



**San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes ~ Draft**

****Special Inaugural Meeting****

Wednesday, September 6, 2017

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.

Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristin Tam, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet

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

Acting Chair Jonny Mesler called the meeting to order at 6:10pm. Commissioners present: Elsie Lipson, Lily Marshall-Fricker, Lisa Yu, Conna Chen, Arianna Nassiri, Mary Claire Amable, Kristin Tam, Paola Robles Desgarenes, Mampu Lona, Mike'l Gregory, Bahlam Vigil, Jarrett Mao, Jonathan Mesler, Chiara Lind, Felix Andam, Zak Franet

There was quorum.

Staff present: Leah LaCroix, Kiely Hosmon

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Public comment-previous commissioner, Ramon, gave congratulations to the new Commissioners, expressed they were inspirations to their peers and SF as a whole. This body can really bring awareness and advocate for changes.

Commissioner Yu, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, moved to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. June 5, 2017
[\(Document A\)](#)

No public comment.



Acting Chair Mesler gave a reminder that all could vote on this as they are now sworn in, even if they weren't here last year.

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Mao, motions to approve the minutes. Motion passes by acclamation.

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

There was no public comment.

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

No presentations. Staff gave overview of the presentation item. This is a placeholder to just get used to seeing it on your agenda. There was no public comment.

6. 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.

Staff gave a brief overview of a consent calendar. This is a placeholder to just get used to seeing it on your agenda. There was no public comment.

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

Staff gave a brief overview of legislation referred. This is a placeholder to just get used to seeing it on your agenda. There was no public comment.

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

- A. Adoption of 2017-18 Youth Commission Bylaws
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document B)

Acting Chair Mesler explained the purpose of the commission bylaws, which are the rules that hold us accountable to our jobs and duties as commissioners. He announced that commissioners will read the bylaws into the public record, then review each section for amendments followed by approving any amendments. Finally the commission will vote on the bylaws as amended.

The commissioners read the bylaws into the public record.

For Article I and II there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Tam, moved to adopt article I and II of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

For Article III there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, moved to adopt article III of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.



For Article IV there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, moved to adopt article IV of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

For Article V there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Franet, moved to adopt article V of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

For Article VI there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, moved to adopt article VI of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

For Article VII there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Amable, moved to adopt article VII of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

For Article VIII there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Amable, moved to adopt article VIII of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

For Article IX there were no questions, edits, or public comment. Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Amable, moved to adopt article IX of the bylaws. This motion was passed by acclamation.

There was no public comment on the bylaws as a whole. Commissioner Tam moved to approve the bylaws as a whole. Commissioner Mao seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Acting Chair Mesler calls for a short recess at 7:03pm. Commissioner Mesler called the meeting back to order at 7:07pm.

B. Election of 2017-18 Youth Commission Executive Officers

Commissioner Andam-are all Commissioners required to vote? Yes. Staff read the bylaw duties again to Commissioners. Commissioner Mesler acting as acting chair, reminded commissioners of the responsibilities involved in being on the executive committee and then reviewed the process for voting of officers.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Andam, nominated Commissioner Lind for chair.

Commissioner Yu, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, nominated Commissioner Amable for chair.

Commissioner Amable, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, nominated Commissioner Yu for chair.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominated Commissioner Mesler for chair.



Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominated Commissioner Nassiri for chair.

Commissioners Yu and Lind accept nominations. Commissioners Nassiri, Mesler, and Amable reject their nominations. Both shared why they would like to be elected.

There was no public comment.

Commissioner Yu-has been serving in her community since middle school so for about 5-6 years. She has been in charge of a youth program about SROs, understands that being chair is to serve the entire commission and not have people serving you. As her role as president in CCDC she wants to learn more about each of the Commissioners and wants to help advise other commissioners and wants to learn from others. Wants to be welcoming for others to ask questions and create open space to bond with others and hopes to do more of that this year.

Commissioner Lind- 100% doesn't know what to expect of this seat so thinking of rejecting it right now. Doesn't know a lot about this role and but steps into things easily and is a really good leader, not the most positive but gets things done and influences others by her efficiency. This commission needs her efficiency and she wants to do more with these hours that we have together. Would be ready to step into this position if need be and would be excited to.

Questions:

Commissioner Marshall Fricker-do you have an adequate schedule to make chair duties (do you have enough time)?

Commissioner Lind-has nothing but the YC on her schedule but has college aps.

Commissioner Yu has school in the morning and work but everything ends at 4 and has a planner so can keep track of her schedule.

