



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, December 2nd, 2019

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

There will be public comment on each item.

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

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

Commissioner Cureton called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Commissioner Nassiri is absent. Quorum is met. There is no public comment. Commissioner Hylton motioned to excuse Commissioner Nassiri’s absence, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of approval.

2. **Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

There is no public comment. Commissioner Asfaw, seconded by Commissioner Santos, motioned to approve the agenda. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. **Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**

A. November 18, 2019

[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Cheung, seconded by Commissioner Alameri, motioned to approve of the November 18th, 2019 minutes. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There is no public comment.



5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

There is no legislation referred to the Youth Commission.

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

A. [Inform + Decision] Request for Support on a Statewide Youth Commission

Presenter: Jason Chen, Governmental Affairs Policy Director for the CA Association of Student Councils

(Document B)

Jason Chen presents the California Youth Empowerment Act. The programs highlighted: Student Advisory Board on Education and Student Advisory Board on Legislation in Education. If anybody is interested in participating, please email Jason.

What problems face young people today and why do we need to support them? There is a myriad of issues, going from health, public safety, climate crisis, education achievement gap, and equity. How do the issues follow young people past 25 and into their adult life?

Big issues that affect the formative years of one's life. Young people aren't being engaged to provide input on crucial statewide policy. Who better to advocate for young people than young people themselves? Programs tackling these issues lack proper funding and capacity.

Young people are energized and want to make change ie. Climate Change and March for Our Lives.

Youth Commissions are working locally - 130 of those and there are youth commission in other states. California should be leading not following.

The bill proposes a California Youth Commission, first statewide advisory body comprised of young people.

Composition: 24 young people (20 appointed by Governor: 2 appointments for every region, 10 14 - 18yr, 10 18 - 25, at least half has to be someone who has experienced a disability, youth homelessness, foster care, or juvenile incarceration, 2 appointed by the Committee on Rules, 2 appointed by Assembly Speaker) - a way to use legislation to make a hard ask for marginalized people to be included in the process.

Two-year terms: staggered terms for peer-to-peer mentorship and on the job training, more focus on long term goals v.s new priorities every year.



5 ex-officio, non-voting members: governor, superintendent of public instruction, a senator, an assembly member, surgeon general - for more power to what young people are proposing.

Cost free and accessible:

- all public members will receive a \$300 per diem each day
- all transportation, lodging, and food costs will be covered by the commission
- attending matters of official business will be counting to absence

Youth Leadership:

- chair
- vice chair
- clerk

Well staffed with 5 members

Three Main Duties:

- policy advocacy - youth lobby day
- community engagement - townhalls
- investment in youth - philanthropy

Asks:

- co-sponsorship
- late 2019 - early jan 2020 - work with gov officers
- find bill authors
- build grassroots support
- lobby day
- signs budget
- signs bill
- ED appointed
- first meeting in 2021

Questions:

Commissioner Dong: age group 14 - 25, would parents and guardians be covered in the transportation costs?

Jason: up to the discretion of ED on budget, 14 - 18 yr that will be covered, the idea is to be as cost free, no promises

Commissioner Versace: will meetings be held in Sacramento?

Jason: can hold in all Sacramento or all over the state for better solicitation for input

Commissioner Versace: will take time to get everybody from every region to a meeting - what are the plans?

Jason: there is a resource budget

Commissioner Hylton: the issues are broad, is there a plan for how subcommittees will be created to address all issues.



Jason: we expect 5 - 6 committees and advisory boards to have broad

Commissioner Asfaw: are there restrictions on who can join?

Jason: most to make it the diverse board and a soft mandate that it represents the diversity of California with soft and hard ask in the composition

Commissioner Hylton: is there anything that talks about people living in CA part time?

Jason: depends on California residency, do not have to be a citizen or student

Commissioner Santos: what are the safety protections for undocumented people will have for the traveling?

Jason: no specifics to protection, put faith on the staff of the commission to make it happen with reasonable resources to support young people

Commissioner Ty: Just looking at the current positions available, how are the positions made to support young people, for example right now we have a youth development specialist,?

Jason: leaning on expertise of current youth commissions, there are resources in budget to account for training

Commissioner Cureton: are there job requirements for ED?

Jason: does not fall under the purview of legislation, just in governor's hiring

Commissioner Cureton: how are regions determined?

Jason: based on US Census

Commissioner Cureton: supporters?

Jason: California Coalition for Youth, have done work for state budget and legislative advocate is full on serving as a mentor, Generation Citizen - vote16, working with CA league of voters, working on joint lobby day for youth empowerment act and ac8 and mobilizing young people for same issues, hope to get youth commission on board, and power California,

Commissioner Cureton: what does cosponsorship look like?

Jason: strategic mentorship, legislative advocacy, sitting with governor & assembly member meetings, testify in committees or public comment, helping us organize for youth advocacy day

Commissioner Alameri: other commissions you've reached out to?

Jason: just sf - but planning on reaching out to all and giving them support letters, come to lobby day and mobilize all youth commissions in California

Commissioner Santos: not entirely sure for protection for undocumented people? It would be important to add and be mindful of what transportation may look like for undocumented youth.

Commissioner Cureton: could we add it within the line of disadvantaged youth

Jason: having to expose undocumented youth and legal ramification

Commissioner Hylton: if we have room to advocate and want to be addressed - to approve it to add it and be mindful and not what it looks like and literal safety



Commissioner Versace: what about health care for youth?

