



San Francisco Youth Commission

DRAFT ~ Minutes

Monday, November 19, 2018

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, Felix Andam, Alysha Sadarangani, JoJo Ty, Natalie Ibarra, Bahlam Vigil, Arianna Nassiri, Nora Hylton, Drew Min, Grace Hoogerhyde, Alexander Hirji, Kaye Chin

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

Chair Vigil calls the meeting to order at 5:05 PM. Commissioners Obermeyer, Marshall-Fricker, Dong, Cureton, Quick, Andam, Ty, Ibarra, Vigil, Hoogerhyde, and Chin are present. Commissioners Hylton, Hirji, Nassiri, and Min are absent. There is no public comment. Commissioner Hoogerhyde motions to approve the absence of Commissioners Hylton, Hirji, and Nassiri, and Min seconded by Commissioner Chin. The Commission approves by vote of acclamation. Commissioner Sadarangani arrives at 5:09 PM.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Ibarra motions to approve the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Cureton. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. November 5, 2018

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There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to approve the minutes from November 5th, seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde. This motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

Daniel Byran McMurray is here from Syracuse University studying the function, mission, and history of youth commissioners across the country. He would like to better understand and document [the youth commissioner] perspective on youth in civic engagement. He will be here until Friday night for meetings.

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

A. BOS File No. 181002 [Police Code – Prohibiting Criminal History Inquiries in Private College Admissions]

Sponsor: President Cohen

Presenter: Aliya Chisti, District 10, Legislative Aide

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This legislation is called “Beyond the Box”, derived from the Fair Chance Pledge from President Obama. The legislation prohibits private colleges from inquiring about the criminal history of an applicant during the admissions process. According to research findings, 66% of applicants that mark “yes” for the criminal justice question do not finish the application. Therefore, this question on applications encourages attrition. There are 5 private colleges in San Francisco. We have spoken to 3 of the 5. There are a few exemptions such as international and licensing programs. In addition, this legislation does not prohibit schools from asking this question after admission is granted. Louisiana and Maryland have already passed this. If San Francisco passes this, it would be the first City to do so.

Questions:

- Commissioner Ibarra: Are there any restrictions that will effect admitted students?
 - Not that she knows of. However, there are programs like Project Rebound to help students with a criminal history.
- Commissioner Andam: How would this affect certain programs, like nursing programs?
 - Nursing and Teaching programs are exempt.
- Commissioner Cureton: Why doesn't this apply to public schools?
 - Public schools already do this, in other words, they do not have this question on their applications.
- Commissioner Quick: The office of labor standards and enforcement, where do they fit in the hierarchy of the City?
 - There have been talks about the Human Rights Commission taking this on. The Office of Labor Standards and Enforcement is the office that oversees the Beyond the Box for employment.
- Commissioner Quick: When will the Common App make this change? - 8/1/2019
- Commissioner Quick: Can we enforce a noticing requirement for the schools, so that applicants do not voluntarily give up their right to withhold this information?
 - Do not know that we can force private schools from noticing.
 - They can still ask for disciplinary records from previous schools.
- On page 6, when it is talking about enforcement, is the fine is separate from civil action?
 - The 250 dollar fine would be contingent upon an audit finding that private colleges are asking the colleges.
- Commissioner Vigil: Are they allowed to drop me once I am admitted?
 - Yes, but most schools are receptive. It gets into a question of liability.
 - Commissioner Vigil: On a personal note: how can we develop further relationships with private universities to go beyond this?

No public comment. Commissioner Andam motion to support with recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde. The motion passes by vote of acclamation.

B. BOS File No. 181001 [Charter Amendment - Free City College Fund] to the Youth Commission
Sponsor: Supervisor Jane Kim
Presenter: Kitty Fong, District 6, Legislative Aide
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City College used to be free from 1960 – 1983. Faculty union, student body, jobs justice, SF labor council, and SF rising drafted a proposal in 2016 for Supervisor Kim. She brought forward Proposition W, otherwise known as the Mansion Tax, and it was passed by the voters. During the current iteration of Free City College, we have seen enrollment go up and now the money previously allocated is not enough. Currently, the mayor will have to allocate a certain amount of



money and the BOS will have to vote on it. However, with this charter amendment, we will change that structure to set aside 15 million in the fiscal year 2020-2021 and increase subsequently every year after. It will double the amount of stipend for students. This is also a ten year plan. The money will come from the general fund. The Free City Coalition would like to make funding more stable.

