



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

MINUTES

Monday, December 16, 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, Gabbie Listana, Lucas Liang, Jin Valencia-Tow, Winnie Liao, Emily Yang, Clarisse Kim, Camryn Marlow, Ethar Alameri, Harper Fortgang, Skylar Dang, Ikahihifo Paea, Imaan Ansari, Téa Lonné Amir, Eloise Krehlik, Ava Oram.

Absent: Aisha Majdoub (excused).

Tardy: None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote viewing on December 16, 2024, 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: 16 present, 1 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - present
Camryn Marlow (D2) - present
Winnie Liao (D3) - present
Lucas Liang (D4) - present
Ethar Alameri (D5) - present
Gabbie Listana (D6) - present
Jin Valencia-Tow (D7) - present
Harper Fortgang (D8) - present
Skylar Dang (D9) - present
Ikahihifo Paea (D10) - present
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 Marlow, seconded by Commissioner Lonné Amir, motioned to excuse Commissioner Majdoub. No discussion. No public comment. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

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

Action: Commissioner 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 Lonné Amir, seconded by Commissioner Dang, motioned to approve the December 16, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

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

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. December 2, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Marlow, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to approve the December 2, 2024 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
Gabbie Listana (D6) - aye
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) - 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)

Public Commenter 1:

This commenter stated that in 35 days, the world they live in will change. They said to not let politicians that they don't trust make decisions alone, because things that were previously known will no longer be. They are the leaders of tomorrow, and said that they should consider becoming sister cities with other youth commission cities.

6. Commission Business (discussion & possible action)

- a. **MOTION No. 2425-AL-02 Motion Condemning the Retaliation Against Youth Climate Activists by the California Academy of Sciences** [California Academy of Sciences Youth Climate Activists]

- i. Presenter: Jason Fong, Chair of the SF Youth Commission

Chair Fong read the motion language into the record and introduced the context around the issue. Commissioner Fortgang said she's familiar with this program and supports their efforts, but also believes that there isn't enough information to justify what are all the facts. Chair Fong said that he based the core of the motion with the content in the Mission Local article, and he's been communicating with the District 7 Office on how to best support the youth involved. He's tried to connect with them, but it has not been successful, and he hopes to pass this motion before the end of the year.

Commissioner Fortgang asked why it was so urgent to have it be passed now instead of a more informed decision in January, so they can get more information. Chair Fong asked the Comms Officers regarding any communications with the youth, but Officer Liao and Officer Yang said they haven't heard back.

Chair Fong said that they can work to engage with the involved youth for greater clarity, but he does want to address it urgently since there are federal grant dollars that were meant to support this youth program. Officer Liang asked if he knows what's happening with the federal grant money, to which staff said that the California Academy of Sciences said that those funds would be reallocated to a different youth program, but there are no further details on that information. Commissioner Marlow asked for clarity about the situation, to which Chair Fong answered.

Commissioner Dang asked about when the situation took place, to which Vice Chair Listana said that the information wasn't made public until recently when the article was released. Officer Liao asked if they'll be able to amend the motion after it's passed, to which Chair Fong said that they can release a new statement or motion in the future, but that they can't amend the motion after it's been passed in the case that they find new information about the situation.

Commissioner Dang added a grammatical amendment to be considered. Commissioner Lonné Amir asked if the language about "questionable circumstances" refers to the funds that went toward the youth program, to which Chair Fong said yes.

Commissioner Fortgang said that she doesn't feel comfortable voting for a motion that only has a single news article that it's based on. Commissioner Kim asked if it's normal for there to be a single source in motions, to which Chair Fong said that it's not uncommon to have limited sources or information.

Commissioner Marlow asked if the motion is calling for the fired staff to be rehired, to which Chair Fong said no, just to apologize for the manner in which this was done. Officer Liao said that she's in conversation with some of the youth who are involved, but she doesn't have an answer today. Director Garcia said that the union organizing at the California Academy of Sciences is getting involved, but no new information at this time.

Officer Liang said to build consensus, the commission should consider restructuring the language to be more of an inquiry and instead focus on finding out what happened, to which Chair Fong said yes. Commissioner Dang said it seems as if all the information that might be available, is out there currently, and that it's been two months since it happened and they should pass a more inquiring statement as soon as they can.