Jason: we've asked about compensating young people, the safest alternative is per diem, they are not state employees to get health insurance

Commissioner Cureton: we have option for health care

Commissioner Quick: it is something to look into, not sure about other commissions, depending on what is a viable

Commissioner Jones: how do we get people to disclose their status and what would that strategy be?

Commissioner Cureton: this will have to happen in the negotiation

Jason: this is what staff will do to support the commission, not in the legislation details

Commissioner Asfaw: will there be a follow up on how y'all will be doing it?

Commissioner Quick: this is something within my role and I'll report on it.

There is no public comment. Commissioner Santos motions to cosponsor with consideration of travel protections for undocumented young people seconded Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

B. [Inform + Decision] Request for support on Youth Advocacy Day (YAD)

Presenter: Monica Flores, DCYF

(Document C)

Monica, DCYF, former D9 commissioner, administers grants to meet service needs for children, youth, and families.

Youth Advocacy Day 2019 Overview: all day event committed to youth empowerment and vic engagement for san francisco youth it is a day in which high school students have the opportunity to meet with city leaders and public officials to share their thoughts, concerns, and questions about issues they care about as young people. Youth Advocacy Day is a unique educational experience for youth to take ownership over their civic lives.

An old video for YAD is played speaking to the values and goals and commissioners are invited to review panels from last year.

YAD 2020 Goals:

- recruit 200+
- tentative day april 16th, waiting for mayor's availability
- hoping to have 25 youth leaders
- goals:
 - safe space
 - opportunity for organizers to highlight their past/current work
 - engage meaningfully with public officials
 - fun experience for all youth, especially for those who have never been to city hall



- supports/honors existing campaigns while serving as an opportunity to engage youth who are new to the work.

YC support and feedback:

- yad sponsorship
- yad 2020 issue areas of discussion
- yad tee shirt colors
- youth leaders
- outreach
 - ongoing: especially at current youth-led forums, town halls, events

Questions:

Commissioner Ginsburg: excused absences?

MF: trying to approach it by higher level of directors and tapping into intentionally with all of the wellness centers and draft permission slips to get in ahead of time. And how do we engage tay and alternative education - to give credit

Commissioner Santos: when will it take place and time?

MF: tentative april 16th, checking mayor's availability to welcome in young people and will be in touch with staff and all day event 9 - 3:30pm and after event mixer

Commissioner Hylton: thank you and please continue compensation of youth leaders, consideration for panel a lot of city officials and youth commissioner, how can we get more community folks into these panels

Commissioner Hirji: seconds that, more public way to get on the panel as someone to bring on into panel as it was heavily stacked with government officials with only one youth on the panel

Commissioner Ty: youth commissioner is the bridge for youth and government, to have a connection with CBOs and schools

Commissioner Cureton: know inspiring youth to give feedback on the panel.

Commissioner Chan: be the change consulting doing the trainings?

MF: Be the change is focused on youth experience aka vibe and food, if you want to give more feedback - hoping to transition it to YOCALI! specifically on youth organizing and providing capacity training for DCYF cohort

Commissioner Cureton: long history in supporting YAD since the beginning.

There is no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motions to cosponsor Youth Advocacy Day 2020, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

- A. [Input] Discussion on Mid-Year Milestones and Celebration for Monday, December 16th, 2019

Presenter: Executive Committee



Commissioner Cheung: reminder for celebration and are looking for input.

Suggested Ideas:

- potluck
- brown bison (\$10 max price)

Feedback:

meeting is light, it'll happen after formal YC meeting.

Commissioner Asfaw: dietary restrictions,

Commissioner Cureton: we do have dietary needs spreadsheet

Commissioner Hynton: youth commission to sponsor food?

Top 3 food:

thai

chicken wings

cauliflower

dim sum

hummus

Brown Bison - \$10 dollars and Commissioner Santos will call everyone to remind them.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- a. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO
 - i. no report
 - b. Comms
 - i. Commissioner highlights have started
 - ii. shoutout to commissioner jones, santos, and cureton for starting
 - iii. Commissioner ginsburg: picture, answers, video
- b. Civic Engagement
 - a. no report
- c. Housing and Land Use
 - a. no meeting, connectsf meeting and interacted with people there to talk about feelings about public transportation, waiting to hear back on yfyi interview
- d. Transformative Justice
 - a. went to juvenile hall site visit and q&a with youth defenders and court judges
- e. OCOF
 - a. nothing to report, but met with Jenny Lam on council re: youth on BOE

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Thanks for submitting self-care community care form. Implicit bias training to be continued before the end of the month.



Youth Situation Town Hall - yes: cureton, santos, asfaw, hylton, jones
maybe: quick, cheung, arana, alameri, alioto-pier, ginsburg

GSA network: youth empowerment summit 12/7, youth-led event @ Mission High

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

YC Mixer - Commissioner Asfaw, 12/6 518 valencia 4:30 - 7:30pm

who can attend:

santos, arana, chan, cheung, hylton, versace, alameri, jones,

maybe: ty, ginsburg, alioto pier, dong, hirji, cureton, jones, hylton

Commissioner Stakeholder meeting 4:30 - 6:30 12/9

- for more details and share 30 - 40 people,

Commissioner jones - community engagement 12/11 - for blue ribbon panel,

11. Adjournment

Commissioner Cureton adjourns the meeting at 6:25pm.