



San Francisco Youth Commission
Draft Minutes – Special
****Special Inaugural Meeting****
Wednesday, September 4, 2019
6:00 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.

Sarah Cheung, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Maggie Dong, Josephine Cureton, Calvin Quick, Khatab Alameri, Crystal Chan, JoJo Ty, Ariana Arana, Rome Jones, Amara Santos, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Stephen “Rocky” Versace, Arsema Asfaw, Alexander Hirji, Sarah Ginsburg

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

Interim Chair Cureton calls the meeting to order at 6:08 PM. Quorum is Met.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve of the agenda with amendment to table Item 6A due to SFPL Medical Emergency and presenter cancellation, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri. By a vote of acclamation, the motion passes.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. July 1, 2019
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There was no public comment. Commissioner Alameri motioned to approve of the July 1st, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

Former Youth Commissioner, Zak Franet, offers his personal congratulations to the new Youth Commission cohort and offers his support to be helpful in anyway possible = for his contact information please ask Staff Hosmon.

5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)

There was no legislation referred.

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

- A. San Francisco Public Library Transitional Age Youth (TAY) Advisory Board
Presenter: Gabriella Ruiz, TAY Public Service Aide



Item was tabled to another day due to SFPL medical emergency and presenter cancellation.

7. Consent Calendar (Action Item)

All items hereunder constitutes a Consent Calendar. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a Commissioner so requests. In that event, the item will be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item immediately following the vote on the rest of the items.

There was nothing to report.

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

- A. Adoption of 2019-20 Youth Commission Bylaws
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
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Interim Chair Cureton explains the process for the adoption of the bylaws. Commissioners reviewed and motioned to approve of articles one by one.

Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Hylton, motioned to approve of Article I. No public comment. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Ginsburg, motioned to approve of Article II. There was no public comment. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Quick notices that the dates are not updated in Article III regarding the Mid-Year Retreat and other dates as noted. Commissioner Hirji, motioned to approve of Article III with amendment on the dates to be reflective of current year, seconded by Commissioner Alameri. There was no public comment. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Versace asks about if there will be any consequences to being later than 15 minutes if alerted day of. Interim Chair Cureton states that if informed to staff and executive committee, it will be an excused absence. There was no public comment. Commissioner Ty motioned to approve of Article IV, seconded by Commissioner Versace. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Santos inquires about how one goes about nominating someone for the committees. Interim Chair Cureton will go over the process later. There was no public comment. Commissioner Ginsburg, motioned to approve of Article V, seconded by Commissioner Cheung. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick noted that the executive committee meeting time might change depending on bylaw changes. Commissioner Alameri, motioned to approve of Article VI, seconded by Commissioner Arana. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick motioned to approve of Article VII, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. Motions passes by a vote of acclamation.



There was no public comment. Commissioner Versace, motioned to approve of Article VIII, seconded by Commissioner Alioto-Pier. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Quick noted the dates are not current. Commissioner Nassiri motioned to approve of Article VIII with amendments to dates, seconded by Commissioner Chan. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

Commissioner Santos asks how one goes about changing the charter. Commissioner Quick states that we can change the bylaws because it is under our purview, but to change the charter we would have to go to the voters. There was no public comment. Commissioner Santos motioned to approve of Article X, seconded by Commissioner Hirji.

There was no public comment. Commissioner Jones motioned to approve of all adopted 2019 -2020 Youth Commission Bylaws with listed amendments, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

