



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, March 1st, 2021
5:00pm-8:00pm

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There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen “Rocky” Versace

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance (Discussion and Possible Action)

Chair Hylton called the meeting to order at 5:02pm. Quorum is met. Commissioners Morris & Jones are absent. Commissioner Arana is experiencing internet connectivity issues and is troubleshooting.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, present
Ariana Arana, not present
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, present
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)



No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Murphy. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. February 22, 2021

[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Veiga motions to approve of the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)



No public comment.

5. Legislation Referred (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Input + Decision] File No. 210042 [Hearing - Reimbursement Practices and Maximizing Funding - Youth and Family Mental Health Services]
Sponsor: Supervisor Melgar
Presenter: Jen Lowe, D7 Legislative Aide
(Document B)

This item is tabled for the March 15th Youth Commission meeting.

- B. [Input + Decision] File No. 210156 [Hearing - Crime and Violence Targeting Asian-American Seniors]
Sponsor: Supervisor Mar,
Presenter: D4 Legislative Staff
(Document C)

This item is tabled for the March 15th Youth Commission meeting.

- C. [Inform + Decision] File No. 210142 [Administrative Code - Composition and Sunset Date of Family Violence Council]
Sponsor: Supervisor Stefani
Presenter: Samuel Bennett, D2 Legislative Aide
(Document D)

Presentation:

Straight forward ordinance amendment, 1995 attorney general mandated a family violence council to recommend policies to reduce violence against the state. In 2007 Mayor Newsom sponsored to create the council today - -community rep, mayor, Board of Supervisors, Department of Public Health, child services.

Since 2007 - The Family Violence Council has 3 primary goals: to coordinate services and improve communication between the three communities; to analyze trends and data related to family violence in San Francisco, statewide, and nationally; and to advise the Board of Supervisors, the Mayor, and the Courts about these trends and other family violence-related issues. about issues - ongoing. Every year makes a report - July 1st 2017 - June 1st, 2019. Key findings: clear racial disparities, disproportionately impacts womxn and girls, significant need for shelter (85% turned away from emergency shelter). Large increase in family violence report, calls to crisis lines spike, greater need of budgetary pressures facilitated by being at home.

New changes:

Legislation - council expected to expire May 1st, 2021 - expend sunset date to 2024 (3 years) and legislation calls out disproportionate impact to families of color and disaggregate data and est. process to collect feedback and impact on family violence impacted community members, Appoint 3 - to a total of 6 community seats, and Department of Police Accountability into council. Impact in the community, the body is responsive to resident needs. Special thanks to the



Department of Racial Equity and Department on the Status of Women and members of family violence. and all of you for consideration. expect to come to rules on 3/15 and full board pass.

Questions:

- 1) Commissioner Santos - imperative b/c covid impact to abuse and violence in families, can you speak more to community members seats and are those compensated, how does it look like, lived experience, cbos role, etc.
Sam - thanks and this is something slightly changed in amendments. not compensated positions but under composition line once passed shall broadly rep. ethnic, sexual orientation, racial, and age diversity of individuals experienced. qualifications: each member shall have professional or lived exp in family violence or intervention. appointed by the steering committee. 3 of member agencies - recruited by cbo but public positions

Commissioner Santos - any impact to restrictions for undocumented youth (comment)

- 2) Commissioner Suwanamalik-Murphy - was hoping if you could elaborate more on the experience and the feedback of youth and transitional aged youth (TAY) are given and just in general how are they represented in council if they are.

Sam - have not heard from youth directly, have rep from child support and dcyf, and prevention youth council - but lived exp in that area is a real benefit

- 3) Commissioner Quick - historical issues on making sure all seats are filled, community seats as to who gets on those unless set out by other bodies detailed by background. yc typically advises in renewal - is youth and tay seats reserved to get that representation.

Sam - take it back to legislation, came from ore and status of women, not all of this is sup stefani imposing and this is feedback on - can't commit to that on their behalf, but we have no objection.

- 4) Commissioner Veiga - queer youth with family violence, and seeking refuge in sf - and possibly laid out

Sam - yes taking data from findings

- 5) Commissioner Santos - is that specific language in the current report or should the YC make that as a recommendation?

Sam - we are requiring that they do that in the future ([most recent report](#)), but they already do that. In the future, our legislation will require that they continue to do so.