Commissioner Mesler-if one of you don't win, how would you keep your leadership to the youth commission? Commissioner Lind-YC has a lot of silent leaders and just because you're not on EC doesn't mean you need to have a specific role to show leadership. Even if you don't have an elected role and you do your best you're a leader. Keeping head up is being a leader.

Commissioner Yu-similar to Chiara, this position is just a title and to have a body like this we need all of us even without a title. Still glad to help others even without a title.

No public comment.

Roll Call Vote:

Mesler-Yu

Mao-Yu

Lind-Lind

Franet-Lind

Andam-Lind

Vigil-Lind

Gregory-Lind

Lona-Lind

Robles-Lind

Tam-Yu

Amable-Yu

Nassiri-Yu

Chen-yu



Yu-Yu
Marshall-Fricker-Yu
Lipson-Lind

8 votes Lind, 8 votes Yu. Tie vote means have to conduct another roll call until someone gets 9 votes.

More questions: Favorite part of the YC?

Commissioner Vigil-both candidates are strong and dedicated and thinks that Lind would be more present with having an open schedule. Staff encouraged Commissioner Vigil to make a question instead of a comment towards the candidates. Commissioner Vigil: Commissioner Yu, what would make your schedule better than Linds? Commissioner Yu-work schedule is flexible because she works at school her weekends are open. Of course it's not as flexible and does her best to make time and has a planner to keep track of everything and can map out everything.

Commissioner Nassiri-in 4-5 words how would you describe your style of leadership?

Commissioner Lind- Confident, passionate, hard working, efficient

Commissioner Yu-Open, welcoming, interactive, committed, passionate

Commissioner Amable-what experiences do you bring to the table to be successful as a chair person?

Commissioner Yu-president in youth program and advisor in her CCDC program, done facilitation and mentored youth leaders and help them step up. In job as alleyway tour guide she mentored new youth to become guides and is still involved even though she is retired

Commissioner Lind- was vice chair of her committee last year and was on EC and has a lot of experience, got her role by proving to be unspoken leader since she was not originally elected. She will do what is asked of her and will get things done and will help others. Raised by these values and set by the city. Have heart of SF. Truly has passion and love for all of you and wants to lead all of you through this year.

Staff then called another roll call vote.

Mesler-Yu
Mao-Yu
Lind-Lind
Franet-Lind
Andam-Lind
Vigil-Lind
Gregory-Lind
Lona-Lind
Robles-Lind
Tam-Yu
Amable-Yu
Nassiri-Lind
Chen-Yu
Yu-Yu
LMF-Yu
Lipson-Yu



8 votes Lind, 8 votes Yu.

Commissioners Franet-if both nominations are willing to step down could we reopen the nominations for a third candidate? It's up to the chair to open it again or call for another vote. Commissioner Amable-can we table the chair or amend the by laws? No, it has to be an open voting process.

Chair Mesler calls for another vote.

Lipson-Yu
LMF-Yu
Yu-Yu
Chen-Yu
Nassiri-Lind
Amable-Yu
Tam-Lind
Robles-Lind
Lona-Lind
Gregory-Lind
Vigil-Lind
Andam-Lind
Franet-Lind
Lind-Lind
Mao-Yu
Mesler-Yu

Staff then called another roll call vote: 9 votes Lind, 7 votes Yu.

Commissioner Lind was elected Chair of the Youth Commission for 2017-2018.

Vice Chair nominations:

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Chen, nominated Commissioner Yu for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, nominated Commissioner Franet for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Mesler, nominated Commissioner Amable for Vice Chair.

Commissioner Andam nominated Commissioner Marshall Fricker for Vice Chair. Seconded by none. Motion dies.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominated Commissioner Mao for Vice Chair.

Commissioners Mao, Franet and Yu accept nominations. Commissioner Amable rejects nomination. All shared why they would like to be elected.

There was no public comment.



Commissioner Yu-last year she was the outreach officer half of YC and she was able to do presentations at her school and community orgs. Has experience advocating with youth and going to public hearings. Confident she could help Lind as the chair and she has experience doing presentations to the youth commission and to other community members.

Commissioner Franet-has incredibly flexible schedule so could help chair. As mayoral appointee could represent as a whole versus just one district. Has deep ties and connections to numerous supervisors and state legislator. Has experience in advocacy in homelessness and former chair of numerous advisory boards. His experience, schedule and passion will be of use to the commission.

Commissioner Mao-apologized for not making it to the retreat. It was not his choice due to family business and sickness. Served as chair last year to HRT Committee and is third year commissioner and is knowledgeable in how it runs. Being a leader and how he conducted himself and tried to be compassionate and make everyone feel comfortable. Total hard ass so he will get on your case if you don't do all your stuff.

