



## City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

### MINUTES - Draft

Monday, February 6, 2023  
5:00 p.m.

#### IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

**Members:** Emily Nguyen (Chair, D11), Ewan Barker Plummer (Vice Chair, Mayoral), Steven Hum (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Raven Shaw (Legislative Affairs Officer, Mayoral), Gabrielle Listana (Communications & Outreach Officer, D6), Astrid Utting (Communications & Outreach Officer, D8), Chloe Wong (D1), Allister Adair (D2), Maureen Loftus (D4), Hayden Miller (D5), Ann Anish (D7), Yoselin Colin (D9), Vanessa Pimentel (D10), Yena Im (Mayoral), Tyron S. Hillman III (Mayoral).

**Present:** Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Steven Hum, Raven Shaw, Gabrielle Listana, Astrid Utting, Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Ann Anish, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Yena Im, Tyron S. Hillman III.

**Absent:** None.

**Tardy:** None.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on February 6, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

#### 1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:08pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present.

Chloe Wong present

Allister Adair present

Maureen Loftus present



Hayden Miller present  
Gabrielle Listana present  
Ann Anish present  
Astrid Utting present  
Yoselin Colin present  
Vanessa Pimentel present  
Ewan Barker Plummer present  
Steven Hum present  
Raven Shaw present  
Yena Im present  
Tyrone S. Hillman III present  
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

## **2. Communications**

Alondra Esquivel Garcia, Director of the SFYC, shared communications and meeting announcements with Commissioners.

## **3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**

No discussion, and no public comment.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to approve the February 6, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Maureen Loftus aye  
Hayden Miller aye  
Gabrielle Listana aye  
Ann Anish aye  
Astrid Utting aye  
Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye



Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Agenda Approved.

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

a. January 17, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion. No public comment.

Commissioner Adair, seconded by Commissioner Wong, motioned to approve the January 17, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Maureen Loftus aye  
Hayden Miller aye  
Gabrielle Listana aye  
Ann Anish aye  
Astrid Utting aye  
Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye  
Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Minutes Approved.

**5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)**

No public comment.

**6. Presentations**



**a. City and County Budget Process and Mayor's Budget Instructions**  
(Discussion Item)

- i. Presenter: Sally Ma, Deputy Budget Director

Deputy Budget Director Sally Ma gave a presentation on the Mayor's budget process, in addition to information regarding the financial projections of the Mayor's proposed budget. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked about set-asides in the budget, specifically Proposition G, and how that will affect the funding per academic year towards public schools. Ma said that they'll be working with city departments to define their baselines for funding, to be able to adjust to what voters asked for. Chair Nguyen asked what services may be cut due to the city's financial deficit, to which Ma said that there will be a lot of difficult choices ahead as they must reign in the city budget's expenses if there isn't a significant increase in funding. Officer Shaw asked how the Youth Commission can help advocate for communities for feedback, and Ma said that they'd be doing their best to reach out to those communities and organizations and would incorporate that into their budget plan. Commissioner Adair asked how much power the Mayor has over this process, and Ma stated that the Mayor does have a great amount of influence into incorporating the MO & City Department priorities into the proposed budget. Officer Utting asked how SFUSD gets money from the City, to which Ma encouraged the Youth Commission to reach out to DCYF for that information. Chair Nguyen asked what percentage of expenditure growth does the new Student Success Fund add to the budget compared to others, and Ma said that she would share the 5-year financial plan with the Commission.

No public comment.

**7. Legislation Referred**

**a. File No. 230026 - Ordinance - Amending the Planning Code to create the Family Housing Opportunity Special Use District** (Discussion & Possible Action)

- i. Presenter: Mike Farrah, D7 Legislative Aide

Mike Farrah, D7 BOS Legislative Aide, presented the legislation with important information about what this legislation would do, and how this would help affect housing in San Francisco. Commissioner Loftus asked what the reasons would lead to the necessity of this new zoning law, with Farrah saying that it's a variety of factors (environmental, community feedback, etc.). Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked how this zoning law was created and if it was included in the 2022 housing element, to which Farrah said it was. Commissioner Miller asked if there was an estimate to how many housing units this legislation would create, to which Farrah



said that they don't have an official estimate, but that the ultimate goal is to increase density in neighborhoods that currently have single family homes over time. Commissioner Adair asked what the qualifications were for certain neighborhoods to be labeled as a higher priority to increase housing density in the City, and Farrah replied that it was somewhat but that SF Planning focused on low density regions of the City. Chair Nguyen asked how they'll incentivize this housing to be built since wealthier households are less likely to budget, with Farrah saying that they'll go through the current process but rely on legislation that a majority of residents want. Officer Utting asked about how their office will promote this legislation to different communities, with Farrah saying they will be open to new ideas for younger generations, but that they would be doing outreach as much as they can through media and word of mouth. Commissioner Loftus asked about the specific numbers presented in the legislation, to which Farrah responded that the Westside and southern parts of the City haven't built enough housing compared to the already dense regions. Commissioner Miller asked what this legislation could look like, and Farrah said it could look like ADUs or changing the configuration of homes.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Miller, motioned to support this referred legislation. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Maureen Loftus aye  
Hayden Miller aye  
Gabrielle Listana aye  
Ann Anish aye  
Astrid Utting aye  
Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye  
Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Legislation Referred approved with a supportive recommendation.