Questions:

- Commissioner Obermeyer: Regarding the administration of the set-aside, I notice that DCYF is going to administer the fund. Can you walk us through what that will look like?
 - They have a Memorandum of Understanding and have a process of how they will administer.
 - They are like a fiscal agent. They approve the invoices sent by City College.
 - There is a Free City Oversight Committee.
- Commissioner Andam: Thank you for presenting. At first, the reason why it was not a set-aside, because they wanted to study how it is going. Will there be a study or research done on how this will affect students with the 15 million set aside?
 - There has not been any particular study done on this program, but we have seen that the enrollment rate has gone up. I can send you the exact numbers after this.
- Commissioner Quick: This will have to be submitted to the voters as a Board introduced Charter Amendment. What would be the majority required for it to pass?
 - It requires 6 votes by BOS and 50+1% to pass on the ballot.
- Commissioner Quick: A question relating to the administration of the funds, why 15 million?
 - It includes the cost for tuition, the costs for stipends, the cost of administration and a 1 million dollar reserve.
- Commissioner Quick: What does our current budget deficit look like and in the foreseeable years?
 - I can ask the controller's office for you.
- Commissioner Quick: This will sunset in 2031. Why do we have to go back to the voters instead of writing in an extension option into the amendment?
 - We have to go back and evaluate the program after 10 years and adjust the funds accordingly contingent upon the evaluation.
 - Supervisor Kim: I think it is good practice, to evaluate the efficiency of the program. The voters can determine if this is a good use of taxpayer dollars. For example, in 2004 Prop H - public school enrichment fund, it was a huge success, and after 10 years we went back to the voters and negotiated for more. The voters should be holding us accountable to those dollars.
- Commissioner Vigil: These fees go in when students are accepted, and they get stipends, what happens when students drop classes after the drop deadline. What do we hope to do about that money?
 - They have been working on those numbers. We can ask City College for the best numbers they have. We do have an issue with students who drop after the drop deadline.
- Commissioner Obermeyer: I am a student of CCSF. After the pilot program was unveiled, we see fewer people keeping with classes before the drop date, we see a larger number of people who sign up and their classes and a large number who drop. Do you have any ideas about how to encourage students to keep their classes?
 - I know that the Board of Trustees is working on this. This is outside of my policy purview, we can attach strings, we can give money, CCSF - is trying to launch a campaign to encourage full time enrollment. Incentivize within Free City.



- Commissioner Andam: How can the Youth Commission best support this effort?
 - We would love for you to lobby your Supervisor and the Mayor. If you are appointed by Supervisor Fewer and Ronen, a thank you is nice to hear. I also hear that Supervisor Brown is also on board. You can come to Rules Committee next Wednesday and speak in public comment. After that and next Rules to speak, and please, join our campaign.
 - I often get asked why we do not means test and I say that it is a statement of our values. The wealthiest are also paying for Free City.
 - The MOU expires this summer.

There is no public comment. Commissioner Quick motions to support, seconded by Commissioner Andam. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There are no presentations.

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

A. Motion No. 1819-AL-07 Letter of Support to Governor Brown for Signing AB748 and SB1421

Presenter: Natalie Ibarra, D9 Commissioner, Transformative Justice Committee

Commissioner Ibarra reads the motion into the record in its entirety. There is no public comment. Commissioners make non-substantive edits. Commissioner Cureton motions to approve with amendments, seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde. The motion passes on a vote of acclamation.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee - New logo designs, Profile series on our social media by mid-December with interview, Housing conservatorships at the state level, Re-entry council passed
- B. Housing Committee - We prepped for our next meeting. 3 presentations lined up - Prop C, HSH, Planning Dept.
- C. Transformative Justice Committee – Have been working on this Letter of Support, Copwatch, meeting Young Women's Freedom Center, the Hearing: SFPD X SFUSD at 4 PM, which Commissioners Hoogerhyde, Ibarra, Obermeyer, Vigil, Cureton, and Andam agree to attend. You can send letters to the board with your statement if you cannot attend.
- D. Civic Engagement Committee – Created a timeline for the year, scheduled a presentation with Josh Park on Vote 16 and Commissioner Vigil will follow up with the contact info for Josh Cardinas.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Upcoming Community Meetings:

- Monday (11/26): Coordinated Entry for Homeless Youth
 - Commissioners Ibarra and Ty will attend



- Tuesday (11/27): HEARING on Discrimination of African Americans in the workplace
- Wednesday (11/28): HEARING regarding SFPD x SFUSD interactions.
- Thursday (11/29): Meetingg with Chief Scott. Refer to Caroline's email.
- Office is closed this Thursday and Friday
- 1/24 there is a Point In Time Count. Sign up to volunteer.
- You will receive the weekly internal on Wednesday

10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Vigil has sent emails to the rest of the Commission to see how they can best support individual Commissioner growth.

11. Adjournment - Chair Vigil adjourns the meeting at 6:24 PM.