



**San Francisco Youth Commission**  
**Minutes ~ Draft**  
**Monday, October 4th, 2021**  
**5:00pm-8:00pm**

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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)**

Chair Zhang calls the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**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 Asfaw 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 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

## 3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. September 20, 2021  
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No public comment. Commissioner Barker-Plummer motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Nguyen. 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 (2 minutes per public comment)**

There was no public comment.

#### **5. Presentations (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)**

- A. [Inform] Our Children Our Families (OCOF) & Blaze Forward Fellowship Presentation  
Presenter: Alecia Barillas, OCOF Staff

Simone Combs is presenting, along with JJ Trujeque a young person who formerly participated in OCOF programs..

Background and context:

- created via Prop C in November 2014 called the Children and Families First Initiative
- chaired by the Mayor, co chaired by SFUSD superintendent, 13 department heads, 13 school district leaders, 14 community seats appointed by the Mayor
- one Youth Commissioner sits on OCOF Council and YC role is to add young people's perspective
  - a room full of adults so amplifying youth voice and perspective is fundamental to the YC role
- In for SF to enable all children, youth, and families to stay, thrive and contribute to the city's future, we need:
  - workforce
  - equitable distribution of dollars
  - barrier free services
- Strategies: Data and Research, Training and Capacity Building, Service Delivery System improvements, service inventory/spending analysis, outcomes monitoring
  - Healing & Transforming Children's Health has 5 projects with CA Children's Trust for the purpose of improving the systems to support children's health
  - Blaze Forward TAY fellowship is one of these and for TAY who have strong connection to SF and is primary youth engagement strategy
- Blaze Forward Fellowship
  - Focuses on: professional development, mental health systems, advocacy training
  - Leadership outcomes: personal (self focus), interpersonal (focused on others),
  - culminating projects: individual fellows presentation of learning ->group project presentation, advocacy, and closing event
  - JJ gives summary of his experience

Commissioner Zhang: are there concrete ways the framework has been used?

Simone: formally adopted by DCYF a couple of years ago and has guided some of DCYFs funding decisions. The Resources tab has a data dashboard where they update the measures. Equity benchmark report provides more contextual/research info on each of the measures. The framework is considered their "north star".



Commissioner Barker-Plummer: Community awareness around this and communication of this towards families?

Simone: user testing and key features being worked on before big communication and outreach push on it.

Commissioner Shaw: Mental health is one outcome, how has this looked for the fellowship and OCOF based on the last year, along with outcomes from it?

Simone: Mental health of young folks has not been good and hasn't been this way for quite some time. Trending first. There's not a lot of data post pandemic but some information is starting to come in. 2019 were the latest numbers and there was a jump in everything from symptoms of depression to suicidal ideation. We're hyper aware the situation is not good at all. We weren't tracking this specifically in the fellowship.

Commissioner Oyagata: Can you elaborate the YCer to use their leadership and participation on the Council and how is it different from other members on the council?

Simone: city department heads, all SFUSD chiefs, so youth should be top of mind when on OCOF - ask rep to think about youth and that voice into a strange situation and you will be only youth in the room, OCOF staff are always there as a resource, receive full onboarding.

Commissioner Oyagata: when and how often does OCOF meet?

Simone: by charter, three times a year

Commissioner Xu: what is % for representation of youth in general? Any other youth or just a YCer? Need to consider different cultural backgrounds, too.

Simone: OCOF do just have one YCer seat but will check on other seats. Not sure how restrictive those seats are.

Commissioner Zhang: Do you have any questions for the YC at the moment?

Simone: Yes, thank you for asking. It would be great if we could send the BLAZE fellowship description and we plan to continue the fellowship, it would be great if you could share our open application announcement.

Commissioner Zhang: Great, we'll take note of that!

## **6. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)**

### **A. [Inform + Decision] Our Children Our Families Youth Seat - Elections**

Presenter: Executive Committee

Commissioner Listana and Santos are invited to share about their experience as previous OCOF reps. Commissioner Listana: worked with Veronica on staff and the main thing was MCing a fireside chat with youth along with Mayor Breed. Focused on getting more youth input on the projects they are working on as well as taking lead on some of their projects.

Staff Estrada also supports this representative on the council.