**b. File No. 230025 - Ordinance - Amending Code to extend the grace period for additional 120 days to permit applicants to operate under pandemic shared spaces permits (Discussion & Possible Action)**

- i. Presenter: Robin Abad, Director, Shared Spaces

Director Robin Abad of the Shared Spaces Program gave a presentation on the pandemic shared spaces permit grace period extension, in order to give permit applicants more time to have their permits approved by the various agencies that must approve those permits.

Commissioner Miller asked if the extension would allow the businesses to be out of compliance for longer, to which Abad said that could be a potential outcome but only for those who've applied for a permit and that they intend to hold folks accountable. Miller brought up a bus route that could be impacted, and asked how the permit revenue will cover the costs of the program, which Abad said that while the fees won't fully cover the cost of the program, the focus of this program is to support and stabilize the City's small businesses.

Commissioner Miller, seconded by Officer Utting, motioned to have no position on this referred legislation, with separate comments attached. The motion was rescinded after the passage of the following motion.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to support this referred legislation, with the attached concerns and comments. Vice Chair Barker Plummer believes that the Commission needs to support small businesses throughout this process, and that they can still list their concerns with a recommendation in support. Commissioner Miller highlighted his concerns about the risk of privatizing public spaces and was frustrated about not knowing the timeline. Commissioners said they'd recommend and send language to staff to put in the memo. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 12 ayes, 3 nays.

Chloe Wong aye

Allister Adair nay

Maureen Loftus aye

Hayden Miller nay

Gabrielle Listana aye

Ann Anish aye

Astrid Utting aye



Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye  
Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen nay

Action: Legislation Referred approved with a supportive recommendation.

**c. File No. 230056 - Health Code - Overdose Prevention Programs** (Discussion & Possible Action)

i. Presenter: D9 Staff or YC Staff

Nikita Saini, D9 BOS Legislative Aide, gave a presentation on the proposed legislation regarding overdose prevention programs, and the opening of sites that would allow for these programs to begin.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked about how this legislation would affect the ultimate plan to implement harm reduction, to which Saini said that this program can help support those who are vulnerable to overdose and that this ordinance could also be reimplemented into the future. Commissioner Adair asked about how these sites would be able to offer rehabilitation services and not just overdose prevention, to which Saini said that this program is intended to meet people where they're at to offer the utmost variety of services and resources.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Officer Shaw, motioned to support this referred legislation, with additional research on the proximity to schools or youth-centered spaces. Commissioner Miller asked why there was an intent to do more research on where these centers would be located, to which Vice Chair Barker Plummer responded that research should be done to give the best advice to the BOS and MO. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Maureen Loftus aye  
Hayden Miller aye



Gabrielle Listana aye  
Ann Anish aye  
Astrid Utting aye  
Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye  
Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Legislation Referred approved with a supportive recommendation.

**d. File No. 221290 - Hearing - Family and Newcomer Family Homelessness for Students in SFUSD** (Discussion & Possible Action)

i. Presenter: LAO's or YC Staff

Director Esquivel Garcia of the SF Youth Commission presented thorough information regarding the hearing to learn more about and proposed solutions to family and newcomer family homelessness for students in SFUSD.

Commissioner Colin asked if any families or community members shared their experiences, and Garcia said that there was data that was retrieved by doing community outreach to the parents and families involved. Chair Nguyen asked that the Youth Commission be asked and prioritized by BOS offices next time when these issues do come up. Director Garcia said that the report was sent to all of the commissioners, but that it was skewed due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Chair Nguyen, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to support the hearing, with attached comments. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Maureen Loftus aye  
Hayden Miller aye  
Gabrielle Listana aye  
Ann Anish aye





Astrid Utting aye  
Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye  
Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Legislation Referred approved with a supportive recommendation.

Chair Nguyen motioned, seconded by Vice Chair Barker Plummer, to take a 5 minute recess until 7:30pm. The motion was carried by unanimous voice vote.

Chair Nguyen called the meeting back to order at 7:35pm. On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 15 present.