Commissioners deliberated changing the motion's language. Commissioners Ansari, Fortgang, Kim, Liang, Lonné Amir, Oram, and Valencia-Tow made recommendations for language changes. Chair Fong read the motion's amended language into the record.

Commissioner Alameri took a point of personal privilege from 5:39pm to 5:44pm.

Officer Valencia-Tow, seconded by Commissioner Ansari, motioned to condemn the retaliation against youth climate activists by the California Academy of Sciences, with amendments and grammatical edits. No discussion. Public Commenter 1 simply said “excellent”. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 16 ayes, 1 absent.

Clarisse Kim (D1) - aye
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Camryn Marlow (D2) - aye
Winnie Liao (D3) - aye
Lucas Liang (D4) - aye
Ethar Alameri (D5) - aye
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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: Motion to condemn the retaliation against youth climate activists by the California Academy of Sciences, with amendments and grammatical edits, passes.

7. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Valencia-Tow said there was no new legislation at the BOS, but they are planning to host another Youth Budget Community Forum with a hold date of February 5th, 2025.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Liao said they're putting together a post for a recap of the Youth Budget Community Forum from earlier this month. Liao also offered to help with Legislative Affairs Officers to put together a flyer for the next community forum in February.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Listana said the Executive Committee meeting went well, and so did they recap for the most recent budget forum. Liang said that anyone can host a smaller district-based forum about the budget.

b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Kim recapped the committee's action.

c. Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee

Commissioner Fortgang recapped the committee's action.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Lonné Amir recapped the committee's action.

8. 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 Valencia-Tow, Commissioner Liao, Commissioner Fong, Commissioner Dang, Commissioner Fortgang, Commissioner Lonné Amir, Commissioner Alameri, Commissioner Kim, and Commissioner Krehlik.

Commissioner Valencia-Tow said he doesn't have a resolution yet, but he does have plans to introduce one soon. He also helped present to the District 7 Youth Council to discuss the city budget, and it was the first time that he got to do that since he was on the D7YC.

Commissioner Liao said she's starting discussions around starting a District 3 Youth Council, and is working with a community organization to start it.

Commissioner Fong said that he hopes to have a budget forum for the D7YC to give their input into the Youth Commission's priorities as well.

Commissioner Dang said she couldn't make it to the budget forum, but has been talking to her peers about their priorities. She's hoping to work on a resolution,

and mentioned that everyone can be involved in her resolution discussing gun violence in schools.

Commissioner Fortgang said she attended the budget forum and it was great to hear directly from community voices, and she joined the California Association of Youth Commission's Steering Committee meetings.

Commissioner Lonné Amir said she doesn't have any resolutions now, but she met with some community-budget organizations, and hopes to put together either an event or resolution in support of her CBO.

Commissioner Alameri said she attended the budget forum and was interested in hearing what the adult allies had to say, she was able to meet the incoming D5 Supervisor Bilal Mahmood to discuss issues surrounding Arab residents in D5, and she is working on the gun violence resolution with Commissioner Dang. She took a point of personal privilege from 6:13pm to 6:14pm.

Commissioner Kim said the CBO she's involved in wants to present to the full Youth Commission. Chair Fong added that he hopes more CBOs come to present in the future.

Commissioner Krehlik said she was able to connect with another organization and hopes to attend more community events in the future.

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No introductions.

9. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia said today is the last meeting of 2024, reminded everyone to finish their online trainings by December 30th, she sent a calendar invite for the January mid-term retreat, she said that we would update calendar invites when meetings resume next month, and said to promote the Sugary Drinks Tax Advisory Committee youth seat since it's now open to apply for.

Specialist Zhan reminded commissioners to submit any agenda item language that may come up during meetings, staff met with the JCYC today to discuss substance abuse prevention, and that starting in January there will be department budget presentations.

Specialist Ochoa said all three staff were able to attend the BMo'Magic 20th Anniversary Celebration and CANA Grand Opening events on Thursday, said that staff sadly did not win the BOS Bake-Off last week, he said for commissioners with new appointing officers to take opportunities to meet with them at community events if they can, said to send him

any community events, and said to reach out to him if there's any undocumented folks or DACA recipients who need support from the Latino Task Force.

10. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Director Garcia said there's an opportunity to participate in District 11. Chair Fong said to enjoy the break and that it'll be very busy when the new year begins.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:28pm.

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