



San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft
****Special Inaugural Meeting****
Monday, September 20th, 2021
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:
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There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Raven Shaw, Steven Hum, Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Sammy Foley, Arsema Asfaw, Isaiah Catubig, Vanessa Pimentel, Amara Santos, Sahara Frett, Jayda Love, Amadeos Oyagata, Jiajian Harry Xu, Emily Nguyen

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

Acting Chair Arsema Asfaw: Hello everyone, welcome to the special inaugural meeting of the 2020-21 San Francisco Youth Commission on Monday, September 21, 2020. My name is Arsema Asfaw, I am the D5 appointee, and I will be the acting chair for today's meeting.

Acting Chair Arsema Asfaw calls the meeting to order at 5:08 pm. Roll call for attendance:

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Sammy Foley, present
Jiajian Harry Xu, present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Sahara Frett, present
Amadeos Oyagata, present
Vanessa Pimentel, present
Emily Nguyen, present
Raven Shaw, present



Steven Hum, present
Ewan Barker Plummer, present
Isaiah Catubig, present
Amara Santos, present
Jayda Love, present

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to approve of agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, aye
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sahara Frett, aye
Amadeos Oyangata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, aye
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. July 19, 2021
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No public comment. Commissioner Santos motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Shaw. The motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Sammy Foley, aye
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye



Sahara Frett, aye
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye
Raven Shaw, aye
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker Plummer, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Jayda Love, aye

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)

No public comment

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

- A. Adoption of 2021-22 Youth Commission Bylaws
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
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Article I - Commissioner Nguyen reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Tanaka motions to approve Article I, Commissioner Barker-Plummer seconds. No public comment. The motion passes by acclamation.

Article II - Commissioner Santos reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to approve article II, seconded by Commissioner Catubig. The motion passes by acclamation.

Staff will change Article II section C date.

Article III - Commissioner Asfaw reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Shaw motions to approve article III, seconded by Commissioner Santos. No public comment. The motion passes by acclamation.

Article IV - Commissioner Listana reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Love motions to approve article IV, seconded by Commissioner Pimentel. No public comment. The motion passes by acclamation.

Article V - Commissioner Alioto-Pier reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Hum motion to approve article V, seconded by Commissioner Barker-Plummer. The motion passes by acclamation vote.

Article VI - Commissioner Pimentel reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Nguyen motion to approve article VI, seconded by Commissioner Zhang. The motion passes by vote of acclamation.



Article VII- Commissioner Frett reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Oyagata motion to approve Article VII, seconded by Commissioner Foley. No public comment. The motion passes by acclamation.

Article VIII - Commissioner Foley reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Love motion to approve article VIII, seconded by Commissioner Barker-Plummer. The motion passes by acclamation.

Article IX - Commissioner Hum reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Tanaka motion to approve Article IX, seconded by Commissioner Hum. The motion passes by acclamation.

Article X - Commissioner Oyagata reads this into record. No Public Comment. Commissioner Shaw motions to approve article X, seconded by Commissioner Love. The motion passes by acclamation.

Commissioner Frett, seconded by Commissioner Santos motions to approve the entire bylaws. There was no public comment. Motion approved by acclamation.

B. Election of 2021-22 Youth Commission Executive Officers

Chair

Nomination for Commissioner [Amara Santos] made by Commissioner [Arsema Asfaw], and seconded by Commissioner [Listana]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Nomination for Commissioner [Adrianna Zhang] made by Commissioner [Tanaka], and seconded by commissioner [Nguyen]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Commissioner Santos shares why she is running:

I started as D11 YCER three years ago, didn't know any supervisors or who represented her district. Government is full of bureaucracy and oppression but has written over 10 pieces of legislation. Has applied again because of passion for liberation of all marginalized communities. Worked at LGBTQIA org and this guided her experience. YC is a platform to be heard and seen and historically unavailable to marginalized people. Uphold with utmost honor and care. Will continue to advocate and hold safe space and support all of you.

Commissioner Zhang shares why she is running:

Crying in gratitude about being a Commissioner, passion for commission, community, and advocacy has only grown since her first term. Favorite memories of being on the Commission, cowrote API resolution, worked with HLU to work on social housing, and department of police accountability, will prioritize on issues, and do cross committee work. First gen, public school, and older sister. Will help with every aspect of every aspect of being a commissioner, and want to spearhead values of the commission this year.