Chloe Wong present  
Allister Adair present  
Maureen Loftus present  
Hayden Miller present  
Gabrielle Listana present  
Ann Anish present  
Astrid Utting present  
Yoselin Colin present  
Vanessa Pimentel present  
Ewan Barker Plummer present  
Steven Hum present  
Raven Shaw present  
Yena Im present  
Tyrone S. Hillman III present  
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

## 8. Resolutions

- a. **Sexual Harassment and Assault Resolution** (Second Reading & Possible Action)
  - i. Commissioners Barker Plummer, Im, Loftus, Colin; Nguyen, Hum, Miller



The authors of the resolution read aloud the final language. Vice Chair Barker Plummer also stated that D7 Supervisor Myrna Melgar indicated her support on social media, along with her plans to introduce the creation of the Safer Schools Task Force on February 7th at the SF Board of Supervisors. Chair Nguyen asked if independent schools should be included since SFUSD has no oversight on those schools, but Vice Chair Barker Plummer said they should be included since they should also make the necessary changes. Commissioner Miller asked if some standardized language could be reflected in the resolved paragraphs, and if the second resolved clause could include a footnote to be specific.

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve the sexual harassment and assault resolution, with amended language adding Chair Nguyen as a primary sponsor, and any grammatical edits. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 15 ayes.

Chloe Wong aye  
Allister Adair aye  
Maureen Loftus aye  
Hayden Miller aye  
Gabrielle Listana aye  
Ann Anish aye  
Astrid Utting aye  
Yoselin Colin aye  
Vanessa Pimentel aye  
Ewan Barker Plummer aye  
Steven Hum aye  
Raven Shaw aye  
Yena Im aye  
Tyrone S. Hillman III aye  
Emily Nguyen aye

Action: Sexual Harassment and Assault resolution passed.

**b. BART Youth Clipper Resolution (First Reading & Possible Action)**

i. Presenter: Commissioner Adair

Commissioner Adair read the resolution aloud for the record. Officer Hum said he supports this resolution, especially as a recipient of the BAYPASS pilot program.



Commissioner Colin asked what the process was to be a part of the BAYPASS program, to which Commissioner Miller and Commissioner Wong said that it was a randomized lottery assignment. Vice Chair Barker Plummer highlighted concerns about some of the claims made in some of the language regarding fare evasion. Chair Nguyen said it might be better to separate the clauses into two separate paragraphs, but that she supports the language. She also emphasized the evidence that Black and Brown youth are being targeted via fare evasion, despite the investments being made into fare enforcement. Officer Utting agrees with Vice Chair Barker Plummer, and that there should be data to back up the claim being made. Commissioner Miller mentioned that when BART was built there was no ADA requirement, making some stations accessible via elevator without going through the fare gates. Vice Chair Barker Plummer also said that he agrees with the vision, but that it's not realistic for the Commission to ask for youth fares to be waived rather than prioritizing reliable service. Commissioner Adair acknowledged and accepted the feedback, and doubled down on the necessity to advocate for free BART to make it a reality in the future. Chair Nguyen said she also had concerns about the BAYPASS pilot program since it might not be feasible to add more recipients to the program. Vice Chair Barker Plummer said he still has concerns regarding making BART free for youth, since it may not reduce fare evasion. Commissioner Miller said that a free BART for youth program might cost substantially less than the Free MUNI for All Youth program. Commissioner Miller discussed his frustrations with BART's fare enforcement policies that are pushing youth and their families off of trains. Officer Utting asked if youth evaded the fare on BART more/less, before and after Free MUNI for All Youth was implemented. Commissioner Adair thanked commissioners for their feedback, and said he would work with Chair Nguyen on final language to present at the next full Youth Commission meeting.

**c. Vision Zero Resolution (First Reading & Possible Action)**

- i. Presenter: Commissioner Nguyen, Miller, Colin

The authors of the resolution read the language aloud. Chair Nguyen asked for this resolution to be voted on after the first reading, due to the packed agenda and time constraints at the next full Youth Commission meeting. Commissioner Miller said that they shouldn't pass it on the first reading to include better language and information that was recently sent by community-based organizations. Commissioners discussed whether or not to pass it on the first reading or second reading, but ultimately decided to take action on the resolution at the following meeting. No public comment.

**9. Budget and Policy Priorities - Review (Discussion Item)**



- a. Presenter: Youth Commission Staff and Commissioners

Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked what the process would be to review the BPPs with the full Youth Commission, and staff discussed that each of the respective committees should go over the edits and revisions by the Executive Committee. Chair Nguyen emphasized that commissioners need to go over those and recommend final language. No public comment.

#### **10. Roll Call and Introductions (Discussion Item)**

*Roll call for introduction of resolutions, requests for hearings, letters of inquiry, and Commissioners' reports on their Commission related activities.*

- a. **Presenters: Commissioner Anish, Commissioner Utting, Commissioner Miller, Commissioner Hum, Commissioner Adair, Commissioner Shaw, Commissioner Nguyen, Commissioner Loftus**

Vice Chair Barker Plummer explained this new addition to the agenda to help give space to commissioners to be able to bring up their updates, progress, or intent to introduce new agenda items in the near future.