Commissioner Nassiri-what is your style of leadership in 4-5 words

Commissioner Yu-compassionate, passionate, being open, engaged, and active listening

Commissioner Franet-passionate, driven, flexible, and willingness to hear where others are coming from (perspective is key)

Commissioner Mao-ruthless, zealous, understanding, compassionate

Commissioner Vigil-what about your community do you love the most and what made you decide to be here?

Commissioner Yu-loves the voice of the people who are in Chinatown (tourists, residents)

Commissioner Franet-lives in tenderloin and there is a lot of community building that most people don't know about and living in the SF as a whole and how special and awesome SF values are of inclusivity and diversity and don't have to go far before those values disappear

Commissioner Mao-serving on Board of Advising Youth at the library appreciates the diversity of everyone. Each and everyone has their own story.

No public comment.

Staff called for a roll call vote:

Mesler-Yu

Mao-Mao

Lind-Franet

Franet-Franet

Andam-Franet

Vigil-Yu

Gregory-Franet

Lona-Yu

Robles-Yu

Tam-Yu

Amable-Yu

Nassiri-Yu

Chen-Yu

Yu-Yu

LMF-Yu



Lipson-Franet

10 votes Yu, 5 votes Franet, 1 vote Mao.

Commissioner Yu was elected Vice Chair of the Youth Commission for 2017-2018.

Legislative Affairs Officer

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Mao, nominated Commissioner Franet for Legislative Affairs Officer.

Commissioner Chen, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominated Commissioner Vigil for Legislative Affairs Officer.

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Mao, nominated Commissioner Franet for Legislative Affairs Officer.

Commissioner Tam, seconded by Commissioner Lona, nominated Commissioner Mao for Legislative Affairs Officer.

Commissioner Amable, seconded by Commissioner Tam, nominated Commissioner Marshall-Fricker for Legislative Affairs Officer.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Mao, nominated Commissioner Andam for Legislative Affairs Officer

Commissioners Andam and Marshall-Fricker accept their nominations. Commissioners Mao, Vigil, and Franet reject their nominations.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker has been around a while and has relationships with all the supervisors and attends all the BOS meetings and thinks she would do a good job and respectfully asks for your support.

Commissioner Andam-has experience with legislation in the past and has introduced legislation to Youth Funding Youth Ideas and has decided what projects gets grants.

Commissioner Vigil-what experience do you have that would help you be efficient with this position? LMF- Commissioner Marshall-Fricker has been around for 11 years and really knows the process and has a relationship with all the supervisors and goes to all the BOS meetings or at least watches them. Commissioner Andam-has experience in leadership and research on legislation. For example did research to the school board regarding youth education and how it could be improved. As far as he knows that research was enacted later on.

Commissioner Tam-under Article IV of LAO duties, how would you follow through with regularly checking in with Commissioners to make sure they are following through with their appointing officers on pending legislation? Commissioner Andam-just meet with them and check in with them during committee meetings. Commissioner Marshall-Fricker -make an announcement during LAO report and remind colleagues of this action.

No public comment.



Staff then called a roll call vote:

Lipson-MF
MF-MF
Yu-MF
Chen-MF
Nassir- MF
Mable-MF
Tam-MF
Robles-MF
Lona-MF
Gregory-MF
Vigil-MF
Andam-MF
Franet-MF
Lind-MF
Mao-MF
Mesler-MF

16 votes for Commissioner Marshall-Fricker.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker was elected Legislative Affairs Officer of the Youth Commission for 2017-2018.

2 Outreach and Media Officers

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominated Commissioner Vigil for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioner Yu, seconded by Commissioner Nassiri, nominated Commissioner Gregory for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominated Commissioner Lipson for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioner Andam, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominated Commissioner Andam for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioner Amable, seconded by Commissioner Mao, nominated Commissioner Robles for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioner Amable, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominated Commissioner Lona for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominated Commissioner Mesler for Outreach and Media Officers.

Commissioners Robles Desgarenes, Andam, and Vigil accept the nominations.
Commissioners Mesler, Lona, Lipson and Gregory reject their nominations.



Commissioner Vigil-outreach is very important to her and remembers going to her first protest. She organized a club against Trump and organized 99% of their class to get them to walk out. Helped pass gender neutral bathrooms and persisted and took it to the teachers. Big obstacle for their friend who was sexually assaulted at school and from that experience was an insight into how messed up the system is. Does outreach work with others and being involved with many democratic organizations. Left mark on Leadership High and got a lot of flack for speaking up. Done a lot for her community and not just for Excelsior but for all SF.

