



# San Francisco Youth Commission

## Minutes ~ Draft

Monday, September 18, 2017

5:15 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

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm.

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

Commissioners absent: Paola Robles Desgarenes. There was quorum.

Staff in attendance: Leah LaCroix and Kiely Hosmon

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

Commissioner Nassiri, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, motioned to approve the agenda. The motion was approved by acclamation.

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

- A. September 6, 2017  
([Document A](#))

Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Amable, motioned to approve the minutes. Motion passed by acclamation.

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

Public commenter 1-Lives in Plaza East Summit, in D5. Has violence in her neighborhood and had her daughter stay in Dallas but now she's back and wants to join the cadet program but still has trauma due to violence. Housing is hard for cadets to find but this is a good way to engage



with the housing authority as there is a disconnect between them and the police. Wants to help change the culture but worried about housing issue.

Public comment 2-Lives in a senior living apt complex and having issues with the 5 Fulton bus stop. In order to get to the bus stop it is a 1.5 uphill climb and a year ago President Breed was supposed to get the bus reinstated but nothing has been done and on July 23<sup>rd</sup> they all signed a petition and mailed it to Breed's office but still nothing has been done so that is why she is here today so that the Youth Commission can help them. Nothing is resolved and it's been almost 2 years.

The Youth Commission encouraged the public commenters to go to Housing Committee which meets next Monday at 4:30pm in room 270.

Commissioner Desargennes arrived at 5:19pm.

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

- A. Presentation on Our Children, Our Families Council  
Presenter: Alecia Barillas, Council Coordinator, OCOF Council, SFUSD  
(Document B)

Please see PowerPoint document from agenda for presentation materials.

YC role in OCOF: 1 Commissioner shall be a council member (out of 42). They will attend Council meetings and nominate themselves or others to serve on one of the following committees: Data Analysis and Outcomes, Training and Building Capacity, and/or Coordinated Services and Targeted Budgets.

Commissioner Franet- the statistic on children experiencing maltreatment, is it personal or in the system? What is the lens? Will get back to you on that information.

Second question-does the system also include non profits that don't receive funding? It's all publicly funded services and does include community based organizations. But it doesn't include the ones who don't receive public funding.

- B. Overview of Department of Children Youth & Their Families' Programs, Services, and Budget  
Presenter: Prishni Murillo, Senior Program Specialist, Department of Children, Youth & Their Families  
(Document C)

Please see PowerPoint document from agenda for presentation materials.

Going over history and inception of DCYF and Children and Youth Fund, planning process, Community Needs Assessment overview, and the Services Allocation Plan.

[www.dcyf.org](http://www.dcyf.org)

Commissioner Vigil-lots of people forgetting that departments like these are important, what would you tell people in power why this funding is so important? There are some fundamental development that we want out of our residents, we want them to take ownership of the city, to



achieve, to be educated, to understand diversity and complexity of culture, the policies, etc. Making this available is investing in these experiences for young people to have. Not everyone has same access to information or resources or experiences and the City making a commitment a minimum of experiences, as there are many cities who don't have this type of commitment of meeting the needs of young people. Healthy human development is critical and the citizens and the city have really granted the opportunity to at least have a good head start.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker: we should be grateful that SF does this for young people and their families.

Commissioner Andam-seems DCYF supports and funds programs that go towards work programs for youth, so if DACA is repealed how does DCYF intend to fund these programs that support DACA recipients? They fund a range of opportunities so have a stance that all young people who walk through the door should get the same services as their peers. They are behind the Mayor and standing up for the youth who are undocumented. They don't anticipate youth will be turned away whether or not DACA is repealed.

No public comment.

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

### **A. Election of 2017-18 Youth Commission Representative to Our Children, Our Families Council**

Commissioner Amable-when you serve, how many meetings do you have to attend? Meets quarterly and also has subcommittee meetings that you should attend.

Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Gregory, nominated Commissioner Franet  
Commissioner Yu, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominated Commissioner Mao,  
Commissioner Mao, seconded by Commissioner Amable nominated Commissioner Mesler  
Commissioner Desgarenes, seconded by Commissioner Amable, nominated herself  
Commissioner Vigil, seconded by Commissioner Yu, nominated Commissioner Gregory

Commissioner Gregory rejects the nomination  
Commissioner Desgarenes accepts the nomination  
Commissioner Mesler rejects the nomination  
Commissioner Mao rejects the nomination  
Commissioner Franet accepts the nomination

Commissioner Franet-seems clear that other commissioner think he would be a good fit and thinks OCOF does good work and thinks he would be a good fit to the role.

Commissioner Desgarenes has done a lot of presentations for the community and wants to be a part of more community work and wants to represent the communities she works with and represents.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-do you have time in your schedules? Yes for both

Commissioner Mesler-what background position or experience do you have that might be useful in this position?



Commissioner Desgarenes works with different organizations and is a community organizer and is also a chance to learn. Will get information by just being a part of it as well as bring in information from being heavily involved in the community.

Commissioner Franet-has experience on several advisory committees that mostly deal with TAY issues. Has lived experience of almost every system a youth could be in.

Commissioner Vigil-what's the most memorable experiences that you've had that relates to this position?

Commissioner Desgarenes being able to advocate for youth and seeing their struggles and still maintain the hope that things will change and that is what gives her the drive to keep going and is a personal drive for her. Their struggles make her continue and be a part of many things to be involved and not forget about what we're fighting for.

Commissioner Franet-being involved in legislative visits that got more funding for TAY housing and then more personal impacts of having friends get through systems and achieve their goals.

Commissioner Vigil-what drives you to be here to stand up for youth in the first place?

Commissioner Franet-spend most of his life doing things the wrong way and affecting his community and his family in a negative way and these past 2 years has been trying to do things differently. Wants to change his community for the better and why he got started.

Commissioner Desgarenes came from another country without nothing and had to start over. Has the hope to do better and have education and to see people who told her she couldn't do things and she wants to go against those doubters and wants to be in this position as she doesn't see enough women or immigrants in these kind of positions.

Commissioner Andam-what are your favorite ice cream flavors? Commissioner Desgarenes - chocolate, Commissioner Franet-mint chip.

Public comment-thinking about her daughter and thinking she could be up there too. Impressed with her SF youth.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker it's nothing personal if you don't vote for someone.

Commissioner Mesler- Franet  
Commissioner Mao- Franet  
Commissioner Lind- Desgarenes  
Commissioner Franet- Desgarenes  
Commissioner Andam- Franet  
Commissioner Vigil- Franet  
Commissioner Gregory- Franet  
Commissioner Lona- Desgarenes  
Commissioner Desgarenes- Desgarenes  
Commissioner Tam- Franet  
Commissioner Amable- Desgarenes  
Commissioner Nassiri- Franet  
Commissioner Chen- Franet  
Commissioner Yu- Desgarenes



Commissioner Marshall Fricker- Desgarenes  
Commissioner Lipson- Desgarenes

Tie vote and need to do another roll call vote.

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

9 votes for Desgarenes, 7 for Commissioner Franet. Commissioner Desgarenes is voted in as the OCOF Youth Commission Representative.

- B. [First Reading] 1718-AL-03 [Resolution to Protect Our DACA Youth Against President Trump]  
Sponsors: Commissioner Vigil, Yu, and Amable  
(Document D)

The resolution was read into the record.

Commissioner Andam-how does Trumps decision on DACA racially target communities of color?

Commissioner Vigil-the majority of people who receive DACA are majority people of color. His supporters understand, especially the white supremacist, by removing it it would hurt communities of color the most. As the son of immigrants, the people who are against immigrants do it because you are of color. By removing DACA, this is targeting people of color.

Commissioner Andam-we can't claim this target communities of color.

Commissioner Franet-the people who are being protected by DACA aren't white and it plays into larger narrative of racist stuff that has been coming out of the White House. Commissioner Vigil-stereotypical image is of Mexicans and we are only hearing hatred towards Mexican. Because of hatred towards Mexicans, they believe removal of DACA would stop the "anchor babies" and stop them from crossing over the border. This is directed towards communities of color.



