



San Francisco Youth Commission

Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, February 22nd, 2021

5:00pm-8:00pm

Public Comment Call-in:

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There will be public comment on each item.

Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Lillian Tang, Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, Calvin Quick, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Gracie Veiga, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Erika Morris, Arsema Asfaw, Sarah Cheung, Sarah Ginsburg, Nora Hylton, Amara Santos, Stephen "Rocky" Versace

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

Chair Hylton called the meeting to order 5:03 PM. Quorum is met.

Roll Call Attendance:

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Lillian Tang, present
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, present
Calvin Quick, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Gracie Veiga, present
Ariana Arana, present
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, present
Sarah Cheung, present
Sarah Ginsburg, present
Nora Hylton, present
Amara Santos, present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, present

No public comment. Commissioner Santos motions to excuse Commissioner Jones and Morris, seconded by Commissioner Quick. Motion passes by roll call.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

No public comment. Commissioner Zhang motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Tanaka. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. February 8th, 2021
[\(Document A\)](#)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Murphy motions to approve the February 8th, 2021 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Santos.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye



Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

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

No public comment.

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

- A. [Inform + Input] Department of Public Health (DPH) Sugary Drinks Distributor Tax Advisory Committee (SDDTAC) Presentation
Presenters: Kiana Sezawar Keshavarz, Vanessa Bohm
(Document B)

Kiana has started community input - hope to approach BOS for a proposal to include an additional youth seat. Hope to bring more youth representation and more youth involved. It'll also be good support for youth attendance as we can share more youth perspectives on public health issues.

Current rationale to present (to run by YC first):

- more youth seats means broader representation, more perspective on specific youth issues, more youth collab and presence, accurate rep of our recommendations since we recommend a sizable chunk of money towards sfusd each year, sf gov/bos committees have youth seats more than 1

Vanessa: Christina Goette came through before and gave a presentation to the Youth Commission earlier last year.

Discussion:

- Commissioner Hylton: for it, on board
- Commissioner Zhang: connect why for more youth seats are advantageous - highlighting your role and past things you've done
- Commissioner Quick: supportive of this, but question of technicalities on Kiana and youth seat proposal, age range and specific qualifications attached for the youth seat for example the DCYF OAC have 3 youth seat not all of them are the same demographic
 - KS: introduce to target specific communities



- VB: age cap is 18. The committee supports making amendments that make the youth seat sustainable, needs more research to figure out which other commissions are getting paid
- Commissioner Quick: encourage to pursue to the extent of the BOS is open and pushing them on that - also part of the YC budget priorities opportunity to jointly lean on BOS to get youth stipends
- KS: thank you so much. It's been brought up in our meetings to get youth paid.
- Commissioner Hylton: question, is there any official TAY seat? Are you looking to start that?
 - KS: I believe it's any youth seat under 18 years old
 - VB: nothing specific to TAY, but it would be ideal to have a variety of youth presentations. I wonder if the suggestion is to have TAY youth represented. So 2 additional seats and
 - Commissioner Hylton: yes, that's my suggestion. Maybe expanding the age range and allowing anyone under 24 or 25 years old can apply.
- Commissioner Santos: Thank you for presenting & the comments by Quick & Hylton. The City doesn't always practice equity and we don't always pay young people for their labor. I echo having a TAY youth voice.
 - KS: Yes, that's a great way to have a wider representation of youth.
 - VB: there's a reality too. It's been difficult to have youth to apply. It's a daunting task, time commitment, just so many things going on there. If we are successful in this amendment (stipends, multiple seats including TAY) we will have to do an outreach effort to draw in youth. I think Staff Truong brought this up too, in terms of rationale & strategy.
 - Commissioner Hylton: going back to compensation, we have a lot of commissioners from private schools. If we paid Commissioners we could have a larger range of representation. If BOS pushback, I would make the point that paying youth
 - Staff Truong: YC budget has not been increased. One recent win is Commissioners included an ask for an increase in this budget to expand and reach more youth. It's a balance between your legacy and the work youth will do. Have an idea of your targeted youth demographic and including the youth that are already doing the work. It would be helpful to maintain BOS support throughout the entire process. Not just at the end. Links in the chat to offer some more research.
 - links:
 - https://sfbos.org/sites/default/files/2021_Maddy_Act.pdf
 - From 2016 - some background on commission pay <https://www.potrereview.net/city-and-county-has-more-than-60-commissions/>
 - email from SDDTAC youth: Kiana sezawar1383@gmail.com & Vanessa vanessa@carecensf.org

B. [Inform + Decision] University of California San Francisco (UCSF) Defund Action - Medical Students
Presenters: Norman Archer, Yakira Teitel, LJ Johnson, Talia Horwitz



Presenters (LJ as a mental health counselor) shared about how and why this matters to black and brown youth for their life and safety.