Nominations:

Nomination for commissioner Nguyen made by commissioner Barker-Plummer, and seconded by commissioner Hum. Nominee, do you accept? Yes



Nomination for commissioner Oyagata made by commissioner Oyagata, and seconded by commissioner Santos. Nominee, do you accept? Yes

Commissioner Oyagata shares why he wants to be elected:

He read over goals - they connect to him as he has worked with youth who need these supports. In his own experience he has this, but also works with youth and can make a clear connection on needs, and would be a great fit to participate and bring his own insight in his experience. He has participated in other things that are just starting up and would be honored to have this position.

Commissioner Nguyen shares why she wants to be elected:

She has grown up in SF with immigrant parents and has access because of community non profits and youth advocates. She has been a part of several opportunities on youth issues: co-founding org on public speaking to youth, serving as youth advocate on transit via Breakthrough SF. She would love to create more engagement and opportunities for youth. She wants to work on more youth issues.

Questions:

Commissioner Asfaw for both: how does your lived experience of SFUSD impact your perspective on youth needs?

Commissioner Nguyen - not an SFUSD student

Commissioner Oyagata - School wasn't clear cut for him and he didn't follow the typical trajectory. He struggled a lot in high school and didn't go to a school that didn't have a lot of resources at Academy SF. Education support - he sees how difficult it is to excel in school and outside of it.

Commissioner Santos: to Commissioner Nguyen, how would you make sure these voices are heard for SFUSD students?

Commissioner Nguyen: I would make sure to hold space for SFUSD students/youth. I would create opportunities for youth even if I don't hold that same background.

Commissioner Barker-Plummer: I'm wondering how you will navigate an adult majority space?

Commissioner Oyagata: Totally different when speaking to adults than with youth. Has spoken to adults on youth needs recently and prepped the youth to also speak to them.

Commissioner Nguyen: I would say be persistent. Working with SF Transit Riders we lobbied in D11 as to why SFMTA needs to pay more attention.

Commissioner Asfaw: Commissioner Nguyen, how do you envision holding space in this role?

Answer: The idea of public hearings is not inviting for youth, so I think it's important to be a figure that youth can contact and try to make it as informal and accessible for people.

Commissioner Hum for both: In three words, what are your priorities for OCOF?

Commissioner Nguyen: Mental health and financial literacy

Commissioner Oyagata: housing stability and economic security - second recession that young people have experienced in their life time - this affects young people's mental health

Commissioner Love for both: any problems you see with yourself or other youth you would want to bring to the table or target/talk about?



Commissioner Nguyen: agrees with Amadeos and also employment opportunities. Scary with immigrant parents on money or resources and these all play into the development of young people. Wants to make sure youth have adequate access to this.

Commissioner Oyagata: Youth homelessness. It's been an issue for a long time, and it's only gotten worse during the pandemic. Young people especially don't have a voice, especially when it's combined with homelessness.

Commissioner Xu: As an officer what are your plans to expand mental health and development for youth? We don't know how to pay taxes, be financially secure, etc.

Commissioner Nguyen: financial security, finding a job, growing up I never comfortable asking my parents those questions. Making sure youth have that mentor figure is really useful and destigmatizing the need to ask for help.

Commissioner Oyagata: That's a great suggestion, I would bring it up as the rep. When bringing problems to the table, I also have to bring up solutions. I'd like to talk to youth to see what they need/want to see.

Commissioner Xu: How are you able to expand the discussions with youth and adults for these topics? Town hall, etc?

Commissioner Nguyen: Bringing it up in the council

Commissioner Oyagata: Reach out to YC staff for ideas and resources. Want to include youth as much as possible.

Commissioner Nguyen: Will look for feedback on how to narrow resources.

Commissioner Oyagata: May I go back to speak on a previous question?

Commissioner Zhang: Yes, one minute.

Commissioner Oyagata: Worked at MyPath as the only young person in the room. Got to present over the summer to CFPD and spoke about youth troubles and economic struggles. I feel completely comfortable in an adult-dominated space.

Public Comment: None.

