



San Francisco Youth Commission
Agenda – 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)**
- 2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)**
- 3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)**
 - A. July 1, 2019
([Document A](#))
- 4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (Discussion Only)**
- 5. Legislation Referred from the Board of Supervisors (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
- 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
- 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.
- 8. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow Discussion and Possible Action)**
 - A. Adoption of 2019-20 Youth Commission Bylaws
Presenter: Youth Commission Staff
(Document B)



B. Election of 2019-20 Youth Commission Executive Officers

9. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

10. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

11. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

12. Adjournment

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San Francisco Youth Commission

DRAFT ~ Minutes

Monday, July 1, 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)

- A. Commissioners Hylton will be 15 minutes late.
- B. Commissioner Green is absent. Commissioner Sadarangani arrives at 5:08pm. Commissioners Ibarra is absent. Quorum is met.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

- A. No public comment. Motion to approve the agenda by Commissioner Min, seconded by Commissioner Marshall-Fricker. Motion passes by vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- A. June 17, 2019
[Document A](#)
No public comment. June 17th minutes motion to approve by Commissioner Quick, seconded by Commissioner Hirji. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

- A. There is no public comment.

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

- A. 2018-2019 Co-Chairs Bylaws Amendment
Presenter: Chair Vigil, District 11
Document B
Bylaws
 - Commissioner Vigil: We have rewritten it so that it is concise. I have taken out some of the duties to make it more concise. I also wanted to be mindful of the responsibilities. I did not want to take anything out because I felt that would be a drastic change to the bylaws.
 - Commissioner Quick: In order to have this amendment will go into effect for the next Commission, we should make a motion to have this go into effect on a date certain for the next commission.



- Chair Vigil: This is a more collaborative approach and to encourage more dialogue between each other. It is one that I have seen succeed.
- Commissioner Sadarangani arrives at 5:08 PM.
- Vice-Chair Cureton: I would like to call public comment. None.
- Commissioner Min: motions to approve the amendment and it would go into effect September 4th, 2019, seconded by Commissioner Hoogerhyde.
- Vice-Chair Cureton asks for a roll call vote.
- Nay - Cureton, Marshall-Fricker, Sadarangani, Nassiri, Hirji, Chin, Quick
- Aye - Dong, Obermeyer, Ty, Hoogerhyde, Min, Vigil,
- Motion does not pass.

6. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

- A. Executive Committee
 - i. LAO – nothing to report.
 - ii. Communications Team – There was the SFUSD-SFPD MOU hearing last Friday, so expect a post at some point tomorrow on social media.
- B. Housing and Land Use Committee - Commissioner Dong and Ty gave public comment at public comment day. We wrote thank you cards for our partners as well.
- C. Transformative Justice Committee – At the MOU hearing our feedback was fairly well-received. We hope that SFUSD gets us an update soon. On July 9th, the hearing on humanizing language at will be heard at the BOS at 2 PM. If you would like to come please let staff know.
- D. Civic Engagement Committee – nothing to report.

7. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

- A. Certificates of Completion
- B. Evaluation and Reflections
- C. Commissioner Hylton arrived at 5:28 PM.

8. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

- A. There will be a celebration to end the term in room 345 after the meeting. Please join us for food and awards in honor of our 2018-2019 Youth Commissioners.
- B. No announcements.
- C. Chair vigil and Cureton gives last words. Commissioner Vigil: thanks for amazing opportunity for long and rigorous term and what we've accomplished. Thank you executive committee for your work and making sure we have smooth processes. Thank you commissioners for staying on task and demonstrating your commitment. Thank you staff for teaching us lessons on how we can lead and build forward as leaders of the future. It takes a team and community to get things done.
- D. Commissioner Cureton thank you for the lessons you've taught me. Thanks staff and love for staying with us for so long.

9. Adjournment – The meeting is adjourned at 5:48 PM.

San Francisco Youth Commission 2019~2020 Bylaws

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Article I – Name, Authorization & Purpose

(A) Name

The Youth Commission (hereinafter called the “Commission”) was established by a 1995 amendment to the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco (SEC 4.122-4.125).

(B) Authorization

The Charter provides the Commission with its authorization.

(C) Purpose

The Charter mandates that the Commission advise both the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor on issues relating to youth and children, and that the Commission be under the jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors.

