



# **San Francisco Youth Commission Transformative Justice Committee**

## **Minutes**

**Monday, January 13th, 2019**

**5:00 PM - 7:00 PM**

City Hall, Room 278

1. Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Pl.

**San Francisco, CA 94102**

*There will be public comment on each item.*

Members: Nora Hylton (Chair), Rome Jones (Vice Chair), Amara Santos, Arsema Asfaw, Josephine Cureton

### **1) Call to Order and Roll Call**

Commissioner Hylton called the meeting to order at 5:08 PM. Quorum is met.

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

There is no public comment. Commissioner Jones motions to approve of the agenda, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

A. December 9th, 2019\_

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There is no public comment. Commissioner Cureton motions to approve of the December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 minutes, seconded by Commissioner Hylton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There is no public comment.

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

- A. Check in (5 min)  
Led by Commissioner Hylton, the commissioners shared how their day has been.
- B. Role Assignments (2 min)
  - i) Timekeeper – Amara Santos
  - ii) Action Item Sender - Josephine Cureton
- C. Conversation with Department of Police Accountability and the Bar Association (30 min)  
Presenters Samara Marion (Director of Policy, DPA) and Julie Traun (Director Court Programs, Lawyer Referral and Information Service)  
  
Topics to be discussed: Know Your Rights Training, SFPD Bias Working Group, Youth – Police Training  
  
Commissioners and presenters talked about the current status on the department bulletin on youth interrogation, which got approved last week at the Police Commission; outstanding officer training recommendations over the past decade regarding trauma informed



and scenario based trainings that reflect the youth voice in the community, and the current Know Your Rights Brochure, which Youth Commissioners have been involved with gathering information and providing input in. Moving forward, Commissioners wish to observe the DPA trainings on KYRs and get connected with Strategies for Youth to see if they can get a license to start the trainings. Currently, DPA has a small caseload of complaints regarding youth and families – there may not be enough outreach or lack of trust that police can be held accountable. Samara Marion shared a legal tip that “should” is based on suggestion depending on if one feels like it while “shall” sets a standard of expected behavior. Katy Miller is the new head of juvenile probation. Julie Traun can offer support for the fare evasions work and get us in contact with MTA. Commissioners will receive a digital copy of the know your rights brochure and hope to put it on their resources page.

D. Empowerment Circle (20 minutes)

Commissioners shared their challenges and celebrations as a way to bond and learn more about what each other is working on and how they can support each other. Commissioners would like to continue this activity as a way to check in about each other and lean on the resources their peers have. Commissioners also decided on a method of text communication accountability by having designated emoticons as a way to confirm they have received the message.

E. Action Planning for Committee Priorities (45 minutes)

i) Timeline Review (5 min)

- Mass incarceration + Restorative Justice Conference at LWHS
  - KYR
  - April 2 - 3rd 75 - 90 min workshop
    - Available and out of school
      - Amara - can plan, Arsema can plan
      - Nora is cochair of the conference
      - Rome and Josephine down to support it
- Feb 21st Budget submission
- Feb 24th SRO trainings to observe

ii) Omnibus Budget Priorities (20 min)

Commissioners dive into the Mayor’s proposed budget book by picking up 2 departments to review. Commissioners will submit their Omnibus Budget Priorities before tomorrow noon to the legislative affairs officer to reflect know your rights training, community care supports, and alternatives to incarceration and displacement.

- Commissioner Santos: DCYF + Juvenile Probation
  - Free City College - \$15 million to fund the program, requiring state and federal to avoid budget shortfalls, over 230 classes have been cut
  - \$32.3 million to out of school time? Only 7.8 million spent in education support
  - \$17.3 million to leadership and skill building, 20.3 million to youth workforce development
  - DCYF to continue justice programs - leveraging federal departments
  - Federal money
  - Juvenile Probation
    - Hall population 45, target was 55
    - No injury to staff, no serious injury to youth - why is there a distinction? Equitable
    - Want longer days for youth 28 avg v, wanted 45 days
    - Hope to fund community-based programs for youth and families
      - What’s the communication and healing resources
      - Gender specific programming and aftercare services
      - Detention alternative
    - Proposed 18 million dollars, more money if you are closing
- Commissioner Asfaw: Human Rights Commission + Economic Workforce



- Opportunities for All - rework of the program
  - Undocumented youth could not work because no SSN, making sure jobs are there and meaningful experience and travel stipends
  - \$8mill over 2 years, 1,500 young people - and adding 1000 job opportunities to the opportunities
- Economic Workforce:
  - Nothing youth specific
  - Housing - \$7.4 million for office space, onto housing
- Commissioner Cureton: Adult Probation + DPA
  - DPA:
    - Budget went up, programmatic got cut in half
      - Work in curriculum
      - Increase materials and supplies - stable for 3 years
      - Where is the outreach?
      - Relying on community orgs
      - Complaints
  - Adult probation
    - Decrease in staff, high increase in salaries
      - Should not bump salaries and going to resources
    - Oversee the young adult court
      - Understaffed, not enough funding and resources
    - Interrupt, predict and organize for young adults
      - Ged studies
      - Placing them in anger management, day care, employment resources
      - Need to know how many people are going through the program, need to know how much money is being spent
    - Under 3000 active adult probation
    - No mention of tay
- Commissioner Hylton: Sheriff + Public Defender
  - Public defender: Salary went up a million dollars despite little employment increase / miranda rights enforcement
  - Sherriff: many goals of people who are post incarceration and those who have already been incarcerated; targets rates are higher than expected
  - With incarceration alternatives, less people are offending
  - With the ending of cash bail, more GPS's trackings are being added at a high rate
- Commissioner Jones: Police Department + Homelessness
  - Pd 34% 7.7 million to replace their 88 cars in a 2 year span
    - To save money on maintenance fees
  - Closure of juvenile hall + 850 bryant
    - Find ways to split money into giving opportunities for young people
    - And training that incorporate youth centric model
    - Young adult court
    - Youth advisory forums
  - 4.6 million to digitize documents,
  - 3 million dollars more for programmatic projects
    - What projects are these?
    - Who are they impacting and helping?
  - They want program for retired officers to monitor union square and harass homeless people
    - They do not serve car break-ins less than 3% to give. 7 million officers downtown to mitigate
    - Officers on retirement, keep them retired
  - Homelessness
    - More money 28.2 ^ than 18 - 19 budget and questions about targets and what they plan to do



- Make a push to account for specific TAY aged youth housing and LGBTQ housing
- No girl shelter - for juvenile justice

iii) Fare Evasions on Muni (20 min)

Commissioner Santos debriefed what work has been done so far on this proposed resolution regarding Fare Evasions on Muni and Commissioners Asfaw and Cureton have offered to assist Commissioners Santos and Ty.

F. Appreciations (5 min)

Commissioners shared their one word appreciations for tonight's meeting.

**6) Staff Report (Discussion Only)**

Please continue to review the budget priorities and follow up on action items. The Mid Year Retreat is this weekend.

**7) Announcements**

- A. Community Report back  
Nothing to report.

**8) Adjournment**

Commissioner Hylton adjourned the meeting at 7:25 pm.