Commissioner Santos suggested the following recommendations:

Recommendations:

- For the community seats, use language that is specific and names what type of people they want to have in the seats (youth, TAY, LGBTQ, etc)
- Ensuring a specific seat(s) for youth and be specific on age range
- Compensation for youth seat(s)
- recommend that the council look at how TAY youth are affected by family violence. I recommend we advise that 1 seat be available for youth up to age 23.



- one seat for youth <18
- one seat for TAY 18-23

Discussion:

Commissioner Quick - does the report specify data on TAY

Sam: FULL report is 100 page, summary did not include TAY. data has to be disaggregated by age and part of that reporting but not sure if special section on tay. Would have to make sure this is on the report, however.

Commissioner Quick motions to support File No. 210142 with following recommendations,
Commissioner Veiga seconds:

- 2 of the community seats be reserved for youth and TAY
- community seats be compensated
- that family council has findings and data on TAY and LGBTQ+ youth
- ensuring no barriers to undocumented folks to participate

Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: 15 Aye, 2 Absent

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

- D. [Input + Decision] File No. 210192 - [Amending Board Rules of Order - Amending Board Rules 3.25, 3.26, and 3.31 Establishing the Youth, Young Adult, and Families Committee]
Sponsor: Supervisor Ronen, Supervisor Walton
Presenter: Paul Monge, D9 Legislative Aide
(Document D)

Presentation:

Motion to amend an internal BOS Rule of Order - this is seeking to amend admin rules on committees are structured. Previous year joint select committee on School and City College formal avenue in BOS that reflect youth, families - but considered ad hoc committee, temporary in nature, can really only hear public hearings but no power or capability on ballot measures budget items - speaks to limitations and in conversations with other community bodies in committee (City College, Board of Education) we've arrived to the idea that restructuring this to



make a standing committee like rules/public safety/ that would allow permanent body to give home for policy decisions impacting young people and families. A lot of hope and structure trying out with dedicated committee and focus invite all bos to consider agendas affirmatively address legislation of young people - large family population

Questions:

- 1) Commissioner Quick this is replacing the joint committee
 - Paul - yes dissolution of joint committee (adhoc) extinguishes at end of year, activate to this year but realized limitation besides hosting hearings and putting forward a standing committee
- 2) Commissioner Quick - first reaction is hopeful to accomplish things and dedicated place, but just in context the recent tension between the city and school district - it is concerning that we are eliminating the only place we have all the parties in the room and if you can speak to
 - Paul - moving this because members of trustee and boe, supportive of redirection, with a perm youth committee we don't lose convening ability, just as we structure hearing - we retain the capacity, same existing and consideration to our budget impact - expansive platform to go beyond hearing format, but legislation and budget concerning city and boe - this transition not conflated with that tension but our hope to have a clear structure for policy and does have input of
- 3) Commissioner Quick - this committee will basically take away from rules and charter amendments, but is there precedence?
 - if you have a committee focused on youth and child education to have informed conversations on ballot measures and budget. for desire of building up expertise, charter amendment - we don't lose impact
- 4) Commissioner Santos -
 - question 1: how are youth influenced in this committee, is that youth seats, using cbo recommendations
 - Paul- motion itself is not substantive policy - but creating a forum, avenue when conversations can be helped with this structure, we can have greater consultation of youth providers and children and families
 - question 2: when the committee times will be, after school friendly or middle of the day - not youth friendly
 - Paul- scheduling can be an obstacle. Right now we are exploring with COB, limitation is that City Staff have contracted City schedules from 9-5. In balancing their resources, we're trying to find a time that works with youth and working familie while also working with City staff.
 - question 3: YC has a standing monthly report to the police commission, is this something the committee to have formalize existing work and groups
 - Paul - can't speak to supervisors themselves, excitement and interest standing report structure with the youth commission and both ways, not yc come in and report but a equitable level of communication, paul is lead staffer of the committee as alumnus and more than happy to liaise and find best structure for regular communication because purview and conversations yall having are similar everything in locked step and partnership otherwise speaking in silos.