B. Election of 2019-20 Youth Commission Executive Officers

- a. Interim Chair Cureton transfers chairmanship to Commissioner Nassiri for the first portion of the meeting as she plans to run. Commissioner Nassiri explains the process for electing the officer roles. Staff Hosmon reads the role and expectations based on the bylaws.
- b. Executive Chair:
 - i. Commissioner Quick nominates Commissioner Cureton to chair, seconded by Commissioner Versace. Commissioner Cureton accepts. There are no other nominations on the table. Commissioner Cureton shares her passion and dedication to the Youth Commission and hopes to build on the Youth Commission visibility and plans to build more with the Student Advisory council, Alumni Network and assist Commissioners on hosting their youth forums. There were no questions. There was no public comment. By a roll call vote, all commissioners nominated Commissioner Cureton. Congratulations, Commissioner Cureton is now our chair.
- c. Vice Chair:
 - i. Commissioner Dong nominates Commissioner Hylton for Vice Chair. Commissioner Hylton declines. Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, nominates Commissioner Cheung for Vice Chair. Commissioner Cheung accepts and would be here to try and help out in any way. Commissioner Hylton asks what does Commissioner Cheung have a passion for and do outside of Youth Commission work. Commissioner Cheung has been working with TeenTechSF for the past 3 years and presented last year as the cochair for the stem inclusivity summit and had Sup. Walter and Director Sheryl Davis in attendance. By a vote of acclamation, all commissioners nominated Commissioner Cheung. Congratulations Commissioner Cheung for being our newest Vice Chair.
- d. Legislative Affairs Officer
 - i. Commissioner Nassiri nominates Commissioner Quick as the Legislative Affairs Officer, seconded by Commissioner Versace. Commissioner Quick accepts. Commissioner Santos asks about the



real life duties for the LAO. Commissioner Quick explains the legislative memos and tracking youth related legislation duties. Commissioner Quick addresses the commission by sharing his commitment to making sure other commissioners can feel empowered in this building to advocate for policy even without the privilege or background of working in those domains and plans to give back to the commission by offering support in writing legislation and fulfilling the legislative goals. Commissioner Santos asks for what that support would look like. Commissioner Quick supported last year's Housing and Land Use committee in drafting the resolution for the ERAF funding. There was no public comment. By a vote of acclamation, all commissioners nominated Commissioner Quick. Congratulations, Commissioner Quick is the new Legislative Affairs Officer.

e. Communications and Outreach Officers (2)

1. Nominations

- a. Commissioners Versace, seconded by Commissioner Quick nominates Commissioner Chan. Commissioner Chan accepts. Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Hylton nominate Commissioner Santos. Commissioner Santos accepts. Commissioner Hirji, seconded by Commissioner Ty, nominate Commissioner Alameri. Commissioner Alameri accepts. Commissioner Cureton seconded by Commissioner Quick, nominate Commissioner Versace. Commissioner Versace declines.

2. Remarks

- a. Commissioner Alameri remarks: He would be a good cmte officer, born and raised in sf, would love to meet everyone and good connections and help everyone as i can, type of guy - make time and will do whatever it is to make time and be ready and make the time.
- b. Commissioner Santos remarks: It is her first time, this role would best fit as communities to understand what's going on and gov't to understand what's going on in the communities - excelsior and sunset, to feel seen and make sure people's voices are heard and ongoing conversations with gov't - pretty famous on instagram - i'm verified.
- c. Commissioner Chan remarks: I represent district 7, good fit for cmte, I have experience in conducting events and great job in engaging more youth and past experiences, d7 youth council lake merced beach clean up and annual beach clean up and help youth commission in this role and strong social media presence and more followers and more stronger presence of community.

3. Questions

- a. Commissioner Jones: When referring to social media – what is the numeric value?



