



San Francisco Youth Commission
Draft Minutes
Monday, June 8th,
2020
5:00 pm-8:00 pm

Public Comment Call-in:
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Conference ID: 587 607 065#

There will be public comment on each item.

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

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

Commissioner Hylton calls the meeting to order at 5:05 pm. Quorum is met.

2. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

There is no public comment. Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw, motions to approve of agenda.

By Roll Call Vote: The motion passes.
Aye: Hylton, Jones, Asfaw, Cureton, Santos
Nay: 0

3. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A February 24th,
2020 ([Document](#)
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There is no public comment. Commissioner Cureton, seconded by Commissioner Hylton, motions to approve of February 24th, 2020 minutes.

By Roll Call Vote: The motion passes.
Aye: Hylton, Jones, Asfaw, Cureton, Santos
Nay: 0

4. Public Comment on Items not on Agenda (2 minutes per public comment)

Public comment – George Floyd Resolution



A group of law students and myself have come together to draft progressive police reform legislation. We would like to have it on this commission's agenda for consideration to submit to the board of supervisors.

This legislation is in response to the Black Lives Matter movement and public outcry over George Floyd's death. First, this legislation gives San Francisco residents the tools to peacefully require a police officer to cease inflicting excessive force that could result in death to a non-resisting person. Second, this legislation protects all residents of San Francisco, including members of the Black community, from encountering racist policing.

We welcome any comments or suggested edits as well. Having the support of the Youth Commission is important to us because it is one of the few channels that young residents have. We look forward to your response and feel free to email or call me at my contact information provided below.

Dakshina Thanky | J.D. Candidate 2021 | USF Law

Commissioners thanked Dakshina for her public comment and invite her to come to Full Youth Commission meeting. As the agenda is a bit tight since the committee has not met for a bit, we will review and give feedback in a bit.

5. Business (All Items to Follow for discussion)

A Check In: How is everyone?

- Nora – well, graduated highschool, trying to be outside
- Arsema – fine, without school to focus on other things, talk more with friends and family
- Rome – stressed out
- Amara – stressed out, phone call left me reflective but jarring wonky,
- Josephine – graduated, waiting to start a job,
- Austin – reflective of company today

B Community Reportback

Commissioner Asfaw – link to defund police, sending emails, city council in Minneapolis voted to end contract with sfpd, Potential idea for TJ resolution – following 8 steps to abolition

Commissioner Cureton – SFPD – SFUSD MOU, BOE meeting tmr @ 3pm, come out in public comment, gave input in former MOU process, wasn't taken in, more intentional community outreach and why are police in school, won't vote in school but good 1st step, so youth first step. Divest from police in our public schools and use that money to reinvest in public education. When we account to how we ask to defund police, whereas arts and education – spiritual healing and shelter are defunded all the time, we cannot stand by

Commissioner Santos – repurposing pedagogies in global pandemic, different community members sharing in importance and vitality of abolition versus reform. How to truly invest in abolition work and redefining context of abolition.



Staff – juneteenth event, reparations plan “Mayor London N. Breed and Supervisor Shamann Walton announced today a plan to prioritize the redirection of resources from the San Francisco Police Department to support the African-American community in the upcoming budget. They will lead a collaborative process with the community in partnership with the Human Rights Commission to help identify and prioritize funding needs.”

Commissioner Hylton – what’s the reparations plan covering?

Staff – unsure, the press statement only stated that re: breed + walton redirect funding from SFPD to black community [Individuals who wish to participate in open meetings on reinvestment in the African-American community through the Human Rights Commission should email HRC-Roundtable@sfgov.org for an invitation.]

Commissioners Asfaw, Hylton, and Jones can inquire more.

C BOS Update

- Legislation Introduced
 - BOS: Urging the Civil Service Commission to Establish Disqualifying Standards for Applicants for Position of Police Officer and Sheriff Deputy Applicants Based on Misconduct
 - Feedback:

We would include the criteria of misconduct [officer shootings, sexual misconduct, domestic violence, perjury, and drunken driving]

- also thoughts on the use of "significant misconduct" this is often subjective and is tied to what do we deem as normal/and goes into what behavior we excuse.
- additionally thoughts on the use of "excessive force" how is this defined - as this is often case by case, subjective terms. I'm thinking back to the 2019 - [SB-230 Law enforcement: use of deadly force: training: policies](#) and how they went about it.

We’re thinking notably as well if we can include a clause pushing for more stringent review of criminal convictions who have been law enforcement officers in California or applied to be one.

We would also see if it's possible to name how many roadblocks there are for communities of color to get justice for their loved ones from uncooperative government workers to missing case files to sloppy record-keeping.

Question: clarification on the last part of how to clarify

Commissioner Hylton: nothing major to change as the assessment works out

Commissioner Cureton: will this come to FYC?

Staff: we have asked for legislation to be referred to us and have reached out to D10 office, but no confirmation.

Commissioner Santos: if you apply and no – is that incorporated into past conducts, push for more public records release, what are the processes for sfpd misconduct



The resolution would at least urge the Civil Service Commission to institute a “blanket ban” on the hiring of any officer or deputy with a track record of misconduct. Without such a ban, city officials and the public must rely almost exclusively on the discretion of the Police and Sheriff’s Departments in hiring decisions.

What about the current process – of cases of misconduct

- ca state law re public records

Commissioners Cureton

Josephine – to help lead language, Arsema – can’t help with research with feedback and writing, Amara – research

- Hearing
 - Hearing – Law Enforcement Restraint Techniques
- Police Commission – Rome will resume attending meetings

D Budget and Policy Priorities Report

- Timeline
- Expectations
- Role Assignments

Amara – Writer

Nora – Researcher

Arsema – Writing

Josephine – Research

Rome – Research

Weekly Thursday afternoon writing sessions

E Resolution

- SFUSD – SFPD MOU presented by Nora Hylton

Remove sfpd from sfusd, teacher training & restorative training & deescalation

Budget cuts – 7 staffers devoted to solely restorative justice

Josephine, Rome, Khatab, Sarah G., Crystal all attend/ed public school in sfusd

Will hope to present in FYC on Monday.

F Work Time

Commissioners scheduled their time and communicated their capacities.

6. Staff Report (Discussion Only)



YC App update – still reviewing, hoping to hold a training session for review panel at end of this week or early next week to start interviews and to have recommendations for BOS + Mayor before end of month.

7. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Nothing to report.

8. Adjournment

Commissioner Hylton adjourned the meeting at 6:25 PM