- Question 4: how would seats look like? Any conversation about that? Any compensation comes into conversation?
 - Paul - This will be a committee of just BOS. I don't know if we can have another member be able to vote only because it wouldn't be consistent with the standard legislative process. I don't think this means that we can't have a permanent youth member who can sit in, I am making a note of this to follow up with the Clerk. I'm excited to find ways to make it inclusive and robust.
- 5) Commissioner Hylton - something from the youth commission or regular presenting member that is appointed by the youth commission at the very least, youth advocate is different from youth themselves. regular discussion
- 6) Commissioner Quick - like the idea of a designated person from YC to report, either ex officio or more like a person who does a report. Refer all legislation being heard at this committee be heard at YC meetings - and have the report on this item be sent to the committee.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Santos - I heard Paul say that we can strengthen the relationship so that the effort is reciprocal. How would we appoint someone?
- Commissioner Quick - It could be like SDDTAC or we can say that the YC, integrate in EXEC or LAO duties and say they must attend the meetings. Or YC will elect someone to go on our behalf
- Staff Hosmon - I think to be vague so that it allows for flexibility (see recommendations below). This would be a bylaw amendment and want to be mindful of your unpaid labor.
- Commissioner Hylton - I'm noticing that the same 3 commissioners are speaking and this is a piece of legislation that would impact all youth in SF. Can I hear from other Commissioners? Please say it or type it in the chat.

Recommendations:

- A youth from, or recommended by, the Youth Commission have a seat ex officio or not on this committee
- The Committee be held during youth accessible after school times
- If possible, a designated member from the Youth Commission to report to the committee and/or standing agenda item for a YC member to report
- Automatically refer any legislation from this committee to the Youth Commission
- Any recommendations from the Youth Commission on the legislation be sent back to the Committee to be reported
- BOS make sure to attend YC meetings as well and both bodies work together to strengthen partnership (with responsibility not laying solely on the Youth Commission)

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motion to support File No. 210192 with the following recommendations, Commissioner Zhang seconded. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: 15 Aye, 2 Absent

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye



Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Inform + Decision] Stop Herrera's Civil Injunctions in the Tenderloin - Dope Project Takes Action
Presenters: Dope Project Members, National Harm Reduction Coalition

Presentation:

- [fact sheet](#) (seeking YC endorsement)

Izzy, Free SF Coalition, intersection of crimmigration system - targeting and migrating youth and tay under premise of drug support

Frances, Dope - drug overdose prevention and education, I just invite you to think about in our life family or neighbor think about why they use drugs for coping and fun, in the context of 2020 and covid - trauma use drugs to heal and cope with trauma. what the war on drugs done, criminalization of healing can't separate impact of criminalization and impact on drug epidemic

used to be heart disease and cancer, overdose. huge epidemic. People experiencing homelessness and engaged in street drugs are saving the most lives in overdose crises. in 2019 - people using drugs 6010 reversed, 135 impact (SFPD) - simply because there at the time of overdose. When it comes to issues impacting community, community with lived experience

Izzy- free sf and adhoc - uptick in the 2 years or so, focusing city resources on prosecution, on black brown - migrant youth - TAY definition on 18 - 27 yr in pandemic. quick overview aug 2019 - Trump appointed Federal initiative for Tenderloin charging immigrants with federal drug charges SFPD boasting to - going around the city and instead of protecting in sanctuary ordinance - but because of federal charges, those were being sent over to ice. more recently sept - dennis herrera filing civil injunctions on 20 - perm exclude from TL, and this is reminiscent on SF exp and gang injunctions challenged by aclu for due process proceedings, just last year - fentanyl unit increase investigation in drug crimes, the city is taking public health crisis and slamming every aspect of PIC does not solve and doesn't work

Frances - decades of evidences, doesn't prevent but drug use happens in community, jule doesn't fall - get it from someone who they know and same in communities engaged in street drug supply without access to resources so when we erase we disrupt community for survival at the intersection of harm but also taking drugs out and



unpredictable and at risk for overdose - 2020 502 overdose deaths increase, when law enforcement talks about drugs seized and impact on supply and risk that are the most vulnerable dying at faster rate

Izzy - targeted at state pandemic and providing for school and coping with their own mental health implications of trauma. while city is criminalization and - coerced into engaging into crimes penalized for basic needs shelter, health, after impacts and roots 1 system - coordinated entry directly impact from tay shelter in TL, housing evaluation - if not accessible not referred to other shelters a lot of housing services no spanish or indigenous (hmong) languages and cultural services

Let the record reflect that Chair Hylton has extended the time on this presentation by 2 minutes.