Article II – Duties, Activities & Time Commitment

(A) Duties

In order to fulfill its Charter-mandated purpose, the Youth Commission shall have the following duties:

1. Respond to legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors by providing the Board and the Mayor with written comments and recommendations and by sending commissioners to speak at meetings of the Board of Supervisors, its committees and other relevant City bodies;
2. Adopt resolutions that recommend, encourage or urge the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors to take certain actions;
3. Regularly meet with the elected officials who appointed each commissioner (and/or their aides), so as to develop a relationship with these officials and better advise them on the issues affecting children and youth in San Francisco; and
4. Monitor, research, investigate and analyze the budgets and programs of the various departments of local government that affect the children and youth of San Francisco—and non-governmental (not-for-profit or otherwise) organizations

that do the same—and propose a set of budget priorities (at minimum once a year) for policymakers to bear in mind when developing their budgets for the subsequent fiscal year.

(B) Activities

In order to fulfill the above 4 duties, the Commission shall regularly engage in the following three activities:

1. Identify the issues and unmet needs of San Francisco’s young people by surveying, questioning and developing relationships with young people themselves and adults who work with youth at recreation centers, social service organizations, after school programs, religious institutions, and any other kind of community-based organization that has youth members or serves youth in some way; and
2. Read, research, discuss and analyze statistics, reports, surveys, news articles and any other kind of data relating to young people in San Francisco, the United States, and beyond.
3. Engage in direct outreach and relationship building with youth populations from fraternal orders, service clubs, associations, churches, businesses, schools, and youth-based community organizations, to promote the Youth Commission and develop mutually-supportive relationships.

(C) Time Commitment

As per the Commission Application for the 2017-2018 term, each Commissioner shall devote *at minimum* 15 hours per month to work on the Commission. Commission staff shall assist Commissioners in tracking and achieving their goals and commitments on the commission.

The time commitment requirement is greater for Commissioners elected by their colleagues to be officers, as per “Article V—Officer Positions,” below.

Article III – Membership & Meetings

(A) Membership

The membership of the Youth Commission shall be determined by SEC 4.123 (a) of the Charter:

“The Commission shall consist of seventeen (17) voting members, each of whom shall be between the ages of 12 and 23 years old at the time of appointment. Each member of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor shall appoint one member to the Commission. The Mayor shall appoint five (5) members from underrepresented communities to ensure that the Commission represents the diversity of the City. Commission members shall serve at the pleasure of their appointing authorities.”

(B) Regular Meetings & Mid Year Retreat

In order to conduct its business, the Commission shall regularly meet on the first and third Mondays of every month from September 2017 through July 2018, unless this falls on a holiday, in which case the Commission shall meet on the day following that holiday (i.e., the following Tuesday). The commission may additionally opt to schedule meetings

during the month of August. Regular meetings shall be in room 416 of City Hall unless otherwise noted on the Youth Commission website (www.sfgov.org/yc).

Exceptions include January 2018 (in which the Commission shall have a regular meeting on the first Monday of the month and then hold a special Mid Year Retreat on January 13 and 14 at a location to be determined).

For the purposes of attendance (see Article IV—Attendance, below) the Mid-Year Retreat constitutes a regular meeting.

(C) Special Meetings

Under the Brown Act, the Chairperson or a majority of the Commission have the power to call a special meeting of the Commission. In addition, the Executive Committee shall also have the power to call a special meeting of the Commission, if a minimum of three Executive Committee members vote to do so. For a special meeting, an agenda and 72 hours notice to the public must be provided, and all Meeting Procedures and Rules of Order below apply.

For the purposes of attendance (see Article IV, Section A, Attendance, below) all special meetings constitute a regular meeting.

(D) Meeting Procedures and Rules of Order

The following rules hereby govern the Commission's quorum and voting procedure at Youth Commission meetings:

- (a) Quorum shall consist of a majority of the Commission's 17 members (i.e., 9 commissioners).
- (b) Quorum is needed to begin a Commission meeting and to pass any motion, unless otherwise noted.
- (c) Abstentions are only permitted if there is a clear conflict of interest or if the particular motion refers to a matter a Commissioner would not be in position to be knowledgeable of (e.g., the approval of minutes from a meeting they did not attend).

In general, the Youth Commission shall conduct its meetings by employing the parliamentary procedure known as Rosenberg's Rules of Order.

