

San Francisco Youth Commission Transformative Justice Committee Minutes

**Monday, January 27th, 2020
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: Arsema Asfaw, Josephine Cureton, Nora Hylton (Chair), Rome Jones (Vice Chair), Amara Santos

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Commissioner Jones called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM. Quorum is met.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Santos, motioned to approve of agenda. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

- a. January 13th, 2020
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There was no public comment. Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw, approved of January 13th, 2020 minutes. The motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

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

There was no public comment.

5. Business (All items to follow Discussion and Possible Action)

- a. Check In (5 min)
Presenter: Rome Jones

Commissioner Jones led the check in. Today's check in is about goals. "What is your year goal and 5-year goal?"

Commissioner Hylton: My one-year goal is to go to college and continuing my studies and doing stuff I'm interested in doing and classes I want to take. Five years from now, hopefully out of college, and have people in my life to appreciate and love me and give back to my community in a job that allows me to do things for others than just working for money.

Commissioner Asfaw: would hope to come back to youth commission and travel out of the country at least twice.

Commissioner Santos: learn and read more nature and plant related books and appreciate nature rather than learning about the people, travel with my best friend (Chicago) – 5 years: still in school and keep on doing that – hopefully content and full of self-improvement.

Commissioner Cureton: hopefully can adjust to college, as it's a much smaller city and developing roots in it – wish to leave Youth Commission in good hands, come back in 5 years doing something I care about

Commissioner Jones: I want to buy my first piece of land to start my company – paperwork just came back – continuing to establish my land. 5 years, not to work for anybody – people who do their job for long time get stuck, hopes to do something completely different.

Staff Truong: hopes to go to Hawaii – maybe move to Chicago given how much San Francisco has changed.

b. Role Assignments (2 min)

- i. Timekeeper: Commissioner Asfaw
- ii. Action Item Sender: Commissioner Cureton

c. Empowerment Circle (15 minutes)

Commissioner Hylton shared the prompt and passed the post-its for the Challenge and Celebrations.

Commissioner Cureton: celebrations – spent time with family and friends and caught up, challenge – making time for self-care and keep a good routine, been sacrificing sleep and quality time.

Commissioner Santos: driver's test on Monday and apprehensive about it. Wish to celebrate with Indian food

Commissioner Asfaw: met with D5 office very nice, Calvin Nora and I are planning a d5 youth forum, challenge is being productive and staying focused.

d. Action Planning for Committee Priorities (1 hour)

i. Timeline Review (2 min)

1. April 2nd and 3rd Social Conference
 - a. Needs to determine topic
 - i. Know your rights?
 - ii. School to prison pipeline?
 - iii. Relevancy to SF youth
 - b. Needs to submit workshop proposal
 - c. 75 minute workshop on the 2nd
2. February is budget presentations
3. Feb 24th SRO officer training
4. Dates for?
 - a. Youth police round table
5. May – Youth Advocacy Day

ii. Community Report Back (10 min)

1. Implicit Bias Workgroup

- a. Commissioner Jones: has been going to working group meetings since November, 2019. They meet at the Police HQ at 3rd st previously 1x month now 2x a month on Mondays and is broken into subgroups. Currently in community perception of policing, other groups (3 others) have police perception. Currently are working on a draft of a report and recommendations on a group and will meet again Saturday before next meeting to go into more detail – to speak for how the youth feel spectrum of abolitionist vs. police apologists. Recommendations will be structured around on what we believe the groups (community person who lost her nephew, young black man lost his brother) 12 other people in group. Can send it out digitalize. Police commissioners are on there, samara and Julie, Internal Affairs, community people, DOJ SF, Mission Local rep. Some cases that have come up is that black motorists getting pulled over more, and raids and different projects to research their goal a little bit.

b. Questions:

- i. Commissioner Santos: digital?
 1. Commissioner Jones: draft report talking about a survey about statistics what our recommendations are going forward
- ii. Commissioner Hylton: how many other groups? Are you the only young person?
 1. Commissioner Jones: 4, yes
- iii. Commissioner Cureton: one report?

1. Commissioner Jones: combined big report from all the subgroups
- iv. Commissioner Hylton: where do the reports go?
 1. Commissioner Jones: goes to police commission, internal and done to address the DOJ 2016 based on reforms after the text scandals and officer related shooters. they brought up TLPD – twitter page, problematic page – terrible and post poc and mug shots and crimes they are accused of and say that some community members appreciate it – criminalizing folks
- v. Commissioner Hylton: can they do it and is this legal?
 1. Commissioner Jones: they do it and defending it that the community appreciates it and when people are getting posted with what they are posted – and recent posts are mug shots and not the stuff they are caught with, and just stuff off the street no mug shot – public defender made a point that this has made things in newspaper and released them a murder charge but had to move out of sf because of safety at risk, and did something in Friday – not found guilty.
 2. Commissioner Cureton: that’s like trophies and post on sm – glorifying incarcerating people.

2. DGO 7.01 Workgroup

- a. Nothing to report back. One youth commission seat, tried to push for 2, just trying to be one. Austin has phone call from asja – not where or when and how often we are meeting. And in the event that arsema can’t make it to the meeting, rome and one of us can fill in.

iii. Workgroups: (45 min)

1. Fare Evasion on Muni Resolution

Commissioners Santos, Asfaw, and Hylton included updates on the data, asked for clarity and transparency in municipal codes, and made comments that vagueness can lead to possible discrimination, we also mentioned SFMTA hiding out citations since sfpd is only involved in communities of color. They plan on continuing the work on Wednesday

before exec 3:45 and ask for support from folks to help edit to make sure it passes by Monday at FYC.

2. Omnibus Budget Presentation

Commissioners Jones and Cureton will be finessing the budget presentation and the commissioners will split up commissions to give presentations to: DCYF OAC, JPC, PC, HRC, ReEntry council.

3. Mass Incarceration and Restorative Justice Conference Workshop

Commissioner Hylton explained what the process will be like, but given that this is not as time sensitive, commissioners hope to table it. There was no public comment. Commissioner Hylton motioned to continue item 5 (3) until later because no details yet, seconded by Commissioner Cureton. Motion passes by a vote of acclamation.

iv. Debrief (10 min)

1. Commissioners made tangible action steps and will be meeting separately to continue the work.

E. Appreciations (5 min)

Commissioners went through one word appreciations.

6. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

DA Boudin and SFPOA are battling over the withdrawal of charges against Jamaica Hampton. This exec meeting covers the OAC seats, the youth seats on boards process. This Friday commissioner Ty will be a panelist on the 2020 census and impact on LGBTQ+ community. Next week is FYC and the beginning of reimagine justice meetings at YWFC.

7. Announcements

Commissioner Cureton: There is a YC tabling opportunity at the D4 Lunar New Year festival, AT Jefferson elementary school on Saturday February 22nd. I'll definitely be there and help out. I think it would be a great way to register voters and spread the word about our campaigns, especially around the 29R and Vote16. We'd also be required to have some sort of activity- maybe some sort of SF youth trivia game.

Commissioner Hylton: I have a gig at old skool café from 5:45 – 9pm (7:30pm is the meet and greet) with my band, please drop by!

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Hylton adjourned the meeting at 7pm.