- i. Commissioner Alameri - i know how to use it, i'm not on it
- ii. Commissioner Santos - no big followers, are they interactive and would like to vouch that parents think I am tech savvy, number is small but I post good content
- iii. Commissioner Chan - personal account 488 followers and i also help manage lowell's hs - student run publication with 1600 followers
- b. Commissioner Arana: What would your specific outreach be to youth?
 - i. Commissioner Alameri - good friends and connections in CCDC, community workshops on how to gather and create events and good exp in any district and being able and open to talk and be as open and as real as possible
 - ii. Commissioner Santos – my experience with community orgs - mission bi in hs and educating communities to code, strong connections with staff, I'm willing and flexible to meet with any regard and being comfortable at event
 - iii. Commissioner Chan – I am also in community orgs, I am part of space for us project middle and high school career events, expand on that and help produce more career events in community and nature events for mental health, out in nature and grass and bird watching and hiking
- c. Commissioner Jones: if you have exp hosting events, can you put numerical value and largest one?
 - i. Commissioner Alameri - never hosted, but volunteer and being around community, something i hope to do as community outreach officer and get hyped and learn what event is about
 - 1. Commissioner Nassiri - but look at his family in attendance tonight
 - ii. Commissioner Santos - last job at ucsf - queer and trans youth to talk about public event, unhealthy relationship 350 people attend, plan and create events 300 -500 people, gala - 500 - 1k attend annually
 - iii. Commissioner Chan - lunar new year in d7, past April 100 -200 attendees, biggest events in career with projects based for us in aim high chinatown 100 attendees
- d. Commissioner Nassiri - simulation question: you are at school can't miss class, community event to publicize yc event on instagram how will you proceed?



- i. Commissioner Alameri - talking to teachers and admin to have compromise, to stay in to make event, good understanding with principal at school and make a difference in school
 - ii. Commissioner Santos - unable to leave, communicate with other officer, tell other commissioners - publicize to attend, last resort reach out to independent org and teachers, to get word out to attend
 - iii. Commissioner Chan - promote the event to local events, talk to school officials, field trip form, youth leader for YAD 2019, absences were unexcused - but this is more important than staying in school for finals and finding a compromise to field trip form to know where they are going or what work to be done
- e. Commissioner Ty- city hall is inaccessible, how would you outreach and engage to communities not of your own, heavily marginalized and not in space?
- i. Commissioner Alameri - friends of community, what they want in district and neighborhood and contacts, we want to reach out and have a workshop to make change, about issue and give public comment on agenda as well
 - ii. Commissioner Santos - when i did interview, we are going to come into these spaces, marginalized folks - codes and certain words that exclude them, important to reach out and officer to know and feel seen and come to event and make space and what have you, a quote - we don't have to be voice for the voiceless, just pass the mic - i want to hear their voices, asking for help and acknowledging that and community and the work
 - iii. Commissioner Chan - being more openminded and listening to opinions on what needs to change, agenda and organizing more events where youth from marginalized backgrounds, city hall belongs to youth - place where we can come to speak their mind and approachable to new ideas
- f. There was no public comment. With a roll call vote, Commissioner Santos (15), and Commissioner Chan (12) are the new Communications and Outreach Officers. Commissioner Alameri had 7 votes. At this point, Executive Committee will meet every other Wednesdays at 5pm to decide on the Full Youth Commission Meetings.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)



Because there have not been any committee meetings yet, there is nothing to report. Civic Engagement will meet on Mondays room 270 at 4pm. Housing and Land Use meets on Thursdays in room 278 at 5pm. Transformative Justice cmte will be finalized within the week. There is also a need for an OCOF representative. According to the bylaws, if no one runs, the vice chair will be the representative.

10. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Youth seat on police commission resolution sept 11 5pm. Mayor swearing – in ceremony Friday – Commissioner Asfaw, Versace, Nassiri, and Hylton will be in attendance. Staff Itzel will start in October. Staff Hosmon will be on vacation till 9/17.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Ty: district 8 - lyric, youth org that supports queer and trans internships in the fall & undocumented workforce

Commissioner Jones: 3rd street youth - speaking engagements - commission updated in district and support may need, friday to workout details to expand to conversations, and components of clinics and if i need support, i'll let you all know

Commissioner Asfaw, clarification - with resources and contacts

Commissioner Alameri - district 6 sunday streets, senior citizens with disability, alioto - pier, to watch and see what fun and games, non profit will be coming this weekend, join and volunteer and share details

Commissioner Santos: big book sale, fort mason sept 18, 10 am - 6pm, \$2 - 4 books and sfpl proceeds - sept 18 - 22nd

Commissioner Cheung: on sept 14 there is autumn moon festival in d1 - to experience Chinese culture, dragon dancing, and moon cake

12. Adjournment

Chair Cureton adjourns the meeting at 7:31pm.