(E) Meeting Agendas & Minutes

Any commissioner and all members of the public are encouraged to request that items be added to the agenda. The Executive Committee (see Article V) shall meet the Wednesday prior to each Youth Commission meeting in order to approve the agenda for each upcoming meeting. Ultimately, the Executive Committee has the authority to determine the Commission's agenda. If the Executive Committee does not meet the week before a regularly scheduled Commission meeting, the Chairperson shall have the power to determine the agenda of the upcoming Commission meeting.

Agendas shall be posted (on the Commission's website, in front of room 416, and sent to the San Francisco Public Library) no less than 72 hours before each meeting and draft minutes shall be posted no more than two business days after the conclusion of the meeting in question.

Article IV – Attendance, Resignation & Leaves of Absence

(A) Attendance

The Commission's attendance policy will be as follows. According to SEC 4.123 (c) of the Charter:

"Any member whom the Commission certifies to have missed three regularly scheduled meetings of the Commission in any six month period without prior authorization of the Commission shall be deemed to have resigned from the Commission effective on the date of the written certification from the Commission."

"Missing" a meeting means *any* of the following: being absent at a meeting; arriving 15 minutes after quorum is called; leaving *any time* before a meeting is adjourned; leaving the Commission meeting room during a meeting for more than 15 minutes at any time.

A Youth Commissioner arriving late to a meeting, but arriving within 15 minutes of when quorum is called, will be marked tardy. Every two tardies will be equated to one absence.

To authorize an absence, a youth commissioner must inform Commission staff and the Chair as early as possible of their upcoming absence, at least on the Wednesday before the week of the impending absence. At the beginning of each full commission meeting, during the call to order and roll call for attendance, the Chair may invite motions to authorize the absence of an absent commissioner who provided sufficient advance notice. The full Commission shall have the authority to authorize an upcoming absence by simple majority vote. The Commission shall not have the power to authorize more than 3 absences per member per term. If an absence is not authorized by the Commission, that absence hereby counts as a "missed" meeting.

(B) Resignation

After a Commissioner has been found to have missed 3 meetings, Commission staff shall prepare a written resignation form to be voted on by the full Commission at the next full Commission meeting. The Commissioner shall have an opportunity to account for their absences prior to the commission's vote to certify a resignation. Only by supermajority vote shall the full Commission have the power to not certify such a Commissioner's resignation.

(C) Committee Attendance

Each committee has the authority to approve absences and ask a committee member to resign if in violation of the attendance policy. Attendance within committees is to follow the same regulations as that of the full commission meetings. Specifically, the Commissioner in question shall be subject to resignation from their respective committee, but not the Commission as a whole. However, when a member of the executive committee is subject to resignation, the full Youth Commission will have the authority to hold elections for that vacant seat.

(D) Leaves of Absence

A Commissioner may request a leave of absence, for any reason, of not more than 3 regular Commission meetings, by submitting a written request to the Executive Committee by the Wednesday before a regular Commission meeting. The full Commission shall have the power to consider and grant a leave of absence. Staff will formally inform appointing officers in the event of a commissioner's leave of absence.

Article V – Executive Committee Officer Positions

(A) Names & General Purpose of Executive Officers

In order to aid in the conduct, efficiency, productivity and joy of the Commission's work of fulfilling its chartered purpose and duties, the Commission shall have the following elected officers, who together shall constitute the Executive Committee: one Chairperson, one Vice Chairperson, one Legislative Affairs Officer, two Outreach and Media Officers.

These officer positions are not purely celebratory. Being elected to them does not constitute any kind of victory-in-itself. Rather, the purpose of these positions is to aide in the work of the Commission—and *not* to advance the personal interests, positions and desires of the individuals elected to serve in these positions.

In other words: officers serve the entire Commission—and *not* the other way around.

(B) Executive Officer Positions & Duties

The Chairperson shall:

- i. Facilitate Commission meetings by upholding and enforcing the Commission's Rules of Order and these Bylaws;
- ii. Motivate and encourage the active and engaged participation of all commissioners (and members of the public) at meetings by being fair, encouraging, positive and resisting expressing her/his/their own opinion on an item until the end of discussion;
- iii. Meet with Commission staff weekly to discuss Commission business;
- iv. Be the spokesperson for the Commission and, with the other officers, co-coordinate community outreach and educational materials, commissioner testimony at legislative hearings, and media and public relations;
- v. Review the agenda for each Commission meeting in person with staff and the Vice Chairperson;
- vi. Schedule or cancel Commission meetings;
- vii. Have a flexible schedule with free time during the day in order to conduct all of these duties.