Q&A:

Commissioner Asfaw: For Commissioner Santos - you mentioned how you held different positions in YC, how do those positions and your tenure on the YC inform your work for this upcoming year?

Commissioner Santos' Answer: first year was outreach officer and worked with a friend and created community first and made more intentional and thoughtful projects. Second term was in pandemic and to keep in mind pre and post pandemic on roles, and initial pandemic projects



didn't pan out and intent vs. impact is not always what people need so important for people to be flexible and adaptive. With TJ work - felt a strong sense of community to be authentic selves as YCers, people of color, and public school and to share what you may not hear from those who they were appointed by.

Commissioner Nguyen: personal experiences and why you both applied to YC in the first place?

Answer:

- Commissioner Zhang: public school student, looking out for youth in disenfranchised communities in SF. Growing up with not a lot of money and still finding solutions has given me a lot of experience. As an asian American I bring my identity to my work, working with the Mayor and BOS to develop a resolution against Anti Asian Hate in SF.
- Commissioner Santos: transparent person, had not heard of the YC, applied with intention to get paid and was a big priority as a low income person of color going to college. History has been with CBOs and hesitant to apply to government job and has had family in government but almost like domestic work and didn't know the institution and push forward and ancestors held it, be comfortably uncomfortable

Commissioner Barker-Plummer: Commissioner Zhang how will you help newcomers?

Answer: I was a YCER during the pandemic so I know what you're feeling. I thought it'd be a lot of debate and political parties. Instead the YC is about community and would like to be a chair that supports professional development and personal development. I hope to be more transparent about YC opportunities and host resolution writing workshops.

Commissioner Catubig: Commissioner Santos acknowledged how they engaged with their community during the pandemic, can you share how you were involved during the pandemic?

Commissioner Zhang: I supported this organization that worked on child rights, college access, etc. I worked with LYRIC and the ABA to provide college/finance workshops for foster youth and worked with them 1-1.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka - Zhang
Valentina Alioto-Pier - Zhang
Sammy Foley - Zhang
Jiajian Harry Xu - Zhang
Arsema Asfaw - Santos
Gabrielle Listana - Zhang
Adrianna Zhang - Zhang
Sahara Frett - Santos
Amadeos Oyangata - Santos
Vanessa Pimentel - Santos
Emily Nguyen - Zhang
Raven Shaw - Santos
Steven Hum - Zhang
Ewan Barker Plummer - Zhang
Isaiah Catubig - Zhang
Amara Santos - Santos



Jayda Love - Santos

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Commissioner Adrianna Zhang is the Chair for 2021-2022 term.

Vice Chair

Nomination for Commissioner [Pimentel] made by Commissioner [Pimentel], and seconded by commissioner [Catubig]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Nomination for Commissioner [Santos] made by Commissioner [Listana], and seconded by commissioner [Tanaka]. Nominee, do you accept? No

Nomination for Commissioner [Asfaw] made by Commissioner [Santos], and seconded by commissioner [Zhang]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Commissioner Asfaw shares why she's running for Vice Chair:

Born and raised SFan, actually got to represent D5 this year as Mayoral appointee for two years. Reading is her life and loves connecting with people. I Want to harness knowledge, experience and to be a role model and friend. Being in government space is not easy and I know how it feels. Wants to create culture to uplift voices, and continue to top YC in the nation. Outreach officers have shaped her in this role, prioritizing authenticity vs conforming to roles that exclude youth. Open line who needs advice or someone to talk to and even if not the vice chair still reaches out to her.

Commissioner Pimentel shares why they are running for Vice Chair:

Promote accessibility and promote accessible spaces and have vulnerable care for. invested in supporting the community. Youth core leader in 2017 and served as staff for electoral campaigns and mutual aid organizing especially in pandemic. Pandemic shows how marginalized people need transformative policies. So many are just filling in the gaps because the government is lacking. Need to mobilize resources to help the most marginalized. Create self discovery and a deep sense of community.