Frances - to share the various exclusionary zones will not solve drug overdose problems, but overdose the heartbreak is co opted by political gain and all of the zones - trauma lack of resources - not trauma exp from interactions of police, trauma of migration and lack of cultural competency

Izzy - what we created as a community fact sheet for community conversation, education, purpose of advocacy and policy change. Show and why these tactics are wrong and perpetuate scapegoating.

- calling for SFPD not to collab with us attorney, already stop with ICE, don't find other ways to get into deportation pipeline
- dismiss injunctions impact on youth and tay
- city to prioritize in life affirming, cultural competency in safe injection sites, immigration legal support, housing, and does not perpetuate this harm

Asks for the YC:

- endorse this fact sheet (base)
- We're curious to know how you all can continue to have this conversation within your jurisdiction

Questions -

Commissioner Hylton - alignment on decriminalizing and rehabilitation and healing instead of policing and appreciate if HLU and TJ speak up as it deals with what we work on regularly

- 1) Commissioner Santos - align from what YC and TJ does, 1 of them is in the email on preparing for this conversation and how specifically Hondurian TAY has been impacted and being in the knowledge or race if one of you could speak to collect data and how is this known? in the community strength and support have you collaborated with clinics like Mission neighborhood health center?
 - Izzy - careful on data with specifically on civil injunctions open cases, to protect people involved as that's filed right now. People who have the information are San Francisco public defenders. What we do know is both us attorney actions in a couple of years, everyone they targeted is Hondurian. Data from public defender is majority on cases are Central American last names and undocumented, we've been careful of inclusive language and specific targets - been patterns of law enforcement action against Hondurians in TL. Working with social workers - services don't cater to Spanish and hondurian community is



separated from services available. when fed and sfpd - come in, folks don't have as much access and support.

- working to get a sense of moving pieces, who are the players and tactics, this fact sheet is a year of research on dynamics just at the beginning - but would be curious how to start conversations - places to start ins.
- Commissioner Santos - is open to talking offline

Public Comment:

- (Name not captured): this is not about the actual presentation & i have no position, but I would appreciate if the fact sheet could be posted in agenda.
- Staff Estrada: Fact sheet didn't meet the posting deadline and the link will be available via the minutes.

Discussion:

Commissioner Tanaka - thanks for presenting and just wanted to talk about how often the intransparent nature of the coord system and our values do match up to make more accessible drop in centers. we should go ahead and support it.

Chairs will stay in touch with this item.

Commissioner Tanaka motions to support this community factsheet and commit to holding conversations, Commissioner Santos second. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: 15 Aye, 2 Absent

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- A. [Decision] Leave of Absence Request for March-April 2021 for Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Morris
Sponsor: Executive Committee

Commissioner Hylton, Executive Committee received a leave of absence request and abiding by the bylaws by putting it on our agenda.



No public comment.

Commissioner Quick motions to approve Leave of Absence Request for March-April 2021 for Commissioner Jones & Commissioner Morris, seconded by Commissioner Santos. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote: 15 Aye, 2 Absent

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

a. LAO

- i. The YC in the past has written 2-4 motions of support for State legislation, we've done it in an adhoc way and through individual commissioners.
- ii. EXEC would have to approve this committee - some exec members interested - if there's anyone interested: Sarah Cheung, Staff Truong, & Gracie Veiga
 1. Question: what's your vision? Would there be actions to organize with congress?
 2. Answer: I think just state legislature, a few number of bills (5-10)
 3. Question: Did you say we would talk more about this in Exec?
 4. Answer: put a request for the exec agenda to talk about it a week from wednesday.

b. Comms

- i. Talking more about the structure of the podcast. Making more structured plans for this month. If anyone else would like to join

c. General Committee Updates

- i. Talked briefly about the Youth Budget Town Hall report and other stuff we talked about today

B. Civic Engagement

- a. Didn't meet in the past week so nothing to report.

C. Housing and Land Use

- a. Last HLU meeting went over their presentation for CAC and assign summaries for each presentations

D. Transformative Justice



- a. Haven't met, nothing to report.
- b. Austin and Gracie will follow up about HSH.
- E. OCOF
 - a. The fireside chat with Mayor Breed went really well. Got really good questions from youth leaders. Good to hear everyone else's ideas.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Covid-19 training
- Application reminder + request for help
- Youth Budget Town Hall Report is DONE - (shout out kiely) - available on our website (front page)
- BAC report back

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

No announcements.

11. Adjournment

Chair Hylton adjourned the meeting at 7:13 PM