The Vice Chairperson shall:

- i. If the Chair is not present, facilitate Commission meetings;
- ii. Facilitate Executive Committee meetings;
- iii. Review the agenda for each Commission meeting by meeting with staff and the Chairperson;
- iv. Coordinate Commission forums and Commission presentations at schools, City departments, community agencies, and events; and
- v. Working with the Legislative Affairs Officers, coordinate commissioner and other youth testimony at legislative hearings; and Coordinate the approval and presentation of the annual Budget and Policy Priorities.
- vi. Shall serve as the Youth Commission's representative on the Our Children, Our Families Council, unless or until another representative is designated by the full commission

The Legislative Affairs Officer shall:

- i. Serve as the point person on receiving, monitoring, and reporting pending legislation at the Board of Supervisors to the Commission;

- ii. Monitor Board of Supervisors' agendas and hearing schedules for pending legislation;
- iii. Confer with committee chairs regarding pending legislation that will be referred to the full Commission for comment and recommendation to determine whether the legislation should be considered separately and beforehand by the appropriate Youth Commission committee;
- iv. Ensure commissioners build relationships with the Board of Supervisors and Mayor by meeting about upcoming legislation and ongoing Youth Commission policy work;
- v. Regularly check in with fellow commissioners to make sure commissioners are meeting with their appointing officers regarding pending legislation;
- vi. Support Commissioners by assisting in the drafting and revising of youth sponsored action legislation;
- vii. Solicit interest and participation of Commissioners in giving testimony at public hearings; and
- viii. Attend Board of Supervisors meetings, if possible.

The (2) Outreach and Media Officers shall:

- i. Develop an annual outreach plan for the Commission and present the plan for approval to the Commission with staff, and coordinate assignment of responsibility;
- ii. Regularly check in and support committees in the development and implantation of their outreach goals;
- iii. Help acquire information, identify potential opportunities to collaborate and/or network, and engage peers at *each* community, government or other event in which the Commission (as a full body or as a committee) is involved.
- iv. Ensure that commissioners are attending meetings with youth and other community members each month;
- v. Outreach for BOS hearings agendized according to requests made by the Youth Commission pursuant to Board Rule 2.12.1, the Youth Voice Scheduling Rule
- vi. Coordinate Commission forums and Commission presentations at schools, City departments, community agencies, and events;
- vii. With staff, help maintain a strategic, professional, and active presence on the Youth Commission's social media platforms;

(C) Executive Officer Time Commitments, Accountability and Removal

Election to *any* of the above-named five officer positions requires a Commissioner to devote *at minimum* 2 more hours a week to work on the Youth Commission *on top of* the 15 hour per month commitment required of all other commissioners, except for the position of Chairperson, who shall be required to devote *at minimum* 3 more hours.

In order for Executive Officers to be accountable to the entire Commission, the Executive Committee shall prepare a brief report of its activities to be shared at each regular Commission meeting. Commissioners are encouraged to ask questions and refer to these Bylaws in order to keep officers accountable for their work.

Any Executive Officer may be removed from any position at any full Commission meeting by a supermajority vote of the Commission, provided that the item has been duly noticed.

No Commissioner shall serve in more than one Executive Officer position at a time, and no executive officer can simultaneously hold a role as a chair of an issue-based committee

(D) Executive Officer Elections

The election of Executive Officers shall be conducted at the first Commission meeting of the term as follows: Commissioners may nominate themselves or another Commissioner for any officer position. Commissioners nominated by others are allowed to decline nominations.

After all the nominations are made, each Commissioner who has accepted a nomination of the position-in-question will have two minutes to share a statement regarding why she or he would like to be elected to said position .

After each Commissioner has made this statement of up to two minutes, his/her/their colleagues may ask questions (of up to 60 seconds each) of each Commissioner running for executive office, who will have up to 60 seconds to respond. Each Commissioner is limited to one question of each candidate for executive office.

After the question-and-answer session has concluded, by roll call vote, officers shall be elected. If no candidate attains nine votes, the candidate with the lowest number of votes shall be eliminated and there will be another roll call vote. This process shall repeat itself until each officer position is filled.