Q&A:

Commissioner Santos for both: community engagement in general

Answer:

Commissioner Asfaw: community organizing was through HRC and 8th grade leaders program, from there applied to YC and YC opened doors for her to be involved. Involved in local political campaigns and worked at SF Public Library and connected with other youth on projects on intersections of social justice and art. YC has coordinated presentations and events with different CBOs making sure to connect with abolitionist movements.

Commissioner Pimentel: started with Youth Mojo 2014-2017 and worked on OUR Healing Our Hands then worked with orgs on rental/mortgage relief and now working with Excelsior Works on employment support and Latinx support for food distribution. Staffer on local campaigns: field direction, voter ID, getting community to volunteer for candidate they believe in.



Commissioner Love for both: any part of the YC that was really hard and you got through it and how did you get through it?

Commissioner Asfaw: baby sophomore and was scared and hadn't been in a formal setting. After the first paperwork meeting felt like a mess and it was difficult to adjust and hold the reins. Building community helped her feel her most authentic self. Had folks help her acclimate.

Commissioner Pimentel: first term. But reason applied to help bridge the foundation between government and communities and try to find a deep sense of community. Seen first hand of low income and systemic challenges that come from this.

Commissioner Catubig for Commissioner Pimentel: worked with you two years ago on Jackie Fielders campaign - how do you use these skills to transfer over to Vice Chair?

Commissioner Pimentel: during campaign was full time student and full time campaign worker - skills were time management, talking to community and orgs, keeping relationships

Commissioner Santos for Commissioners Asfaw- speak to the resolutions you helped with on defunding the police?

Commissioners Asfaw - issue was her baby and important to her especially after George Floyd's murder. Wanted to utilize CBOs work and push the agenda of abolishing the police and haven't seen this peak. Used framework of 8 to abolish.

Public comment - Carlos, calling in for Vanessa. Worked alongside Chesa and Jackie's campaign and has passion, commitment to social justice. Encourage supporting Vanessa.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka - Asfaw

Valentina Alioto-Pier - Asfaw

Sammy Foley - Asfaw

Jiajian Harry Xu - Asfaw

Arsema Asfaw - Asfaw

Gabrielle Listana - Asfaw

Adrianna Zhang - Asfaw

Sahara Frett - Asfaw

Amadeos Oyangata - Asfaw

Vanessa Pimentel - Pimentel

Emily Nguyen - Asfaw

Raven Shaw - Asfaw

Steven Hum - Asfaw

Ewan Barker Plummer - Asfaw

Isaiah Catubig - Pimentel

Amara Santos - Asfaw

Jayda Love - Pimentel

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Commissioner Asfaw is elected as Vice Chair for 2021-2022 term.



Legislative Affairs Officer

~~Nomination for Commissioner [Barker Plummer] made by Commissioner [Zhang], and seconded by commissioner [Nguyen]. Nominee, do you accept? No~~

~~Nomination for Commissioner [Oyagata] made by Commissioner [Santos], and seconded by commissioner [Zhang]. Nominee, do you accept? No~~

Nomination for Commissioner [Hum] made by Commissioner [Nguyen], and seconded by commissioner [Llstana]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Nomination for Commissioner [Pimentel] made by Commissioner [Asfaw], and seconded by commissioner [Love]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Speeches:

Commissioner Pimentel: continue to build relationships with CBOs; via community and government. Invested in her community since age 5, with my past experiences I've developed relationships with d10 and d5, cpa, sf rising, and more. As Lao, I'm prepared to read legislation that affects the youth of SF and the YC as a whole. thank you

Commissioner Hum: mayoral appointee and want to be LAO bc i have plenty of experience in legislation. I lived in d9, went to school in d7, and had fun in d3 - throughout hs i've interned in d9 and d10 offices and these experiences are things i can bring to LAO. I also did research and studied on - love legislation, consider myself a leg geek and reading books about green deals for schools. So again I bring these experiences to the table and believe this position is the core position between BOS and YC. My policy has always been to envision an equitable education for all youth in sf.

Q&A:

Commissioner Shaw: what do you hope to achieve and what are your goals?

Commissioner Pimentel: hopes to build a better foundation between BOS and YC. DOne a lot of outreach in the past and getting their input with different types of legislation. For ex: working with Supervisor Walton's office as a leg intern reviewed resolutions and attended meetings and kept communication going with different offices. I Hope to help create and review legs that can help youth.

