



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Monday, April 3, 2023
5:00 p.m.

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Members: Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8), Chloe Wong (D1), Allister Adair (D2), Reese Terrell (D3), Maureen Loftus (D4), Hayden Miller (D5), Ann Anish (D7), Yoselin Colin (D9), Vanessa Pimentel (D10), Yena Im (Mayoral), Tyrone S. Hillman III (Mayoral).

Present: Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Raven Shaw, Gabrielle Listana, Astrid Utting, Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Reese Terrell, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Ann Anish, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Yena Im, Tyrone S. Hillman III.

Absent: Steven Hum (excused).

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The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on April 3, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:03pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong present
Allister Adair present
Reese Terrell present



Maureen Loftus present
Hayden Miller present
Gabrielle Listana present
Ann Anish present
Astrid Utting present
Yoselin Colin present
Vanessa Pimentel present
Ewan Barker Plummer present
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw present
Yena Im present
Tyrone S. Hillman III present
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to excuse Officer Hum. The motion was carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Officer Hum'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)

No discussion, and no public comment.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Loftus, motioned to approve the April 3, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda, with the amendment to table agenda Item 11C. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. March 20, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion. No public comment.

Officer Utting, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve the March 20, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:



Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

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

No public comment.

6. LYRIC Certificate of Honor

- a. Presenter: Vice Chair Barker Plummer and Commissioner Utting

The presenters made positive remarks for LYRIC. LYRIC was incredibly thankful for the support and allyship with the Youth Commission, especially because of the ongoing attacks that they've received in their support queer and trans youth.

No public comment.

7. Presentations (discussion and possible action)

a. Department of Environment

- i. Presenter: Joseph Piasecki, Policy and Public Affairs Coordinator

Piasecki gave their presentation to the Commission. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked how the housing target has been adjusted due to the recently passed



housing element, with Piasecki saying that they are still analyzing that process, in addition to addressing the recent BOS policy to restrict new housing to only use electric appliances. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if they're prepared to still move forward with their goals considering the dire budget situation the City is in, to which Piasecki said that they will still move forward, but that not getting the funding will jeopardize parts of the Climate Action Plan, but they'll still remain optimistic. Commissioner Miller thanked the department for their work, and said that it's one of the most important departments, especially for young people. Commissioner Miller asked how the department is pushing people to use more sustainable methods of transportation, in which Piasecki said that they're trying to ensure residents have easy access to public transportation and walkable neighborhoods to prohibit the use of cars and polluting transit methods. Commissioner Miller asked if the department has considered e-bike subsidies as a way to get people out of their cars, in which Piasecki said they are doing so, in addition to exploring an upcoming e-bike food delivery program in Downtown SF. Commissioner Miller asked if there's a rationale behind the ride to home program that the department provides for only those 18 and older, to which Piasecki said that he isn't sure why that is at the moment but would love to work with him to address it. Chair Nguyen asked what their exact roles are in implementing the Climate Action Plan, to which Piasecki said that they collaborate with other city departments to create unified goals to reduce the infighting on funding, and can help provide greater information as they proceed. Chair Nguyen asked if those collaborative efforts will result in a positive outcome since there's some goals that haven't been met yet, to which Piasecki said that they are very optimistic that it will succeed and that there's not many other cities with ambitious plans like the City has currently.

b. Office of Financial Empowerment K2C (discussion and possible action)

i. Presenter: Mohan Kanungo, Program Manager

Kanungo presented to the Commission. Commissioner Utting asked what K2C's outreach plan is towards students, in which Kanungo said that they send newly enrolled Kindergarteners and their families a packet via mail and text to help them enroll into the program; they also have school ambassadors to help refer students and families to the program, even more so than the initial outreach. Commissioner Utting asked if they target high school students at any point, to which Kanungo said that they're just now seeing their first set of students from the Kindergarten level who are graduating high school as well as them exploring alternatives for high school students to join into the program as well. Commission Colin asked what the rate is of students who forget to take out their funds or what happens with the funds if they don't use it, to which Kanungo said that they are



