



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

MINUTES

**Monday, March 18, 2024
5:00 p.m.**

**IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place,
San Francisco, CA 94102**

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS via Webex

Members: Ewan Barker Plummer (Chair, Mayoral), Gabbie Listana (Vice Chair, D6), Téa Lonné Amir (Comms & Outreach Officer, Mayoral), Kelly Wu (Comms & Outreach Officer, D3), Allister Adair (Legislative Affairs Officer, D2), Jason Fong (Legislative Affairs Officer, D7), Chloe Wong (D1), Linda Ye (D4), Helen Cisneros (D5), Galicia Stack Lozano (D8), Skylar Dang (D9), Adrianna Faagau-Noa (D10), Imaan Ansari (D11), Valentina Alioto-Pier (Mayoral), Isabella T. Perez (Mayoral), Aryelle Lampkins (Mayoral), Joselyn Marroquin (Mayoral).

Present: Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabbie Listana, Téa Lonné Amir, Kelly Wu, Allister Adair, Chloe Wong, Linda Ye, Helen Cisneros, Galicia Stack Lozano, Adrianna Faagau-Noa, Imaan Ansari, Isabella T. Perez, Aryelle Lampkins, Joselyn Marroquin.

Absent: Skylar Dang (excused), Valentina Alioto-Pier (unexcused).

Tardy: Jason Fong, Chloe Wong.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access on March 18, 2024, with Chair Barker Plummer presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Barker Plummer called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

On the call of the roll:



Roll Call Attendance: 13 present, 4 absent.

Chloe Wong absent
Allister Adair present
Kelly Wu present
Linda Ye present
Helen Cisneros present
Gabbie Listana present
Jason Fong absent
Galicia Stack Lozano present
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa present
Imaan Ansari present
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez present
Aryelle Lampkins present
Joselyn Marroquin present
Téa Lonné Amir present
Ewan Barker Plummer present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

Commissioner Wong entered the meeting at 5:03pm.

2. Communications

Joy Zhan, Youth Development Specialist of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Officer Wu, seconded by Officer Lonné Amir, motioned to approve the March 18, 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.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye



Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)
a. March 4, 2024 (Packet Materials)

Commissioner Ye, seconded by Commissioner Faagau-Noa, motioned to approve the March 4, 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.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong absent
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye



Ewan Barker Plummer 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 item)

a. Juvenile Probation Department

i. Presenter: Verónica Martinez, Deputy Director of Administrative Services

Deputy Director Martinez presented the JPD's 2024/2025 budget projections.

Commissioner Ye asked what are the chances that youth have been readmitted into Juvenile Hall and if they have data on that information, to which Martinez said they do have that data and they can provide that information soon. Ye added that she would like to see if those community investments are effective in keeping formerly incarcerated youth out of jail after they serve their time.

Commissioner Faagau-Noa asked if they used the crime reports from the DOJ, to which Martinez said that they do participate in that reporting.

Commissioner Wu asked what restorative practices they partake in at Juvenile Hall, to which Martinez said that they do have several programs and specifically noted that they have designated programs for detained and sentenced youth in Juvenile Hall to ensure they have live coaches to help them through those processes. Wu asked if these programs have enough funding to be effective, to which Martinez said that because they've seen an increase in incarcerated youth that the cost has gone up, but they've also gotten more funding because of that. Martinez added that there's never enough funding and that lack of adequate funding has resulted in a shortage of counselors.

Commissioner Ye asked what determines if a youth receives a citation or is put in detention, to which Martinez said that it depends specifically on the alleged crime that the youth committed, but it also depends on the case specifics or the judge that determined the course of that case. Ye asked if the ratio of cases per probation officer has caused problems, to which Martinez said that while they are determining what the correct ratio should be, that it has caused a heavy burden on the POs.



Chair Barker Plummer asked if the state law changes regarding the shift from state to local responsibility of juveniles has affected San Francisco's Juvenile Hall, to which Martinez said it has increase the financial burden onto the City's finances but has allowed them to shift that funding more to the discretion of the City to focus on programming. Barker Plummer asked if they could explain the increase in the administrative costs and if that's why they're seeing an increase in department spending, to which Martinez said the department has decided to shift some programmatic staff from other funding sources to then be included into the administrative costs instead.