Commissioner Anish has been working on adjusting one of the HRT BPPs into a resolution to focus on turning more public space into youth-centered spaces. She's also been doing more research on housing and its relationship to youth.

Officer Utting has been working on BPPs for school safety and would eventually like to see those become future resolutions to bring to the full Commission. She'll be sharing flyers to post around the City in the near future.

Commissioner Miller has been working on the Vision Zero resolution, reaching out to KidSafeSF, and community members in regards to the Central Freeway. He's also been planning to visit the Tenderloin Boys & Girls Club, and is working on pushing forward future resolutions, especially on school trippers.

Commissioner Hum has been working on BPPs for CEEC, and is continuing to work on the mental health resolution.

Commissioner Adair has been working on BPPs for HRT, especially on housing and transportation with Commissioner Wong. He's interested in doing something in regards to TAY youth.



Officer Shaw has been working on the interest form, on the BPPs regarding the Bayview / Hunters Point shipyard, and hoping to do outreach towards immigrant families and youth.

Chair Nguyen has been working on both the freeway removal and Vision Zero resolutions, and turning them into BPPs. She's also looking into additional projects to start working on, and has met with KidSafeSF.

Commissioner Loftus has been working on BPPs, the civic engagement survey, the sexual harassment and assault resolution, and is excited to move onto upcoming events.

**b. Other Legislative Introductions**

Commissioner Pimentel discussed the upcoming hearing regarding Juvenile Hall, asking the working group to address the concerns that haven't been addressed.

No public comment.

**11. Committee Reports** (discussion item)

**a. Executive Committee**

**i. Legislative Affairs Officers**

Officer Shaw discussed the legislation that's been referred to the Youth Commission, and will be helping include Commissioners in the process to prepare for the official presentation to the Board of Supervisors. Officer Hum said that Officer Shaw said everything he was going to say.

**ii. Communication and Outreach Officers**

Officer Utting reminded commissioners to sign up for the YC Instagram takeovers, planning for a youth networking event to get youth more engaged, a potential panel with youth leaders across the City, offered help to all to help plan events or community outreach, asked if anyone might be interested in doing outreach in classrooms, and for commissioners to send community events to post on social media. Officer Listana said they're focusing on posting updates and information. Chair Nguyen added that she's heard from others that the YC social media has been "popping off", so to keep doing what they're doing.

**iii. General Committee Updates**



Vice Chair Barker Plummer mentioned that the agenda format has been updated to have it more organized, that roll call and introductions have now been added as a regular item, and that they reviewed and made recommendations to the BPPs.

#### 1. Youth Commission Attendance

Director Garcia gave an update on attendance, and the move to fully in-person meetings starting on March 1st, 2023.

Chair Nguyen called for a special meeting before March 1st, to catch up on important discussions and actions. Commissioners and staff discussed how to best accommodate while also ensuring meeting guidelines and compliance with the Brown Act and Sunshine Ordinance. Staff agreed to tentatively prepare for a meeting on Monday, February 13th in place of the HRT and TJ committee meetings, since those committees' agendas are short. Staff would also consult with the Clerk's office for the process.

#### **b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee**

Commissioner Anish discussed updates from the SFMTA budget presentation, discussed BPPs that HRT submitted to the Executive Committee, and they went over the BART youth fare resolution. Commissioner Miller also mentioned that they're going to try and get a presentation from SFMTA on the 29 improvement project.

#### **c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee**

Officer Hum gave brief updates on CEEC business.

#### **d. Transformative Justice Committee**

Commissioner Colin gave brief updates on TJ business.

#### **e. LGBTQ+ Task Force**

Officer Listana gave brief updates on LGBTQ+ Task Force business.

No public comment.



## **12. Staff Report** (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia reminded commissioners that the Juvenile Justice Center tour is going to be this Friday and asked for attendance, let commissioners know that the official date for the Budget & Appropriations BOS presentation is March 22, 2023, and gave updates on 2023 Recruitment for the 2023/2024 Youth Commission. She also informed the Commission that the BOS may vote on rules for remote public comment, discussed that the Youth Commission podcast should be focused on, and collaborations with the YYAF BOS Committee. Specialist Zhan discussed the upcoming budget presentations in Commission meetings, and asked if Commissioners are interested in getting involved with the work that the public defender's office is doing. Specialist Ochoa discussed upcoming community organization conveners that will be taking place, and to let staff know of any last budget presentations they'd like to have happen before the BPPs are finalized.

No public comment.

## **13. Announcements** (this includes Community Events)

Commissioner Miller reminded commissioners about the fair this weekend. Specialist Zhan highlighted a Black History Month event at City Hall this upcoming Wednesday.

No public comment.

## **14. Adjournment**

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 9:46pm.