about to initiate their first payment disbursements and said that if they do not take out any of the funds that the funding then recycles back into the program, or they can transition that funding to another special account for them to hold onto. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked what challenges there have been and how the YC can support the program and its outreach, to which Kanungo said that they've rebranded last year and would love for the YC to push out on social media and into their networks to let other youth know about the program. Commissioner Loftus asked where their budget comes from originally, to which Kanungo said the main staff salary comes from the City's General Fund and they have other funding sources to incentivize families to join. Commissioner Adair asked what they think the Youth Commission can do to support this program, to which Kanungo said that outreach and external support can help create a strong message to all youth that they should start an account. Commissioner Miller asked if youth who graduate can still get the funding if they don't go to college, to which Kanungo said that they can always get the money back that they put in or earned incentives for, but the remaining incentives are supplemented are reserved specifically for youth who are planning on going to any institution of secondary education. Officer Utting asked if the school ambassadors can be youth themselves, to which Kanungo said that they're exploring that as an option in the near future.

c. Larkin Street Youth Services (discussion and possible action)

- i. Presenter: Kelsey Pimentel, Program Manager of Youth Leadership

Pimentel and Reagan presented to the Commission. Commissioner Loftus asked for language clarification. Commissioner Wong asked what barriers exist for immigrant youth, to which LSYS said there are low barriers to achieving the resources available. Officer Listana asked what programs and services they provide for queer youth specifically, to which they created specialized housing programs and always collaborate with other organizations with the same mission and goal as they have.

d. Climate Presentation (discussion and possible action)

- i. Presenter: Hector Mondragon, District 9 Intern

Mondragon presented to the Commission. Commissioner Miller asked what the specific ask was, to which Mondragon said that he hopes that the YC can help spread important information to youth widely across the City so that they can have more motivation and incentives to get involved in these opportunities. Commissioner Adair asked for an elaboration on what jobs and opportunities are available, to which Mondragon listed the many roles that are within the orgs that



he pointed out in his presentation. Mondragon also went into the resolution that he's working on to condemn President Biden's action and going back on his word by approving the Willow Project.

Chair Nguyen calls for a 10-minute recess at 6:37pm. Chair Nguyen called the meeting back to order at 6:48pm.

8. Letters of Support (discussion and possible action)

a. Human Rights Commission Budget Ask

- i. Presenter: Commissioner Colin and Commissioner Shaw

Commissioner Colin believes they should support the \$15 million ask by the HRC because they have many programs and resources that they offer.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Officer Shaw, motioned to approve the letter of support for the HRC budget ask, with grammatical amendments. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: letter approved.

b. Latino Task Force Budget Ask

- i. Presenter: Commissioner Colin and Commissioner Shaw



Commissioner Colin believes they should support the \$6 million ask that goes to the many resources, services, and programs that LTF has been doing and continue advocating for their ongoing efforts. Commissioner Miller asked for clarification on the budgetary ask. Director Garcia clarified that they have lost funding on COVID-based grants due to the state and federal government shifting to a post-pandemic focus. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if this would be a reduction based on their current funding, to which Director Garcia said yes.

- c. **SB 472** (Subject: Pupil health; opioid overdose reversal medication)
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Colin

Commissioner Colin mentioned the details of the legislation. Commissioner Miller asked if the state would be providing the funding to purchase the medication, to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer said the state would reimburse the school districts across California.

- d. **AB 912** (Subject: Strategic Anti-Violence Funding Efforts Act)
 - i. Presenter: Commissioner Colin, Commissioner Barker Plummer, and Commissioner Pimentel

Commissioner Colin explained the legislation. Vice Chair Barker Plummer said this legislation is critical to addressing gun violence and is a good investment. Commissioner Colin also mentioned that this funding would be broken down into several budgets.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to approve all of the letters of support for the Latino Task Force budget ask, SB 472, and AB 912. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye



Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: all 3 letters approved.

9. Trainings

a. Public Comment

- i. Presenter: Joy Zhan, Youth Development Specialist

Specialist Zhan went into a training to assist Commissioners with the ability to do public comment. Commissioners Anish, Im, Pimentel, Terrell, and Wong gave practice public comment. No public comment.

