



City and County of San Francisco YOUTH COMMISSION

MINUTES

Tuesday, February 21, 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), Tyrone S. Hillman III (Mayoral).

Present: Emily Nguyen, Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabrielle Listana, Astrid Utting, Chloe Wong, Allister Adair, Maureen Loftus, Hayden Miller, Ann Anish, Yoselin Colin, Vanessa Pimentel, Yena Im.

Absent: None.

Tardy: Tyrone S. Hillman III, Steven Hum, Raven Shaw.

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person with remote access, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on February 21, 2023, with Chair Nguyen presiding.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

Chair Nguyen called the meeting to order at 5:09pm.

On the call of the roll:

Roll Call Attendance: 12 present, 3 absent.

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 absent
Raven Shaw absent
Yena Im present
Tyrone S. Hillman III absent
Emily Nguyen present

A quorum of the Commission was present.

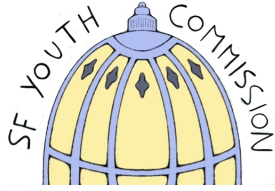
Commissioner Hillman joined the meeting at 5:12pm.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Commissioner Wong, motioned to excuse Commissioner Shaw. No public comment. The motion was carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call vote: 13 ayes, 2 absent.

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

Action: Commissioner Shaw's absence excused.



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.

Officer Utting, seconded by Commissioner Colin, motioned to approve the February 21, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting agenda. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call vote: 13 ayes, 2 absent.

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

Action: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. February 13, 2023 (Packet Materials)

No discussion. No public comment.

Commissioner Colin, seconded by Vice Chair Barker Plummer, motioned to approve the February 13, 2023 full Youth Commission meeting minutes. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:



Roll Call vote: 13 ayes, 2 absent.

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 absent
Raven Shaw absent
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. **Board of Supervisors Budget Chair Instructions** (Discussion Item)
 - i. Presenter: Frances Hsieh, D1 Legislative Aide

Frances Hsieh presented an overview of the overall City budget, the City budget process, and the priorities of the Board of Supervisors. Commissioner Miller asked if there is room to advocate for general fund money to go towards the enterprise (revenue-generating) departments, to which Frances said that that is absolutely a possibility if the goal is to fund programs that will help support those parts of the budget. Miller also asked if the BOS is seeing how to raise revenues to counter regressive measures like fare increases or slashing expenditures, to which Frances said that those options are on the table, but that they have limitations like the necessity to go to voters and statewide ballot measures that could jeopardize local governments to raise revenues. Commissioner Im asked about how the percentages of expenditure are decided when budgets can shift and change throughout the year, to which Frances said that it's difficult to ensure



where the money is spent since the Mayor has a great deal of power over the budgetary process and the Board of Supervisors is limited. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked to expand the board process motion, to which Frances said that that motion is to highlight the priorities of the BOS and what they want to allocate funding towards during the budget process. Barker Plummer also asked about the metrics of how projects are funded or not, to which Frances said that all of the BOS represents the entire city. Commissioner Wong asked how community input fits into what the Mayor proposes in their budget proposal, to which Frances said that the BOS has a great deal of influence in getting community input. Commissioner Miller asked about the inefficiencies of bureaucracy and how the city's policies can make the purchasing process much more difficult, to which Frances said that the values of the City lead to the process that we have. Chair Nguyen asked what advice would be applicable for the Youth Commission to present to the BOS, to which Frances said that presenting to the committee in person, connecting the YC's priorities to district projects and goals, and organizing people to attend the meeting and do public comment.