Norman: wonderful feedback on proposed alternatives:

- include youth rep on community leadership board, compensated
- figure out how to structure compensation for community involvement in a way that does not create barriers for undocumented folks
- incorporate explicit language on sanctuary city

Yakira (family medicine - DPH): budget priorities for DPH fy 2021:

- pilot healing centered & trauma informed community based safety teams
- invest in health care doula at sgh
- increase staffing, including bert, nursing, and meas
 - letter sent to Dr. Grant Colfax 1/19
 - currently awaiting DPH
 - seeking inclusion of these 3 asks in the YC budget proposal
- patient advocates -> really community members to accompany and stand in solidarity and advocate (health care doulas)
- youth poll on health care experiences
- acknowledgements - DPH must divest, Asmara G. (Black midwife) on strike till sheriff removed)

Why abolition: Efforts at reform can never eliminate the basic facts that law enforcement officers are trained to see people in crisis as "threats" rather than people who need support and healing, and that the histories and structures of law enforcement continue to perpetuate racist violence in the US. We want to build an environment in the hospital where conflicts are avoided through compassionate care and meeting people's needs upfront. When conflicts do arise, we want them handled by people skilled in deescalation and trauma informed care. This can only occur if we completely abolish all forms of policing within our health systems and invest in new, visionary models of community safety.

Why now? Although similar efforts to remove the sheriffs from SFGH have been tried in the past, we are now in an unprecedented moment. Our medical systems have proven, in their response to the COVID-19 pandemic, that they can adapt and transform long-entrenched systems of practice incredibly quickly, when committed. Furthermore, we have entered a moment of widespread awareness about the harms of policing. SFGH has the opportunity to be a national leader in this growing movement by creating new safety systems that are based in healing and care, not law enforcement.

What is the history? The systems of law enforcement in the US derive from slave patrols (gangs that caught and punished enslaved people who ran away or defended their rights), protection of the property of the wealthy, and suppression of workers' rights. The SF Sheriff's Department was created in 1850 and its first Sheriff was chosen for his "reputation" (which included slaying Indigenous and Mexican people in Texas). During the Civil Rights movement and hospital integration in the 1950s and 1960s, hospitals started forming "security departments." Undoubtedly racism and a desire for social control by the elites drove this shift. Some of these initial departments included law enforcement officers and others incorporated them over time. In San Francisco, the SF Sheriff's Department replaced the Institutional Police as the security presence in SFGH and SFDPH in 2002.



But don't the sheriff's keep us safe? There is no clear evidence to prove that the sheriffs' presence keeps us safer than we would be without law enforcement presence. Incidents such as the sheriff's assault on Fernando Guanill in the hospital's emergency room and the over 100 use of force cases incidents would be avoided with an alternative response system. Unarmed, plain clothes mental health or social work professionals with training in nonviolent de-escalation and restorative justice would be able to handle the vast majority of what the sheriffs do provide on a day-to-day basis, meanwhile avoiding the risk of further traumatization to our patients and staff.

Let the record reflect that Chair Hylton has requested to extend the time on this presentation by 3 more minutes

Asks for YC:

- continue to give us feedback (meetings) are perfect for next step and strategies
- consider to include these in your budget asks for this year
- continue to build our partnership & maybe develop the idea for a youth town hall / youth experience in health care

Discussion:

- Commissioner Santos - Appreciate your sharing story (LJ) and emphasized need for removal of police at large & incorporating our feedback and language
- Commissioner Quick: seconded with clarifying questions re: details 1) community leadership board - is that something that exists now and what's currently in place
 - Yakira - patient advisory boards, but looking for people invested in this issue youth & TAY, hospital leadership is receptive but where it would be housed
- Commissioner Quick: in a related point, you talked about security oversight. As we get rid of the sheriffs, are there any specifics around your vision to get this set up especially with references to private security. How much weight would CLB have?
 - Answer: our hope is that it would have actual power. It would provide the oversight. We want security that would allow our clinicians to do their job. If we had an outside contractor we would have less oversight.
- Commissioner Quick: concerning to hear. Last question, one of your priorities around behavioral health teams - does the behavioral health commission have any jurisdiction over this? Do they know about this?
- Answer: I'm not familiar with the commission, but the behavioral health team at SF general hospital is a group of 3 nurses who have training and expertise, but they are viewed as very effective. In our proposal we have asked for 24 new positions under this team.
- How can the YC give consistent feedback?
- Main ask: can you include this in your budget priorities?

Discussion:



- Commissioner Quick: i think we should support this and motion to include this in our budget priorities. Is TJ willing and able to continue following up during the budget season?
- Staff Truong: is there a coalition meeting that YCers can attend? I would refer to the chair of TJ.
- Commissioner Veiga: Yes, if you have coalition meetings I can attend and I'm sure other TJ members can attend as well
- Answer: we have weekly coalition meetings and are willing to invite. Coalition meetings take place every Wednesday 8-9pm.
- Commissioner Veiga: I can attend.

There is no public comment.

Commissioner Santos motions to support the three budget recommendations from the DPH coalition and include it into our budget priorities (pilot healing centered & trauma informed community based safety teams, invest in health care doula at SFGH, and increase staffing, including BERT, nursing, and MEAs), seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg. Motion passes.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

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

A. [Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-05 [Resolution - Social Housing - 598 Portola Dr. and Juvenile Hall]
Sponsors: Commissioners Quick and Zhang
Presenter: Commissioners Quick and Zhang
(Document C)

No public comment. Commissioner Quick says the only changes have been the date at the bottom of the resolution.