Public Comment (3 minutes):

- (1) Sandra: They would like to see the data of the effectiveness. They mentioned that there was a case with a girl who was sent to take a taxi with no finances to help support them. They said that the POs (probation officers) need more training to support youth better, and that the system needs to be fixed. They invited all Youth Commissioners to attend a Juvenile Probation Commission meeting, which will be taking place next Wednesday, March 13th at 5:30pm. They said that at previous meetings, they have called jails campuses, but that a jail is a jail.

Officer Fong entered the meeting at 5:58pm.

- b. San Francisco Department of Homelessness and Supportive Housing
 - i. Presenter: Emily Cohen, Bryn Miller, and Christine Rolan

Christine Rolan and Bryn Miller presented their HSH budget projections.

Commissioner Wong asked how the two newly acquired for TAY permanent supportive housing units will be accessible for young adults, to which Rolan said that there's access centers across the City that can help connect young people to those sites, even if the PSH sites aren't located directly where the youth are located. Miller added that these sites are specifically located in places where the community partners can best access those youth-in-need. Wong asked what strategies are in place to make sure that the TAY navigation center remains effective despite the tough budget outlook, to which Rolan said that they plan their budget projections in multi-year outlooks to ensure they can maintain their facilities and programs years in the future.

Vice Chair Listana asked if there are any specific funds within their budget that goes towards serving LGBTQ+ youth to access permanent supportive housing



and other services, to which Miller said there are four access points across the City with two of them being specifically accessible for LGBTQ+ youth (SF LGBT Center & LYRIC). Listana asked if any of the projected budget reductions will affect LGBTQ+ youth programs, to which Rolan said that they avoided any cuts to programming by identifying cuts they can make by applying for new funding sources.

Commissioner Faagau-Noa asked what identifiers exist to help get youth into housing, to which Miller said there's an assessment of their needs and state to determine who is most in need since they do not have enough resources to help everyone who needs it.

Officer Adair asked what are the specifics about the \$10 million in reductions, to which Rolan said that those funds were reduced from shelter spaces that were originally for COVID-19 shelters, mainly due to renegotiating the costs of those spaces rather than actually cutting the number of beds.

Chair Barker Plummer asked what work is being done to adjust the assessment, especially for LGBTQ+ youth who typically are not able to qualify, to which Miller said they've recently provided for emergency hotel vouchers specifically for LGBTQ+ youth. Barker Plummer added that the City has seen that there are hundreds of vacant PSH units and not filling those is a failure of delivering those resources, to which Miller said that there's a dashboard where the public can see the most recently updated statistics. Miller said that they currently have about a 12% vacancy rate because of some units needing repair, undesirable living situations that people don't want to live near, and other related issues.

Chair Barker Plummer asked about the reductions in funds from the Our City Our Home fund, to which Rolan said that the fact that the OCOH fund is based on gross receipts tax has fallen due to the reduction in revenues from companies due to the sluggish local economic recovery since COVID-19. Barker Plummer also said that HSH can significantly improve in its effort to address the needs of young people since they only spend 9% of their entire budget on youth, to which Rolan said that the budget isn't set up to mirror the unhoused population and all of its changes, but that they're trying to better categorize the budget to ensure that they're addressing the needs of various populations equitably.

Commissioner Wong asked what ways the Youth Commission can advocate for to ensure HSH can better address the needs of unhoused youth, to which Rolan said that they can advocate for better funding streams and Miller said they can



participate in public comment at the Board of Supervisors when they are looking at legislation.

Public Comment (3 minutes):

(1) Sandra: They are not sure if this department is working with probation, but they said that the HSH access points are not youth-friendly and kids cannot find resources or services on their own. They said that there's many families who can't find resources or who are prevented because of higher qualifications or an overcomplicated system. They said the vouchers are okay but they need actual housing.

- c. Department of Public Health - Office of Overdose Prevention
 - i. Presenter: Neva Legallet, Overdose Prevention Analyst

Dr. Jeffrey Hong and Neva Legallet presented on overdose prevention.