Article VI –Standing Issue-Based Committees

(A) Names & General Purpose of Committees

Committees exist in order to aid in the conduct, efficiency, productivity and joy of the Commission’s work of fulfilling its Charter-mandated purpose and duties. The Commission shall have an Executive Committee and 3-4 standing issue-based committees formed on the basis of the respective interests and common availability of commissioners. Each commissioner is expected to serve as a regular member of one standing issue-based committee each term and attend all regularly scheduled meetings. Commissioners may additionally opt to join meetings of other standing issue-based committees.

(B) Responsibility, Authority and Meeting Time of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee has the following responsibilities and authorities: approving Commission meeting agendas on the Wednesday before each regularly scheduled Monday full Commission meeting; preparing commissioners for discussion of legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors; regularly discussing and proposing solutions for issues raised by other committee members or individual commissioners; selecting commission representatives to the Our Children, Our Families council; interviewing applicants for youth seats 1 and 2 on the Children, Youth, and Families Oversight and Advisory Committee and advising the full Youth Commission on which applicants to consider recommending to the Mayor; and Commission legislation.

(C) Responsibility, Authority, Membership, Chairpersonship and Meeting Time of Standing Issue-Based Committees

The Commission's other committees (i.e., non-Executive) are responsible for meeting with City and school district officials, community members, organizations and advocates; for conducting research and investigation; and for developing legislation and policy under their general subject matter jurisdiction.

It is encouraged that in addition to Commissioners themselves, Commission committees include other young members (ages 12-23 especially) who are not Commissioners.

Commission committees (non-Executive) shall operate according to Section III—Membership and Meetings, (B3) Meeting Procedures and Rules of Order, of these Bylaws. These committees shall establish their own regular meeting date and time.

Committees shall elect a Chairperson and Vice Chair at their first official meeting, by any procedure the committee members deem appropriate.

The Executive Committee of the Commission shall have the power to dissolve and create standing-issue based committees by simple majority vote.

(D) Special Supercommittees and Youth Commission Participation in Outside Bodies: Youth Advisory Council; Our Children, Our Families Council; Youth Employment Committee and the City's Youth Council; Youth Justice Committee and the City's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council

The Commission's Executive Committee, by simple majority vote, shall designate which two Youth Commissioners will serve on the City's Youth Advisory Council (when in operation), which serves as the youth advisory body to the City's Department of Children, Youth and their Families. (It is recommended that the two Commissioners serving as the Commission's representatives on the Youth Advisory Council *not simultaneously* serve as Executive Officers or as the elected officers of any other Commission Committee.)

The full Youth Commission, by simple majority vote, has the authority to designate which Youth Commissioner will serve on the City's Our Children, Our Families Council, an advisory body co-led by the Mayor and San Francisco Unified School District (SFUSD) Superintendent that aims to align city, school district, and community efforts to improve outcomes for children, youth, and families. Commissioners holding executive and/or committee officer roles are eligible to serve as the OCOF representative, and it is encouraged that the OCOF representative be positioned to inform on the work of all Youth Commission committees. The Vice Chairperson shall serve as the OCOF representative, unless or until another representative is chosen by the full commission.

The Youth Commission's participation in the City's Youth Council, a committee of the Workforce Investment San Francisco Board, shall be determined by the votes and positions taken by the standing issue-based committee tasked with working on youth employment issues.

The Youth Commission's participation in the City's Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council, a state-mandated local body, shall be determined by the votes and positions taken by the Youth Justice Committee.

Article VII – Commission Core Values & Code of Conduct

(A) Commission Core Values

The work of the entire Commission is guided by belief in the following core values:

- Bridging the gap between youth and government;
- The best work is done in a manner that is respectful, inclusive and honest;
- A better world for all young people is possible;
- Belief in working towards a world that supports the safety, well being and positive enrichment of all young people;
- Belief in working towards a world where safety and justice, adequate housing, sufficient health care, and superlative education are the right of all young people; and
- Belief in working towards a world that is all inclusive, diverse, loving, and kind.

The Commission believes that young people have the knowledge and power necessary to create the world described above, and believes that our role as the voice of young people in San Francisco is to respectfully represent our communities to the best of our abilities.

(B) Commissioner Code of Conduct

Commissioners will exercise mutual respect and professionalism during commission and committee meetings, in the exercise of all City business, and at all times while publicly representing the Commission. This includes maintaining a respectful approach to debate and disagreement, and seeking to proactively resolve conflicts through the exercise of open and respectful feedback.