Chair Nguyen handed the gavel to Vice Chair Barker Plummer at 6:16pm. Vice Chair Barker Plummer handed the gavel to Chair Nguyen at 6:20pm.

b. Human Services Agency (Discussion Item)

i. Presenter: Dan Kaplan, Deputy Director for Administration and Finance

Dan Kaplan presented the Human Services Agency's budget proposal. Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked what metrics the Agency is looking at with the Guaranteed Income program for success, to which Deputy Director Kaplan said that they are still working on the exact metrics that will be used. Barker Plummer also asked how youth programs will be affected with the upcoming budget cuts, to which Kaplan said that the Agency remains strong considering the reductions, but there's also the state budget deficit that they have to worry about. Officer Utting asked if the youth who receive funding will also receive training, to which Kaplan said that although that question has been brought up, that recipients do not receive planning. Commissioner Miller asked about the barriers to folks receiving the benefits that the Agency offers, to which Kaplan said that the knowledge of the program, requirement to renew eligibility, and changing factors make it hard for folks to access these supporting services. Miller also asked how the Agency is simplifying the process to apply for multiple programs, to which Kaplan said that they don't have the ability to combine the applications since they're ran by various government agencies at the local, state, and federal levels, but that they're working on creating programs to let people know all programs



that they are eligible for. Commissioner Miller said he hopes that HSA makes these programs more accessible.

c. **Juvenile Probation Department** (Discussion Item)

- i. Presenter: Verónica Martínez, Director of Finance

Verónica Martínez presented the Juvenile Probation Department's budget proposal. Chair Nguyen asked about specific information regarding the grant funding. Commissioner Colin asked if the funds have already been allocated towards specific programs, to which Director Martínez said that these funds would be allocated towards facility improvements, supplies, and equipment. Chair Nguyen asked if these funds can be used for the current Juvenile Justice Center or if they can be used for future facilities, to which Director Martínez said that this would only be used for the current facility. Chair Nguyen asked if JPD had any asks of the Youth Commission, to which Director Martínez requested the Youth Commission to advocate for DCYF funding towards programs that will support youth and support the partnerships they currently have. Commissioner Colin asked about the grant received from the statewide realignment plan, to which Director Martínez said that they did in increments instead of a full amount.

Officer Hum joined the meeting at 5:42pm. Officer Shaw joined the meeting at 5:46pm.

d. **San Francisco Bike Coalition** (Discussion Item)

- i. Presenter: Claire Amable, Movement Building Manager

Claire Amable presented the San Francisco Active Communities Plan, which is being done in collaboration with the SFMTA. Commissioner Miller said that an ideal network would be that the City is much more connected with bike routes, since some bike routes end suddenly in many parts of the City. Chair Nguyen said that it's very difficult to get around the City from the Excelsior, so it should be a priority to connect the north/south routes. Officer Utting said that public safety on city streets would be preferred, but many people don't feel safe or accessible throughout many neighborhoods. Commissioner Im said that exposure to biking when people are younger can dramatically increase the likelihood later in life, since many working families can't afford bikes. Officer Listana said that targeting outreach to certain neighborhoods is very important. Commissioner Miller said that SFMTA's anti-bike policies makes it difficult for biking to be a realistic option, and that having an e-bike presents other issues in regards to access to secure bike parking. Officer Utting asked if there were programs that offer free bikes to youth who don't own them, to which Claire said that the SF Bike Coalition does partner with organizations to donate bikes to low-income folks. Vice Chair Barker



Plummer asked what the SF Bike Coalition is doing to outreach to young people, to which Claire said that they're just now starting to do targeted outreach and this is their first meeting, and said that they would love to collaborate and co-host events with the Youth Commission. Chair Nguyen recommended that the YC is interested in partnering with the Bike Coalition for community events.

No public comment.

Chair Nguyen called for a recess until 7:30pm. The full Commission meeting resumed at 7:32pm.

7. Resolutions (Discussion & Possible Action)

- a. **Vision Zero Resolution** (second reading and possible action)
 - i. Presenter: Youth Commission

The authors of the resolution presented the changes made since the first reading.

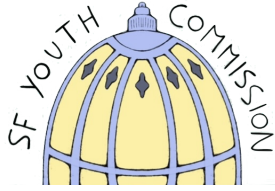
Commissioner Colin, seconded by Chair Nguyen, motioned to approve the Vision Zero resolution. No public comment. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call vote: 14 ayes, 1 absent.

Chloe Wong aye
Allister Adair aye
Maureen Loftus aye
Hayden Miller aye
Gabrielle Listana aye
Ann Anish absent
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: Vision Zero resolution approved.