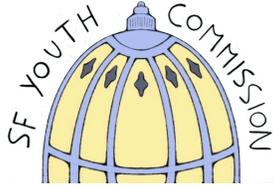
Commissioner Ye asked if the numbers were correct since she found information that shows that 22 youth have overdosed fatally in 2023, to which Legallet said it's an ongoing conversation regarding how to best support each school site throughout San Francisco. Dr. Hong added that the 2023 file hasn't been added yet since the medical examiner has yet to finalize all of the causes of death for that calendar year, and they'll be updating that data when it comes to that. Ye asked how they quantify what programs are correct to address the drug crisis and how they collect data, to which Legallet said that there's a public dashboard that has available data but it takes a while to finalize that information.

Officer Wu asked if there's any conversation about adding drug education into SFUSD's curriculum, to which Legallet said that they're providing support to the school district but cannot directly produce the curriculum.

Public Comment (3 minutes):

(1) Sandra: They are a mother and grew up in San Francisco. They talked about the mass killings of youth in the 1990's, which was about 2-3 youth killed a month due to gun violence. They said that doctors need to come together to fix the drug crisis and reduce the stigma, and that families are being harmed by these types of policies like the proposition in the March 2024 election.

Officer Wu left the meeting at 6:30pm, and returned at 6:33pm.



Chair Barker Plummer called for a 10-minute recess at 6:45pm. Chair Barker Plummer called the meeting back to order at 6:56pm.

7. Commission Business (discussion & possible action item)

- a. 2024/2025 Youth Commission Application and Recruitment Process
 - i. Presenter: Youth Commission Staff

Specialist Ochoa presented the 2024 Youth Commission Application, with the proposed question changes and updated 2024 information. Commissioners asked questions regarding the intent in changing the framing of the questions, to which staff said that they have used these questions for the past three years and believe that these new questions will be easier for both appointing officers and staff to know more about the youth applying to serve on the SFYC.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Ye, motioned to approve the 2024/2025 Youth Commission Application and Recruitment Process, with the amendments to New Applicant Question 5. Commissioner Ye recommended an amendment to the phrasing and framing of New Applicant Question 5 to expand on youth's experience in leadership, to which staff agreed.

Public Comment:

- (1) Sandra: There's no way to tell where folks come from, so there should be an "at home" portion of leadership experience within Question 5. They asked

Chair Barker Plummer rescinded his previous motion, and motioned to approve the 2024/2025 Youth Commission Application and Recruitment Process with two new amendments to New Applicant Question 5, Officer Adair seconded. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye



Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: the 2024/2025 Youth Commission application and recruitment process has been approved, with two amendments to New Applicant Question 5.

Commissioner Ansari left the chambers at 7:17 pm and returned at 7:19 pm.

- b. Motion No. 2324-AL-12 [Motion to Support Efforts - Urging the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Continue the Promotion and Funding of the Free Muni for All Youth Program] Motion to urge the San Francisco Municipal Transportation Agency to Continue the Promotion and Funding of the Free Muni for All Youth Program by Including it as a Baseline in Their Budget.
- i. Presenter: Housing, Recreation, & Transit Committee

Commissioner Ansari, seconded by Officer Fong, motioned to support efforts urging the SFMTA to continue the promotion and funding of the FMFAY program. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galicia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Motion to support efforts urging the SFMTA to continue the promotion and funding of the FMFAY program passes.

8. Legislation Referred (discussion & possible action item)

- a. BOS File 240175 [Administrative Code - Firearm and Ammunition Procurement] Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to set minimum qualifications for suppliers from which the City procures firearms and ammunition.
 - i. Presenter: LAOs

Officer Adair introduced the legislation and the reasoning for why he and Officer Fong are recommending a recommendation in support of the legislation. Commissioner Faagau-Noa asked what qualifications are going to be required, to which Officer Adair listed the qualifications as stated in the BOS legislation. Commissioner Ye said that any legislation that helps protect people from gun violence is good for our communities.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Perez, motioned to support BOS File 240175 - Administrative Code - Firearm and Ammunition Procurement. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent



Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Motion to support BOS File 240175 passes.

9. Committee Reports (discussion item)

a. Executive Committee

i. Legislative Affairs Officers

Officer Adair said that there are various legislations and hearings coming up at the Board of Supervisors, and they will be keeping the Commission updated on if they shall be referred.

ii. Communication and Outreach Officers

Officer Lonné Amir asked for commissioners to let her and Officer Wu know if they want to sign up for Youth Commission presentations for recruitment and applications. She added that the YC will be tabling at the Cherry Blossom Festival on April 13th and April 20th, and that they are required to attend at least one slot.