Commissioner Marshall-Fricker-what is an anchor baby? Stereotype mostly used with Latinx communities that undocumented parents have babies born on American land in the hopes that parents could then gain citizenship through them.

Commissioner Lona-when these people are losing their protections against being deported even if there are white people who lose DACA they aren't at risk of being deported since they aren't being racially profiled.

Commissioner Marshall-Fricker –as a white person I have way more resources than communities of color

Commissioner Gregory- let's not try to cut people off

Commissioner Lind- could we put % of communities of color targeted so prove that the White House is specifically targeting communities of color?

Commissioner Vigil-difficult to get exact numbers since DACA info is confidential  
Commissioner Franet-totally ok with the language but is it ok to use news sources? Yes  
Commissioner Andam-since this is in SF county it also urges BOS to come up with a plan, it would be nice to have more data/references to specific ways it affects youth in SF county. A lot of the research is about youth in other states it might be more compelling to have SF youth specific data.

Commissioner Robles-difficult to get this data since people are undocumented and afraid. Lots of complexities around demographics and people escaping for their lives and almost impossible to get narrowed down information as many people live in the shadows.

Commissioner Andam-sorry if it seems insensitive but it seems that they would have info now that DACA folks are in the system

Commissioner Lind-great conversation should make us more excited to pass this.

Commissioner Andam-understands lots of fear for those who receive DACA but wants resolution to be more appealing so wants to get specific data and thinks it would be easy to do a survey on DACA receivers. We can speak out for youth.

Commissioner Mao-suggestion, find a statistic of how much it would actually cost if DREAMers were deported.

Commissioner Vigil-reached out to a lot of folks to get information and not a lot of exact numbers. Many of them will be estimated. Can do their best to look into SF specific numbers. Will clarify number of deportations for DACA recipients and will change it to estimates.

Commissioner Amable-could we pass this on a first reading? Staff-suggest not passing this on first reading but follow form and have first reading and allow second reading so it can go further research period and make changes. Staff recommendation is to follow standard protocol.

Commissioner Lona-what Commissioner Andam seems to be saying is that it isn't about finding exact numbers but more about the experiences of SF specific info and the impact on SF specific youth.



Staff-if you review resolutions over the weekend and you think of a proposal or amendment and bring it to the full YC meeting

Commissioner Mao will send grammatical suggestions to Commissioner Vigil.

Will go for a second reading at next meeting.

No public comment

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

Staff has gone over schedules and interests from the retreat. Committee calendar has been sent over WI update.

Three different issue based committee:

- 1) City Services, health, housing, recreation (better name TBD) Committee-Begins on Monday September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in room 270
- 2) Justice and Employment Committee-Begins on Monday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in room 345
- 3) Civic Engagement & Immigration-begins this Wednesday, September 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:45pm in room 345

No public comment

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

- Staff need bios from Commissioner Amable, Desgarenes, Mesler, Mao, Lind.
- Staff will be holding a mandatory Chair and Vice Chair facilitation training after the full YC meeting on October 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will start right after and will go for an hour.
- Hong Kong YC visit: Vigil and Lona, 4pm in room 270 (Amable and Mao penciled in)
- Health insurance forms need to get filled out
- KQED interviews for Commissioners about police violence being a public health issue having an impact on youth. Who's interested: Nassiri, Robles, Gregory, Vigil.
- Please inform staff if you are meeting with dept heads and BOS or Mayor's Office so we know if there is overlap with commissions work. Please prep with staff, too.
- Staff will forward snapshots from Swearing In

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

Commissioner Gregory-Omega Boys Club having event where they want Youth Commissioners to talk about tasers with Police Commission. Want input from the youth if possible, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7pm

Staff-Have received lots of kudos from their swearing in and wants to convey that on behalf of the city family and are really excited to work with you in years to come.

Commissioner Vigil-People's Summit Saturday at Balboa High from 10-2pm.

Commissioner Amable-Youth Conference happening this weekend on Saturday and Sunday at Balboa Park. Tickets are \$20 but have youth from other states coming too.



Commissioner Franet-Folsom Street is happening so traffic could make it challenging to get around the area.

## **10. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20pm.