10. Resolutions and Motions (discussion and possible action)

- a. **[Gun Violence Restraining Orders - Public Awareness]** - Resolution urging the City and County of San Francisco to improve and expand public awareness of Gun Violence Restraining Orders, particularly to middle school students, high school students, higher education students, educators, school administrators, and other school staff (First Reading and Possible Action item).

- i. Presenter: Commissioner Barker Plummer, Commissioner Colin, and Commissioner Shaw

Vice Chair Barker Plummer introduced the resolution and explained the story of why it's being introduced, based on the recent shooting and hate crime in the Richmond District in a Jewish synagogue. The authors of the resolution read the language aloud. Chair Nguyen asked if San Francisco would be able to look for grant funding to support the initiatives listed in the resolution at the local level. Officer Utting agreed with Chair Nguyen but asked if there were other city models to look at, to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer said San Diego would likely be the best model since they were the first to do so and are also in California. Officer Utting said it might be a good idea to list some of the other cities in the resolution to amplify its impact. Chair Nguyen asked if there was a greater pool of data to pull from to strengthen the information in the resolution on its success.



- b. **[Motion Declaring Solidarity and Support for LGBTQ+ Student Walkout]** - Motion declaring solidarity and support for San Francisco students walking out against anti-LGBTQ+ legislation nationwide.
- i. Presenter: Commissioner Barker Plummer

Vice Chair Barker Plummer discussed the student walkout that took place on Friday, March 31st, and the Youth Liberation March on Saturday, March 25th. The authors read the resolution aloud.

No public comment.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to declare solidarity and support for the LGBTQ+ student walkout. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: motion approved.

11. Legislation Referred (discussion and possible action)

- a. **BOS File No. 230326** - Resolution urging elected representatives, schools, and youth-serving institutions in San Francisco and other jurisdictions to protect transgender and lesbian, gay, bisexual, and queer (LGBQ+) youth and adults'



lives and gender expression from hate and violence amid national legislative efforts to roll back transgender and LGBTQ+ protections.

- i. Presenter: Youth Commission staff

Director Garcia explained the core of the legislation, and that it was a first step to address and support LGBTQ+ youth.

- b. **BOS File No. 230328** - Resolution supporting California State Assembly Bill No. 912, The SAFE Act, authored by Assemblymember Reggie Jones-Sawyer, to reinvest prison closure savings into community crime reduction programs.

- i. Presenter: Youth Commission staff

Director Garica summarized the legislation, and how it's separate from the letter of support that was voted on earlier in the meeting.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Officer Shaw, motioned to support both BOS File No. 230326 and BOS File No. 230328. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Voice Vote: 14 ayes, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Reese Terrell aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller absent
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish aye
Astrid Utting aye
Yoselin Colin aye
Vanessa Pimentel aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye
Steven Hum absent
Raven Shaw aye
Yena Im aye
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: motion approved.



- ~~c. **BOS File No. 230158** Ordinance appropriating \$25,371,063 of General Fund General Reserves, \$587,029 of other revenues, and \$834,204 of special revenue fund balance to the Police Department; de-appropriating \$31,999,402 from permanent salaries, mandating fringe benefits, equipment, budgeted debt service, budgeted project expenditures, and overtime for increased overtime budget in the Police Department in Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 as required per Administrative Code, Section 3.17, required biweekly reporting to the Board of Supervisors on overtime by neighborhood, and releasing \$7,430,008 from expenditure reserve.~~

This item was removed from the agenda during the approval of the agenda, due to no response from the Board of Supervisors' legislative aides.

12. Committee Reports (discussion item)

- a. Executive Committee
 - i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Shaw said the Board of Supervisors were on break last week, so there's been no new legislation referred to the Youth Commission. She also mentioned it's good to see the YC passing resolutions and motions this meeting and in previous meetings. Chair Nguyen asked if there was any movement on the resolutions that they delivered to the Board of Supervisors, or with Commissioners continuing to do further advocacy to the BOS, and Officer Shaw said she'd work on that and bring it to the forefront with Officer Hum.

- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Listana said that they've reached out to SFUSD teachers for classroom presentations, they've done social media outreach to promote local events, and have sent out the flyers for both the Youth Budget Town Hall and 2023/2024 Recruitment. Officer Utting said that Commissioner Loftus will be doing the takeover this week, as well as some additional posts that will be coming out regarding the BOS Budget & Policy Priorities presentation.

- iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Barker Plummer couldn't meet last week because of the lack of quorum, but had a working meeting instead. He said they worked on



planning for the Youth Budget Town Hall and further outreach for 2023/24 recruitment.

b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Commissioner Anish said there's nothing to report since they canceled their last scheduled meeting on March 27th due to time conflicts.

c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Loftus said they were able to meet with California Association of Student Councils (CASC) and talked about future collaboration with the Youth Commission. Chair Nguyen added that CASC is very excited to work with the Youth Commission, especially on the Vote16 initiative.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Colin said that last week they went through all of the four letters of support that they passed earlier in this meeting. The committee met with Vice Chair Barker Plummer on his resolution, went over the Juvenile Hall hearing flyer, and they talked about several pieces of referred legislation.

e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

Officer Listana said they haven't met since the last meeting, but will be meeting on Thursday, April 20th at 5pm.

No public comment.

13. Roll Call and Introductions

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

- a. Presenters: Commissioner Anish, Commissioner Utting, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Hum, Commissioner Adair, Commissioner Shaw, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Loftus

Commissioner Anish said they've been working on a resolution and changed her focus after meeting with the Human Rights Commission, to try and accommodate language regarding the recent violence between youth at youth-centered spaces like Stonestown Galleria. She might write a letter regarding that violence to help youth try and feel safer in those spaces.



Commissioner Utting has started the research process to write a resolution on paying Youth Commissioners, and she has created a survey to see how being paid or not being paid has impacted their ability to do their advocacy and work. She's also working on making the preregistration BPP into a resolution, but will wait to bring that to the full Commission for a vote until the Department of Elections presents to the Commission in May. She's collaborating with both Commissioners Im and Wong to create an easier process for students to apply to the City College of San Francisco (CCSF), to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer said he can connect them with a CCSF professor who can help. She will be turning the results of the CEEC survey into a report that they can then share externally to community organizations. Lastly, there will be updates coming soon in regards to the school safety hearing.

Commissioner Miller said he has been on spring break so he hasn't been doing much, but wants to do something regarding expanding bike access and possibly a resolution to allow bikes on Muni trains. He also wants to get a presentation on fare enforcement from SFMTA, especially since the fare agents have failed to accurately enforce their policies and targeting youth and specific neighborhoods.

Commissioner Hum is absent.

Commissioner Adair said he is continuing to do work on the 78 Haight resolution, but he is doing more research since the situation with Silicon Valley Bank has jeopardized some of the funding for the nonprofit that is supporting this housing project.

Commissioner Shaw said she has been working alongside Commissioners Colin and Barker Plummer on the letters of support that they passed today. She also has been working with Commissioner Hillman on a resolution.

Commissioner Nguyen said she has been working to support the Youth Budget Town Hall, as well as a bike resolution recently, but she's doing more research in the next month. She's also been connecting with different organizations on the issue of Vote16, and how the YC can set a solid foundation on pushing it forward to become a charter amendment in 2024. She'd also like to look into doing a letter of support with the Environment Department to support their budget ask.

Commissioner Loftus said that she's working with Commissioner Pimentel on a resolution stemming from the BPP on life skills, and has narrowed it down to



focus on financial literacy based on everyone's feedback from last month. She is planning a lot of fun activities as well for her IG takeover.

b. Other Legislative Introductions

No other legislation has been introduced.

14. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia will email her report later this week. Specialist Zhan asked Commissioners to let her know their availability to schedule meetings with their appointing officers for continued BPP advocacy. Specialist Ochoa said to make sure to share the Youth Budget Town Hall flyers, to share the 2023/2024 SFYC Recruitment flyers, and that staff will be doing 1:1's to help support Commissioners on the conversation if they're planning on reapplying to serve on the Youth Commission next year.

15. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Specialist Ochoa said that there will be an Easter Egg Hunt at the Great Highway Park on Sunday, April 9th at 11am, in addition to an Ocean Beach Clean Up on the same day at 1pm.

No public comment.

16. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 8:04pm.