Officer Wu reminded everyone about the upcoming information sessions on Thursday, April 11th (virtual info session) and Wednesday, April 24th (in-person open house).

Specialist Ochoa said that at the next full Youth Commission meeting, that every commissioner will be given flyers that they can distribute them in their schools, community organizations, and other locations.

Commissioner Ye asked the Comms Officers if there's a plan to be more active on social media to keep folks engaged, and recommended that they can do IG takeovers to get youth involved on social media.

iii. General Committee Updates

Vice Chair Listana reminded commissioners to look over presentations before meetings so that they can ask questions from a variety of voices.



b. Civic Engagement and Education Committee

Commissioner Perez said that CEEC hasn't met since the last FYC meeting, so there are no updates.

c. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee

Officer Fong said that HRT reprioritized their goals for the remainder of the year and created a list of future goals to move towards.

d. Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Ye said that TJ did not meet last week, so there are no updates.

10. Citywide Governing Bodies Update (discussion item)

a. Student Success Fund Advisory Council

i. Commissioner Ansari

Commissioner Ansari said that they recently had a retreat to learn more about the Student Success Fund, and are focusing on doing more outreach regarding the resources available to students.

b. Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee

i. Commissioner Ye

Commissioner Ye said they recently passed their budget recommendations for FY 2024/2025 & FY 2025/2026, worked on outreach to help educate others on what the sugary drinks tax does, and to recruit new applicants for future opportunities.

c. Department of Children, Youth, and their Families Oversight Advisory Council

i. Commissioner Dang

Commissioner Dang is absent.

d. SFUSD Student Advisory Council

i. Commissioner Wu

Commissioner Wu said that they're currently planning the SAC summit, from 10am-3:30pm, and any SFUSD student can be excused via field trip form to



attend. There will be free lunch provided, it'll be a good networking event, and it'll be at Fort Mason on Friday, April 5th.

- e. Department of Status on Women Community Needs Assessment Steering Committee
 - i. Commissioner Perez

Commissioner Perez said their role has been the youth perspective on data gathered on issues like civic engagement and public safety. She said more survey data will be distributed in the coming weeks.

11. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia asked which commissioners can join in on the San Francisco and San Jose Youth Commission meet-up at City Hall on Sunday, April 14th. Specialist Zhan asked commissioners to stay behind after this meeting to sign up for a shift for the Cherry Blossom Festival tabling, and to let CEEC members know if they can do a Vote16 presentation. Specialist Ochoa asked for commissioners to join staff at the Boys & Girls Club career fair tabling this Friday on April 22nd at 450 Guerrero St, and said to make a list of other youth who may be interested in applying to the Youth Commission for next year.

12. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

Vice Chair Listana said that the "Dear Asian Youth" event will be happening, and it's a good opportunity to learn more about API youth issues and how to advocate for them. She will send information to staff to distribute to the commissioners.

Officer Fong discussed that on March 16th there was a fatal car crash at West Portal MUNI Station with 3 people killed and a few were injured. He said that this tragedy has heavily impacted the West Portal community, and he could hear the car crash from his home from over a block away. He said that traffic fatalities are already at a 40-year high nationally, and that San Francisco needs to take action in protecting people from these types of accidents. He was able to attend the vigil earlier this evening, and asked for a moment of silence in memory of the lives that were lost.

Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Ye, to excuse Commissioner Dang's absence from today's meeting. No discussion. No public comment. The motion carried by the following voice vote:

Voice Vote: 15 ayes, 2 absent.



Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Kelly Wu aye
Linda Ye aye
Helen Cisneros aye
Gabbie Listana aye
Jason Fong aye
Galia Stack Lozano aye
Skylar Dang absent
Adrianna Faagau-Noa aye
Imaan Ansari aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier absent
Isabella T. Perez aye
Aryelle Lampkins aye
Joselyn Marroquin aye
Téa Lonné Amir aye
Ewan Barker Plummer aye

Action: Commissioner Dang's absence excused.

13. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 6:59pm.