Commissioner Andam-has a lot of outreach experience doing Youth Funding Youth ideas. Social media outreach focused on rebranding.

Commissioner Robles-lots of experience, professional activist. Started at 14 in Mexico. Been fighting for immigrant issues and was first here in SF about 8 years ago and didn't speak English and it was a struggle and has been working really hard to fight for women rights and with international orgs to end youth homelessness. Locally and internationally has lots of experience. Would like to continue that work here and would like you to support her in this position.

Public comment-Miguel, Commissioner Vigil's boyfriend said everyone has done an amazing job here. Commissioner Vigil is great and has demonstrated great ability to stand up and fight up for other people's right. Miguel believes he is the best for this position as well as his peers.

Staff called a roll call vote for two candidates to be picked:

Mesler-Vigil, Robles
Mao-Vigil Robles
Lind-Vigil Robles
Franet-Vigil Robles
Andam-Andam Vigil
Vigil-Robles Vigil
Gregory-Robles Vigil
Lona-Vigil Andam
Robles-Robles Vigil
Tam-Vigil Robles
Amable-Vigil Robles
Nassiri-Vigil Robles
Chen-Vigil Robles
Yu-Vigil Andam
LMF- Vigil Robles
Lipson-Vigil Andam

16 votes total for Commissioner Vigil, 12 votes total for Commissioner Robles Desgarenes and 4 votes for Commissioner Andam.

Commissioner Vigil and Commissioner Robles Desgarenes were elected Outreach and Media Officers of the Youth Commission for 2017-2018.



- C. Motion No. 1718-AL-01 [Motion adopting the Youth Commission's recommendations for seat 2 on the Department of Children Youth and their Families (DCYF), Oversight and Advisory Committee (OAC)]
Sponsor: Executive Committee
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document C)

Staff presented that YC is charged with making recommendations for the OAC and there are three youth seats and two seats were up over the summer. What you have in front of you is to be on the record to take action on it. YC'er's met both Santiago and Charley at the retreat.

Commissioner Mao- are we still appointing another officer for OCOF? Yes, but at the next meeting so the Vice Chair will serve as that person.

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Franet, motioned to approve the OAC recommendations. The motion was approved by acclamation.

- D. Motion No. 1718-AL-02 [Motion adopting the Youth Commission's recommendations for seat 6 on the Sugary Drinks Distributors Tax Advisory Committee]
Sponsor: Executive Committee
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document D)

Staff shared that the YC is charged with making recommendations to the BOS Rules Committee around this particular youth seat and this is new and the Committee was approved last year by the voters. Your EC made this recommendation and are asking for you to be on the public record adopting the motion.

Commissioner Franet, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to approve the OAC recommendations. The motion was approved by acclamation.

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
- B. Housing, Recreation and Transportation Committee
- C. Immigration, Justice and Employment Committee
- D. Civic Engagement Committee
- E. Our Children Our Family Council

We do need a youth rep for OCOF and you would report to them and then report back to the YC. You might be asked to serve on a committee of OCOF and would be working closely with staff to prep for their meetings. OCOF is a joint venture between the school district and the city so there are some folks from DCYF and other department bodies and figuring out better ways to support children and youth. Interested: Commissioner Mesler.



10. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- OAC presentation for Monday, September 11th at 5:30pm-possibly interested: Amable, Mesler, Mao, Yu, Nassiri, Robles.
- BLING dinner for Thursday, September 7th at 5pm: Robles, Amable
- Bios for website are needed
- Hong Kong Youth Commission is visiting SF on September 19th on Tuesday, interested: Nassiri, Mesler, Lona, Andam, Tam, Mao, Robles, Lipson, Lind
- Committee schedules will be figured out on Friday and more info given after that
- Weekly Internal starts this Friday. Please read it.

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Amable-invite to new Asian Night Market on third Fridays of the month. Last month had 10,000 people. It's at the Old Mint. If you want tickets please let Commissioner Amable know as they are only allowing 1500 into the building.

Commissioner Vigil-will be working on the DACA resolution (Commissioners Yu, Andam, Chen, Mao, Amable, Vigil, Robles, and Franet are interested in cosponsoring)
Petra DJesus will be emailing them stuff on tasers and will be having a hearing on September 12th doesn't know location yet.

Commissioner Franet-Obama foundation is accepting applications for their fellowship program to get youth civically engaged. SF Young Dems has an event tomorrow evening as well. Contact him for more information.

12. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:47pm