Each commissioner shall provide the entire commission their undivided attention by distancing themselves from cellular devices. Distancing yourself from cellular devices can include: putting it in your backpack, giving the phone to staff, or doing whatever it takes to keep your attention on the Youth Commission meeting at hand. Those with special accommodations or needs will use their best judgement on cell phone usage during a meeting.

This recognizes that cell phones are tools used to communicate/coordinate with parents, mentors, organizations not relating to the YC, friends, other commitments, etc., however, commissioners shall not use their cellular devices when sitting in their official roles. If a commissioner must respond to a message/phone call the commissioner shall step away from their duties, whether it be outside or to the side of the Youth Commission body, tend to their emergency, and after taking care of their emergency the commissioner shall put their phone away and return to their official role. Please refer back to Article IV about how long you can step away from a meeting without it affecting your attendance.

This serves to 1. Reinforce Youth Commission core values, to remind commissioners to carry business in a professional, “respectful, inclusive and honest” manner (refer back to Article VII Section A) 2. Supplement a supportive and efficient business climate, and 3. Comply with San Francisco’s Charter Section. 4.124 Youth Commission – Purpose and Duties “the purpose of the Commission is to collect all information relevant to advising the Board of Supervisors and Mayor on the effects of legislative policies, needs, assessments, priorities, programs, and budgets concerning the children and youth of

San Francisco” and therefore the Youth Commission shall dedicate a specific amount of time to fulfill Commissioner duties.

Article VIII—Staff Role, Mission, Vision, and Accountability, Expectations of Commissioners, & Use of Office Resources

(A) Staff Role

Commission staff are responsible for assisting the Commissioners in fulfilling their Chartered duties and, in particular, to assure the day-to-day functioning of the Commission. Staff shall also enforce these Bylaws and other adopted Youth Commission policies and procedures.

Staff shall support the Commission in the following ways: training Commissioners in the structure of City government, the legislative and budget processes, public speaking and public policy, diversity and difference, and other topics of interest as they arise; assisting in the drafting of legislation and other Commission documents; speaking with or on behalf of the Commission at community and government meetings; assuring compliance with all local, state and federal public meeting and record retention policies; and facilitating the Commission’s (and individual Commissioners’) relationships with City and school district officials, community organizations and advocates, and other young people. Staff shall, in general, work a 40 hour week.

(B) Staff Mission, Vision & Accountability

Commission staff believe:

- That the Youth Commission must positively impact the communities of San Francisco by engaging, enabling, and bringing to the forefront of legislative and policy debates the compelling voices of San Francisco’s youth;
- In the presence and active roles of young people in government—locally and beyond; and
- In being truthful and respectful to ourselves, our commissioners, our colleagues in the community and government, and the youth in the many communities of San Francisco.

The work of Commission staff is guided by a vision in which staff works to:

- Create and maintain a safe, productive, upbeat and fun space at the Commission in which respectful, supportive, open, and honest relationships amongst Commissioners and Staff can develop, change and thrive;
- Develop the leadership abilities, communication skills, knowledge of the fundamentals of City government, the budget, legislative processes and parliamentary procedure, and socio-emotional intelligence of our Commissioners and other young people, in order to ensure active, effective youth participation in San Francisco City government;
- Collaborate with community members, organizations, and schools; and
- Honestly share our insight, history, and vision in order to provide the best possible experience for all Commissioners, while maintaining a commitment to our Commissioners that the institution truly be—with respect to its policy direction and culture—a youth led institution.

Commission staff works to be accountable to Commissioners by:

- Being forthright, communicative, and direct with Commissioners about our work as staff, including: sharing and explaining what we do during the work day;

- introducing Commissioners to as many policies, procedures, City departments, organizations, books and individuals as Commissioners would like;
- Being respectful, direct, and communicative with Commissioners about our expectations for their work—including its relative quality, quantity and positive spirit; and
- Seeking feedback (both formally and informally) from Commissioners regarding their expectations and opinions of staff work.