Commissioner Hum: came into YC and wants to rally students for greater civic engagement, youth voter registration, support training for youth advocacy initiatives. Set up a framework for great youth voices in the city. Youth are stakeholders and should be given a say in what occurs in the community. Passionate for Vote16.

Commissioner Zhang: Vanessa mentioned work with marginalized communities can you speak to this as LAO (to Commissioner Hum).

Commissioner Hum: grew up in a historically disadvantaged community where access to education was scarce and family was low income and dependent on rent controlled housing - back to his vision of the need to envision disadvantaged communities. IN past helped educate people with stigmas and stereotypes with the older Asian community - a lot of senior Asians are against defunding the police and BLM and set out to talk to them to help them understand why it is important to know.

No public comment.

**Roll Call Vote:**

Jayden Tanaka - Hum
Valentina Alioto-Pier - Hum
Sammy Foley - Hum
Jiajian Harry Xu - Hum
Arsema Asfaw - Pimentel
Gabrielle Listana - Pimentel
Adrianna Zhang - Pimentel
Sahara Frett - Pimentel
Amadeos Oyagata - Hum
Vanessa Pimentel - Pimentel
Emily Nguyen - Hum
Raven Shaw - Hum
Steven Hum - Hum
Ewan Barker Plummer - Hum
Isaiah Catubig - Hum
Amara Santos - Pimentel
Jayda Love - Pimentel

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Commissioner Hum is the LAO Officer for the 2021-2022 term.

Outreach and Media Officers

Nomination for Commissioner [Listana] made by Commissioner [Zhang], and seconded by commissioner [Shaw]. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Nomination for Commissioner [Frett] made by Commissioner [Asfaw], and seconded by commissioner [Love]. Nominee, do you accept? No

Nomination for Commissioner [Shaw] made by Commissioner [Asfaw], and seconded by commissioner [Love]. Nominee, do you accept? No

Nomination for Commissioner [Nguyen] made by Commissioner [Barker Plummer], and seconded by commissioner [Shaw]. Nominee, do you accept? No

Commissioner Listana shares why she is running for Outreach and Media Officer:
D6 YCer and second term. Last year when first applied her main goal was to get to know SF and the community. Was able to do this but believes if as officer she can continue this goal and get to know the communities better. Thinks communication is important within YC but also transparency on YC business to the public and continue social media and if possible podcast via monthly updates. Important to hear from other communities as we are a bridge between government and youth.

Q&A:



Commissioner Zhang to Commissioner Listana: what are your goals for this year?

Answer: podcast was fun experience and wants to continue this even though issues with the grant. I Want to bring in new hosts and speakers, and new topics. Goal for the public to know more about the work we are doing. Social media is more youth oriented.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka - Listana
Valentina Alioto-Pier - Listana
Sammy Foley - Listana
Jiajian Harry Xu - Listana
Arsema Asfaw - Listana
Gabrielle Listana - Listana
Adrianna Zhang - Listana
Sahara Frett - Listana
Amadeos Oyagata - Listana
Vanessa Pimentel - Listana
Emily Nguyen - Listana
Raven Shaw -Listana
Steven Hum - Listana
Ewan Barker Plummer - Listana
Isaiah Catubig - Listana
Amara Santos - Listana
Jayda Love - Listana

Commissioner Listana is the Communication and Outreach Officer for 2021-2022 term. Elections will be opened at a later point for a second officer.

6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

This is a placeholder until YC gets committee assignments. This will also hold as placeholder for OCOF reports. Rethinking committees due to staff capacity.

7. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- Reminder that EC is next Wednesday at 5pm.
- YC paperwork needs to be turned in, along with pics, ASAP.
- All trainings need to be completed via employee portal (need to get done within 30 days of appointment as of September 15th)
- 2 people need to fill out forms for calendar so YC schedule can't be given today (Vanessa and Sammy)

8. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Amadeos - Power Youth Movement Conference, Saturday Oct 2nd 11-4pm, hosted by CHALK.

Emily - this Friday re: API issues in SF and Chinatown from White House. Link dropped in chat.



9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30pm.