### **Roll Call Vote for OCOF Representative:**

Jayden Tanaka, Oyagata

Valentina Alioto-Pier, Nguyen

Sammy Foley, Nguyen

Jiajian Harry Xu, Nguyen

Arsema Asfaw, Oyagata

Gabrielle Listana, Nguyen

Adrianna Zhang, Nguyen

Sahara Frett, Oyagata

Amadeos Oyagata, Oyagata

Vanessa Pimentel, Oyagata

Emily Nguyen, Nguyen

Raven Shaw, Oyagata

Steven Hum, Nguyen

Ewan Barker Plummer, Nguyen

Isaiah Catubig, Oyagata

Amara Santos, Oyagata

Jayda Love, Oyagata



Vote Count:

9 Oyagata

8 Nguyen

Congratulations, Commissioner Oyagata is the new OCOF representative

B. [Inform + Decision] [First Reading] Resolution No. 2022-AL-01 [Resolution Making Findings To Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code Section 54953(e)]

Sponsors: Executive Committee

Presenter: Youth Commission Staff

(Document B)

Commissioner Asfaw, seconded by Commissioner Shaw, motions to suspend the bylaws to have a first reading only for this resolution. Motion passes. No public comment.

**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

Commissioner Tanaka, seconded by Commissioner Love, motions to approve the resolution. No public comment.

**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

## **7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)**

### **A. Executive Committee**

- a. LAO
  - i. Working on an LAO plan with staff
- b. Comms
  - i. Holding elections again in the future for a second officer
- c. General Committee Updates
  - i. YC down one staff person and until a third person is filled we can't meet in official committees.

### **B. OCOF**

- a. Commissioner Oyagata elected as OCOF rep

## **8. Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

- Opportunity for Public Comment - SFMTA Board meeting at 1pm
  - Tomorrow afternoon, the SFMTA board will be giving feedback on near-term recommendations of a regional fare integration study that has been underway since 2019. The good recommendations include:
    - \* a pilot "go anywhere" transit pass for organizations such as colleges and affordable housing developments that provides access to locations around the region, not only within San Francisco.
    - \* free transfers between local and regional agencies, for example between SFMTA and SamTrans, or between SMTA and BART/Caltrain/Ferry.
    - \* additional longer-term measures for well-integrated fares, that will require future funding.
      - So, it would be very helpful to take the following actions:
        - \* Speak at the SFMTA board meeting which starts at 1pm
        - \* Here are the instructions. Public comment dial-in: 888.808.6929 / Access Code: 9961164. When prompted, dial "1 - 0" to be added to the speaker line.
      - \* I can send an email or text message when Agenda Item 11 comes up
  - Jayden Tanaka, no
  - Valentina Alioto-Pier, no
  - Sammy Foley, no
  - Jiajian Harry Xu, no
  - Arsema Asfaw, yes can write it up and send to staff
  - Gabrielle Listana, no
  - Adrianna Zhang, yes can write up a pc and send to staff
  - Sahara Frett, yes can write it up and send to staff
  - Amadeos Oyagata, yes





- Vanessa Pimentel, yes
- Emily Nguyen, yes can write it up and send to staff
- Raven Shaw, no
- Steven Hum, yes can write it up and send to staff
- Ewan Barker Plummer, no
- Isaiah Catubig, no
- Amara Santos, no
- Jayda Love, yes can write it up and send to staff
- YC Website will be updated this week
- YC Signal Groupchat will be created tomorrow - please help me add each other!
- YC business cards - names of folks who would like some:
  - Jayden Tanaka, no
  - Valentina Alioto-Pier, has them
  - Sammy Foley, no
  - Jiajian Harry Xu, yes (wants legal name)
  - Arsema Asfaw, yes (needs email change and District)
  - Gabrielle Listana, yes
  - Adrianna Zhang, yes
  - Sahara Frett, yes
  - Amadeos Oyagata, yes
  - Vanessa Pimentel, yes
  - Emily Nguyen, yes
  - Raven Shaw, yes
  - Steven Hum, yes
  - Ewan Barker Plummer, yes
  - Isaiah Catubig, yes
  - Amara Santos, yes
  - Jayda Love, yes

## 9. **Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**

Staff Estrada - October 20th, 4-6:30pm, wear masks. HYPE Resource Center in Potrero, are opening their doors for youth drop in center. Similar to a navigation center re: resources.

Commissioner Catubig - Oakland youth art showcase re: Celebrate Block Party.

## 10. **Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm.

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