(C) Staff Expectations of Youth Commissioners

In order to aid in the fulfillment of commissioners' achievement of their chartered duties and individual goals, as well as the meaningful use of staff time and resources, Youth Commission staff expect that commissioners will:

- Check email daily and read the weekly internal update weekly
- Reply in a timely manner to communication from Commission staff; weekdays before 6:00 pm, if by phone
- Prepare for meetings by reviewing agendas and supporting documents, and writing down questions and comments
- Remain present and alert during meetings
- Notify staff and colleagues of any upcoming tardies and absences in advance (by the Wednesday before the week of the absence)
- Maintain regular communication with their appointing officials' offices
- Request the support needed from staff to achieve both policy and personal goals

(D) Office Resources

The Youth Commission Office, room 345 of City Hall, shall be open, in general, from 9am to 6pm on regular City & County of San Francisco work days. Staff reserves the right to close the office for an hour at lunch, for off-site meetings, and to modify this schedule based on other hours worked by staff.

The two non-staff computers and two non-staff phones, along with mailboxes for each of the Commission's 17 members, are available for Commissioners to use *only for their official work as Commissioners*.

For purposes of safety, Commissioners may only use the office if a staff person is present.

Article IX– Legislation

(A) Types of Legislation & Tracking System

The Commission shall have three types of legislation: Reports to the Board and Mayor; Action Legislation; and Resolutions of Commendation.

The Commission shall maintain the following format for tracking its legislative work: each document will begin with a shorthand for the current 2017-2018 fiscal year (i.e., "1"), followed by a dash (i.e., "—") followed by the acronym for the three types of legislation (i.e. 1718—RBM), followed by the number that the document is in the line of introduced legislation for that fiscal year (e.g., if the document is the fourth piece of legislation of that type introduced this year, then "4") followed by another dash (i.e., "—") and the shortened title of the legislation.

(B) Reports to the Board and Mayor (RBM)

Reports to the Board and Mayor are official responses to pieces of legislation referred from the Board of Supervisors under Charter SEC 4.124. The substance and content of these Reports are developed through conversation, on the public record, at Commission meetings where the Commission takes a position on a piece of legislation referred. The Legislative Affairs Officers and staff are vested with the authority to type up these Reports and the responsibility to deliver them to the Clerk of the Board, the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor's Office.

Except for extraordinary situations, Reports to the Board shall only be considered once by the Commission before being adopted.

(C) Action Legislation (AL)

Action Legislation consists of written communications that suggest a change in policy or administrative practice, or formally support a campaign, organization or event. This can take the form of resolutions, motions, endorsements, policy reports or statements.

Resolutions shall normally be considered twice by the full Commission before being adopted. In extraordinary situations, the Commission may by simple majority vote motion to suspend this rule and take action on a resolution on its first reading.

(D) Resolutions of Commendation (RC)

Resolutions of Commendation officially recognize the work of an individual, organization or an organized effort.

Except for extraordinary situations, Resolutions of Commendation shall only be considered once by the Commission before being adopted.

(E) Use of Board of Supervisors Board Rule 2.12.1

Pursuant to the Board Rule 2.12.1 (Hearings on Items Referred to the Youth Commission), the Youth Commission may request that a hearing related to an item referred to the Youth Commission be scheduled at a time deemed appropriate for persons 18 years of age and younger. Requests must be submitted promptly after receiving the referred matter, no later than 5 business days prior to the scheduled Board of Supervisors Committee meeting.

To initiate the request, staff will collaborate with the Legislative Affairs Officer and with relevant committee chairs and/or the commission chair to determine whether a scheduling request should be made for a particular item. The full youth commission can request for an item to be heard at a youth-friendly hour during their own hearing on legislation referred, provided it is more than 5 days in advance of the scheduled Board of Supervisors committee meeting. To submit the request, Youth Commission staff will initiate a written request to the Chair of the relevant Board of Supervisor committee and the primary sponsors, copying the Clerk of the Board and the relevant Committee Clerk. The invocation of the scheduling request does not disqualify the matter from being heard outside of the requested time frame, and the Youth Commission should prepare to attend and present accordingly during regularly scheduled meeting times.

Before initiating the request, youth commissioners will first deem that the legislation has a significant impact on youth wherein youth input would be vital to the Board's consideration of the matter, and secondly ensure that other youth plan on attending the

hearing, if held at a youth-friendly time. If the scheduling request is invoked, youth commissioners will maintain responsibility for conducting further outreach to other youth about the upcoming hearing, with primary responsibility belonging to the Outreach and Media officers.

Article X – Amendments to Bylaws

The Commission can create, repeal, amend, or reword bylaws with a majority vote of the full Commission. Changes made to the bylaws must be placed on the agenda and be noticed according to all applicable public meeting laws.