legislative session has been winding down. He's been asking around to see what priorities his peers are interested in, and wants to do more outreach to various schools to have more to say during CEEC.

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No introductions.

10. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia will be sending her report via email. Specialist Ochoa said that since next Monday is a holiday (Veterans Day) that regularly scheduled meetings will be rescheduled throughout the week, he reminded HRT commissioners that he will be sending 1:1 invites to help support them, and that he'll be sending all of the information for the California Association of Youth Commissions that's taking place on Saturday.

Specialist Zhan thanked the commissioners for sending their availability to meet with their appointing officers, that she would be sending meeting information and the new time will be sent out by Wednesday, and gave a brief overview of the trainings that will be done at the next full Youth Commission meeting. She added that if any commissioner knows they will be absent to let staff know, or else their absence may not be excused.

11. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Director Garcia said that the Youth Commission got an invitation to attend a hearing in regard to the already-closing portion of the Great Highway, which will be on Thursday, November 14th at 9am. The meeting is hybrid, but in-person is encouraged.

Specialist Zhan said that there is a scheduled Ocean Avenue Diwali event that we're tabling on Saturday, November 16th, and reminded all commissioners to vote if they can and to encourage their friends and family to vote as well.

12. Adjournment

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

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