Commissioner Quick motioned to pass the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Zhang. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, not present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

- B. [Inform + Decision] Motion 2021-AL-09 [Motion of Intent to Refer SFUSD-Related Legislation]
Sponsors: Executive Committee
Presenters: Commissioner Asfaw
(Document D)

Commissioner Asfaw, we decided that as a commission we should have input on BOE especially with everything going on with Lowell and the renaming of schools. We wish to have our stance on record. Begins first reading.

Discussion:

Commissioner Santos - important for us as we are supposed to keep in mind young people and SFUSD is such a huge part in so many people's lives and woefully mindful that little to none of us have been or is part of a public school.

Commissioner Cheung - different recommendations compared to SAC - as SAC only give recommendations to BOE, and now it's BOS relating to SFUSD

Commissioner Quick - SFUSD and the city are two different jurisdictions and entities, because we have not received legislation on SFUSD. We would be advising the BOS and Mayor on the actions they are taking on matters related to SFUSD.

- Current model - "The [Joint City, School District, and City College](#) Select Committee shall be referred requests for hearings concerning issues of mutual interest that impact the City, School District, City College, its employees, its students, the families of its students, and the public use of School District and City College facilities. The Committee shall be chaired by a Member of the Board of Supervisors designated by the President. The Committee shall be composed of two Members of the Board of Supervisors, two Commissioners of the Board of Education, and two Trustees of the City College Board of Trustees. Each respective body shall also appoint one alternate Member. Three



members, including at least one Member of the Board of Supervisors, shall constitute a quorum of the Select Committee. This Select Committee shall terminate on, or before, January 1, 2021.”

Staff Truong - what other buy in, or actions pending once this passes through first reading?
Commissioner Quick - this model has not been talking to other bodies about it mainly as statement of intent with the yc, need to touch base with sfusd and inviting with that discussion - motion only 1 reading
Commissioner Hylton - some issues that affect sfusd
Staff Estrada (via chat): Executive Committee can further flush this out in their meetings.

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to pass the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Veiga. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, not present
Stephen “Rocky” Versace, aye

- C. [Inform + Decision] [First Reading] Resolution No. 2021-AL-10 [Urging the City and County of San Francisco to Address Anti-Asian Hate Crimes]
Sponsors: Commissioners Cheung and Zhang
Presenters: Commissioner Cheung
(Document E)

Commissioner Cheung reads the motion into the record and gives a trigger warning on violence, murder, and death.

From chat: What an important and well-done resolution, Commissioners Cheung and Zhang, thank you. - Commissioner Veiga.

A request for a suspension of the bylaws has been stated.

No public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to suspend the bylaws seconded by Commissioner Veiga. Motion passes by a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:



Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, not present
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

No public comment. Commissioner Veiga motions to pass the resolution, seconded by Commissioner Gisburg. Motion passes by roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote:

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Lillian Tang, aye
Plyfaa Suwanamalik-Murphy, aye
Calvin Quick, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Gracie Veiga, aye
Ariana Arana, aye
Rome Jones, excused absence
Erika Morris, excused absence
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Sarah Cheung, aye
Sarah Ginsburg, aye
Nora Hylton, aye
Amara Santos, aye
Stephen "Rocky" Versace, aye

- D. [Presentation] Practice Presentation for Budget & Appropriations Committee (BAC) Presenters: Commissioners Quick, Suwanamalik-Murphy, Veiga, Cheung, and Zhang

Commissioners practiced for their BAC presentation on Wednesday 2/24 @ 3:30pm.

7. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - a. LAO



- i. SIP Hotels are still going on. HSH to fill 2,700 SIP Hotels & not require anyone to move out. FEMA has said they will fund 100% of the funds retroactively since the start of the pandemic
 - b. Comms
 - i. YC podcast is in the works - get in contact with us
 - ii. Continuing with YC takeovers
 - c. General Committee Updates
 - i. discussed SFUSD motion that we passed today
 - ii. Someone from YC will/can be working on a resolution to take a stance on SFUSD reopenings
 - B. Civic Engagement
 - a. OCOF looking for participants for their assessments. We suggested a virtual alternative.
 - C. Housing and Land Use
 - a. discussion with SFMTA
 - b. continuing presentations, CAC on March 4th
 - D. Transformative Justice
 - a. presentation from public defenders and focus group D6 for community alternatives traffic enforcement, budget presentations HSH & DCYF OAC, peer court training
 - E. OCOF
 - a. fireside chat with the mayor, planned with youth leaders - tomorrow, spread the word
8. **Staff Report (Discussion Only)**
- COVID 19 Proof of Completion - was due last week
 - Reminder for public comment for BAC 2/24
 - YCers who can give public comment:
 - Education Town Hall - 2/28 4pm, next weekend - hosted by united democratic club
9. **Announcements (This Includes Community Events)**
- OCOFS Fireside Chat with Mayor Breed - Commissioner Listana & Hlyton
10. **Adjournment**
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm