



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## DRAFT - Minutes

Monday, June 17, 2019

5:00 pm-8:00 pm

City Hall, Room 416

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

San Francisco, CA 94102

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Charley Obermeyer, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin, and Savion Green

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

The meeting was called to order at 5:11 PM. Excused absences: Dong, Green, Hirji, and Ty. Commissioner Hirji and Green had requested leave of absences which were approved by the executive committee. Commissioner Marshall - Fricker, seconded by Commissioner Quick motion to excuse absences of Commissioner Dong and Ty. Commissioner Ibarra arrives at 5:13pm. Commissioner Hoogerhyde is tardy and arrives at 5:45 PM.

### 2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Proposal to switch items 5 & 6 due to presenter not being able to get here until closer to 6:00 PM. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: it is respectful to Adele to hear the item and I have a lot of respect for her, she was the director of the Youth Commission. There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the agenda with switching items 5 & 6, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker. The motion passes

### 3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. June 3, 2019

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There is no public comment. Vice-Chair Cureton motions to approve the minutes, seconded by Commissioner Ibarra. The motion passes.

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

There is no public comment.

### 5. Presentation

A. Resolution Supporting the Community Higher Education Fund  
Presenter: Adele Failes Carpenter, CCSF Faculty



## Document B

Adele: I want to congratulate you on a powerful term. The Youth Commission has historically stuck its neck out for the City College. The Youth Commission has led on these issues, and the City had followed. What we are facing right now at City College, the funding, there is a lot of money to be made in the higher education industry. City college can combat that, and really build community. We are asking our administration to say that there is another solution beside the state funding formula. We want the administration to look at other revenue options and we are coming to you early. There are a lot of ways that the assessment of higher education can miss what is really happening. There is also a big move to online classes, and I will say that I see my students build long-lasting solutions. We learn about the history of social movement. Online education does have a role in education, but it does not fulfill the only role. Thank you for your time.

Charlie Garcia Spegal, student at CCSF. Athena Wade, Community and Political Coordinator at City for union and will help move this forward in fall semester.

Draft of a resolution-what isn't in there: the YC has historically stuck it's neck out for CC issues (when it was facing threats to its accreditation and YC stepped out which got other city leaders to follow: BOS came out in support, inspired student leadership, faculty as well, and YC was very early support of Free City College). CCSF is now facing new state funding formula that will diminish the role of city college system. Lot of money to be made in student debt industry and CC's combat that where people can continue their learning, build community, and transfer to other universities. CCSF is facing cuts that are aggressive and are asking admin to protect the vital programs that serve young SFans. Built through community labor and have world class programs that are valuable to the community, and CCSF really needs city gov't and the YC to build a solution. It's an attack on the promise of free city college. CCSF wants to partner with city gov't on other revenue sources. Higher ed misses out on what really matters when people are attending college and thinking together. Diverse classes with zero barriers to admission builds relationships that has huge impacts for the community it serves. Allows to see who is at fault for struggles and not do it individually and can allow for structural questioning and then address the fight together. Awareness and development of skills does not come through online classes, which is what a possible solution that is being proposed, but may not be the best solution and would be a disservice to young people.

Athena: asks Charlie to share his experience as a CCSF student.

Charlie (presenter): as a student who has been impacted by these cuts. Their first semester at CC and sees in their classes the most amazing people with tons of potential that CC would do well serving. In this first semester have already hit bumps: amazing class on oral history and storytelling and was an in person class but when they took it it was hybrid class online and in person but only once a week. Didn't think they got what they needed about skill building, learning from each other, practicing with each other...wondered what it would be like to do this all in person and to build this community. Second class: couldn't access an ASL class because



the class was cut. They are hard of hearing and their boyfriend is deaf. As hard of hearing person this is devastating and won't be able to continue on next semester with the other course because it's late at night and only one is offered. Because of cuts and shifts is not able to access a class that is deeply important to them as a person. The funding level is tripping the students up.

Athena: want to model their fund after the PEEF fund. City recognizes the k-12 system has gaps with what the state provides and the city fills some of these gaps with PEEF funding. This is only exacerbated by housing affordability crisis. This is only going to get worse. Community Higher Education Fund (CHEF) would help decrease the gap that currently exists. They have commitment from the Mayor's office and the BOS to have conversations on what the ask is for and hoping to target the voters in 2020. Asking for YC to support the resolution and help shape the asks. Coalition exists for this particular issue and works towards the CHEF. Commissioner Quick reads resolution into the record

Discussion:

Commissioner Min: CHEF fund is wonderful item. Min's office has been trying to get a funding campaign so damage is mitigated. CHEF fund is brilliant. Are you agendaized for next board of trustees meeting in the next two weeks? Next meeting is focused on free city college so no they are not agendaized for that meeting but will be in future meeting. This is still early stages. They do not know this resolution.

Commissioner Obermeyer: I am also a student at CCSF and finished up the first year. Took LGBT culture and society class which is part of the diversity collective, which is seeing many of the cuts. This new funding model would fundamentally change what city colleges are supposed to do. Under the new funding model you wouldn't see many of these classes and wouldn't see diverse student population and the enriching experience a city college provides.

Commissioner Hylton: In first 5 bullet points it talks about new state funding formula, I would want more specific information on how it isn't working. Commissioner Min could also explain the obstruction of funding.

Commissioner Min: state funding formula is designed to help city college and based on units. Our city college is unique in that it's non traditional students and part time, so while this formula benefits almost every other CC, CCSF suffers the most and would lose money. Formula is separated into years and first year would be a transition year and would allocate based on trad. Vs. non traditional students and CCSF serves more non trad. Students and would suffer greatly after the transition year. CCSF's population wouldn't be served.

Staff Fierro-is there actual data in who is enrolling in CCSF and who is benefitting from it? If there is a discrepancy who is benefitting from free city and from CHEF fund.



Athena: Free city is for those who live in SF. Have asked for an equity analysis. Board of Trustees is also asking about who is most impacted by these class cuts. They did do a line by line scouring they found 3800 were enrolled and 2200 were enrolled in courses that won't be offered. More than 50% of students who enrolled were first time registered students.

Staff Fierro: Is there a timeframe for an equity analysis?

Athena: Was requested two months ago and hope to include it in the CHEF moving forward. Those enrolled matched demos of the city. Those with disabilities was the population that didn't match.

Chair Vigil: Have you been speaking to associated students? Yes.

Commissioner Min: they made a presentation at the very last meeting it would be appropriate for them to go back but only for Ocean campus. Would love for this resolution to be supported by his executive council that includes all assoc students. Further communication needs to be built.

Public comment: Vicky, is mentor for Project Survive. Sexual assault program. Most of her mentors are affected by these class cuts as they work full or part time. There is a sacrifice on classes and what they need to prioritize. Trauma informed treatment and lgbt classes are important to her medical schools and the classes wouldn't be credited. Investment is needed for those who aren't traditional students and is crucial for those who are seeking to go into medical school. YC should support this resolution.

This is used as the first reading and second reading will be agendaized as action legislation in proper formatting. Quick will do this.

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

- A. 2018-2019 Co-Chairs Bylaws Amendment  
Presenter: Chair Vigil, District 11  
Document C

Please refer to supplemental document.

Commissioner Quick: the document in the agenda are the bylaws as of right now, but amendment is a new proposal. The major change is that instead of having a chair and a vice-chair we would have co-chairs.

Chair Vigil: I am trying to get this passed on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Don't need to implement too early. I want the new YC can have two co-chairs. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker has some reservations.

The idea is to implement co-chairs instead of a chair and vice-chair model as to include more deliberation, freedom, and choice of what they want to take on. Also, acknowledges areas of strengths for two people versus just one. This formalizes the



process for the full youth commission and can act as a trial run. I intentionally did not include the change for committees. Youth Commissioners will be new and may not understand how to make bylaw amendments or the process. Vice-Chair Cureton and I realized that to chair together helps to alleviate the stress and pressure. This helps make the duties more comfortable to share roles versus one person taking it on more than the other. This also helps push the relationship to co-lead as well and get to know each other.

Commissioner Nassiri: 4<sup>th</sup> line (under co-chair shall) should be plural. This seems to be a little more complicated and I understand it is a lot of pressure on one person. But this is the reason why we have the vice chair so they can help step in if the other can't fill it. This would be the same as chair and vice chair dynamic, and it complicates the role of executive committee, Our Children Our Families, and who leads the full youth commission meetings.

Chair Vigil: Yes, this is accurate. This is unique and grows the leadership of both of these roles. They would have to ask these questions of "can you meet together" and "do you work well together"?

ViceChair Cureton: The co-chair now has 12 duties. Is there is a method of making sure one chair doesn't get too power hungry or shirk off their duties?

Chair Vigil: Staff could help with this.

Commissioner Quick: number 9 is the same as 5 so that shouldn't be on there.

Commissioner Hylton: In addition, to specifying the duties, the facilitation of meetings should be made more clear and/or create a process to abide by.

Commissioner Quick: Put in examples that aren't binding in the bylaws seems iffy.

Chair Vigil: just a way to formalize the process and changing the names. It's pretty much the same thing with different titles.

Commissioner Min: Trying to give the flexibility to work out what's best for them? And these won't take place until next term? Either way, each YC works on the bylaws anyways and could be worth a try to see how next YC fairs and they have all the power to get rid of it if they don't like it.

Commissioner Obermeyer: In EC we were excited about this. It also speaks to the difficulties we have had with other chairs. What we stand for and pursue as a body, the idea of stepping into collaborative power, working together, and really try to reach progress through consensus. This helps create a body that is more deliberate and intentional. This structure would drive people to collaborate and have a positive effect on the body. Should at least be tried.

Commissioner Quick: It is Chair Vigil's intention to continue it to the next meeting so they don't go into effect now. This Commission is still in office until next Commission



is sworn in and if we have to come back before the recess, be clear that these amendments effective (insert date \_\_\_\_\_) and could incorporate into the motion.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker I am going to have to ask for a roll call vote.

Commissioner Nassiri: I would propose amending this document to have the option of a vice-chair and chair or co-chairs.

Commissioner Obermeyer: Either alternating items or meetings. One of the two would be better than tossing in another option.

Commissioner Quick: The first meeting is a mess. Adding too many options the first meeting to decide on may not work well. The rules can shape the Commission and not just the other way around. It is up to this term to decide what we want this Commission to look like, even if we're not on it next year. It's a policy choice on what the rules will look like.

Chair Vigil: still have full bylaw document and could revert back to the old one. Trusts staff leadership to give history of past roles. Staff plays a crucial role supporting the leadership roles and the process will be easier than we think. As hope this would work because of the clerks and amazing Commissioners who would love this and might be more motivated to run knowing they have support from a co chair.

Commissioner Ibarra: Discussion is not always defending your point, but also being mindful of others. If nothing new to the conversation to move on. Remember we would be making a choice for people who are not here.

No public comment.

Commissioner Ibarra, seconded by Commissioner Obermeyer, motion to table the conversation and item and move on to the next item. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

### **A. Executive Committee**

- i. LAO - eliminating fines for overdue library commission. I doubt we are going to hear it. A couple of supervisors introduced an initiative amendment on mental health.
- ii. Communications Team we did more outreach to orgs in district 9.
- iii. Commissioner Hylton and I have been working with Naomi on the Alumni Network. Commissioner Hylton has scheduled some interviews this week. Commissioner Hylton is reaching out to alum and if anyone wants to be part of those, reachout. Needs help with data entry and Cureton needs help. If anyone else is interested in helping with interviews, not formal, and could be a part of them.



- B. Housing and Land Use Committee
  - a. Our end of the year YC celebration and followed up on the actions we needed to take following the BFC presentation
- C. Transformative Justice Committee
  - a. Hearing on next Thursday the 28th - they will be presenting
  - b. debrief on the Mayors blue ribbon panel
- D. Civic Engagement Committee
  - a. We held our Vote 16 stakeholders meeting

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

- A. July 1 will be the last full youth commission meeting
- B. Staffperson Fierro has accepted a new role as the Director of Student Inclusion at Lick Wilmerding High School. Thanks the Commissioner for the last year together and shaping her personal-professional narrative.

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

- A. Commissioner Hylton: Hearing next Friday on the 28th, come out to speak in public comment.

**10. Adjournment at 6:33 PM.**