8. 2023-2024 Budget and Policy Priorities (First Reading and Discussion Item)



a. Presenter: Youth Commission

Vice Chair Barker Plummer explained the process of how discussion will go forward, which will be reading the titles of the BPPs, discussion, and consensus to move forward in agreement. Commissioners and staff discussed the process of how to get everyone's input to have a solid voting process for the next full Youth Commission meeting.

Commissioners went over the proposed Budget and Policy Priorities (BPPs):

1. Expand Access to Youth-Centered Recreational Spaces

No discussion or comments, Commissioners in agreement.

2. Address Vision Zero

No discussion or comments, Commissioners in agreement.

3. Make Transportation Services Accessible and Reliable for Youth

Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if it is worth advocating on the restoration of pre-pandemic SFMTA routes, rather than looking at what the demand is post-pandemic. Commissioner Miller responded by saying that many of the routes that have yet to be restored are critical, but that he can clarify what routes should be restored. Officer Utting agreed that that information should be clarified in the BPP language.

4. Support Youth and Transitional-Aged Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Officer Utting was concerned about the process of creating and funding a new TAY navigation center, and if that would be necessary to do. Commissioner Adair said that there is a demand for youth and TAY youth to get access to as many services and resources as possible. Commissioner Miller mentioned that many of the shelters and navigation centers are very localized to the community and people that surround it, so it's important to have geographic access for all youth across the City. Officer Utting agrees that access is important, but wants to see if a second navigation center is necessary based on results from the existing one. Commissioner Wong agreed with Commissioner Adair, and said that she would try and clarify the language more, especially around the examples used.

5. Study the Removal of the Central Freeway



Commissioner Miller recommended that there be visuals on how the removal of freeways or infrastructure can improve the surrounding region. Commissioner Adair recommended that the BPP incorporates the concerns of the marginalized communities in the surrounding area, to which Chair Nguyen said that that is why the language is broad to be able to have a compromise between different views and communities. Commissioner Miller said that it's important that outreach to communities, and ensure that the vision actually incorporates what the people in the community want.

6. Make Free Muni for All Youth Permanent

No discussion or comments, Commissioners in agreement.

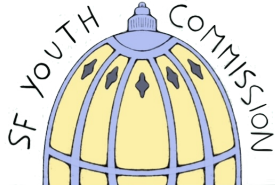
7. Urging on the Complete Closure of Juvenile Hall and the Continued Development of Alternatives to Incarceration for Youth and Transitional-Aged Youth

Commissioner Colin said that her and Chair Nguyen changed the title to "Alternatives to Incarceration for Youth and Transitional-Aged Youth" and some of the language within the recommendations. Commissioner Miller said that he doesn't understand why the YC should advocate for building a new facility in place of the new one. Commissioner Colin said that they do need to have a facility based on the state policies. Vice Chair Barker Plummer said that there is a need for this type of facility, and that they need to find ways to do that that are humane and supportive. Commissioners and staff discussed information around the complexities around the current Juvenile Justice Center (JJC) that require it to continue being addressed throughout several policy changes. Chair Nguyen said that they can adjust the language to ask the Board of Supervisors to come up with a new plan that can address the many ongoing issues within the JJC. Commissioner Miller said that he wants to see metrics and oversight, showing that the funding is going towards things that will address the ongoing issues.

8. Expand Safety Measures for Youth Drug-Related Deaths by Funding a Narcan Program in All San Francisco Schools

Commissioner Miller and Chair Nguyen asked if there can be clarity around language in the title of the BPP.

9. Urging San Francisco to Bear the Responsibility in Restoring Bayview Hunters Point



Vice Chair Barker Plummer asked if the title of the BPP can be revised to include the responsibility of the Navy and federal government, in addition to the City and County of San Francisco. Commissioner Im said that this issue has gone on for so long, that responsibility needs to be taken by all parties who are continuing to let it happen. Director Garcia informed Commissioners that the BOS has taken action to try and hold the Navy and federal government accountable, but have been met with resistance. Officer Shaw added that the City needs to take more of a role in this process, since they are currently blaming the Navy and not taking more decisive action. Commissioner Miller brought up his confusion about the section that says to limit the building of infrastructure, to which Officer Shaw said that the concern is that the housing they're building in the Bayview Hunters Point tends to be luxury housing, which makes gentrification an additional factor that can displace even more residents. Commissioner Miller recommended that the language be changed to clarify that luxury housing shouldn't be built, but that parks, affordable housing, and other community amenities.

10. Provide Oversight of and Invest in School Safety Measures for San Francisco Students

Commissioner Miller asked about specifics regarding the Columbine locks and the process in implementing them into every school in SFUSD. Officer Utting and Commissioner Im stated that there are many school sites that don't have protective measures to protect students from external threats. Commissioner Miller asked if there was any statistics on what has or hasn't been effective from other school districts that would work best in SFUSD, to which Commissioner Im said that repetition and trainings has been more successful.

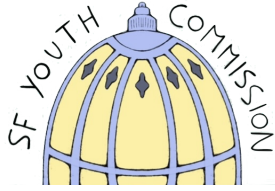
11. Grant 16 and 17 Year Olds the Right to Vote

Chair Nguyen said she was disappointed that this BPP was incomplete after the deadline for BPPs to be submitted this month, so she had to write a significant portion of the language.

12. Increase Existing Funding for Wellness Programs, Resources, Outreach, and Education in San Francisco Public Schools

Commissioner Miller asked for some clarity about what the needs are for students across the district.

13. Support the Development and Implementation of Life Skills Programs for Youth in San Francisco



Commissioner Pimentel said it was difficult to find SF-based data, but they used the information about some initiatives that the SFUSD BOE has undergone in recent years. Chair Nguyen and Commissioner Miller said that the language is very vague and that some information should be included, and she said that the title could be made more broad to include specific programs that exist in San Francisco. Commissioner Adair agreed with others, and said that it could be important to define what life skills are.

14. Increase Voter Pre-Registration Efforts

Commissioner Miller appreciates the changes made in this BPP, and mentioned that it's important to focus on the equity perspective to get people paid a stipend to register young people to vote.

15. San Francisco LGBTQIA+ Coalition on Safety Funding Request

Commissioner Miller asked for a clarification of what the security aspect of the BPP calls for.

16. Create a More Comprehensive LGBTQ+ and Sexual Health Curriculum for SFUSD Schools

No discussion or comments, Commissioners in agreement.

17. Establish Safe Spaces in School and Make Resources for LGBTQ+ Students More Accessible

Chair Nguyen asked if the language could reflect what the definition of a safe space could be, in which Officer Listana said the language does provide already.

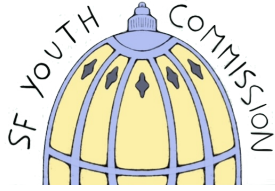
Chair Nguyen handed the gavel to Vice Chair Barker Plummer at 9:34pm. Vice Chair Barker Plummer handed the gavel to Chair Nguyen at 9:37pm.

No public comment.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Item)

a. Executive Committee

- i. Legislative Affairs Officers
- ii. Communication and Outreach Officers
- iii. General Committee Updates



- b. Housing, Recreation, and Transit Committee
- c. Civic Engagement and Education Committee
- d. Transformative Justice Committee
- e. LGBTQ+ Task Force

Vice Chair Barker Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Hillman, motioned to table the committee reports. 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: Agenda Item tabled.

No public comment.

10. Staff Report (discussion item)

Director Esquivel Garcia gave the update that our next full Youth Commission meeting will be required to be in-person, with only remote public comment being allowed. Specialist Zhan gave the update to discuss with Officer Shaw about any resolutions. Specialist Ochoa gave updates on the Youth Budget Town Hall dates, and on the February Youth Commission newsletter going out later this week.

Commissioner Miller asked staff about the memo regarding recently passed resolutions by the full Youth Commission, and requested that they be sent in time before the Board of Supervisors take action on the relevant item.



No public comment.

11. Announcements (this includes Community Events)

The Central Freeway panel at Manny's will be on March 2nd, and the Inner Sunset Transit Town Hall will be on February 27th. No public comment.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business on the agenda, the full Youth Commission adjourned at 9:44pm.