San Francisco Youth Commission
Civic Engagement and Education Committee
Joint Meeting with
Board of Supervisors
Youth, Young Adults and Families Committee
Minutes – Draft
Thursday, April 27, 2023
4:00 PM

IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS

Board of Supervisors Youth, Young Adults and Families Committee Members: Hillary Ronen (Chair), Ahsha Safai (Vice Chair), Myrna Melgar

Youth Commission Committee Members: Maureen Loftus (Chair), Steven Hum (Vice Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting

Present: Maureen Loftus (Chair) Steven Hum (Vice Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting

Tardy:

Absent:

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person in a special session with the Board of Supervisors Youth, Young Adults and Families Committee and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Thursday, April 27, 2023, with BOS YYAF Chair Hillary Ronen presiding.

YYAF Chair Ronen calls the meeting to order at 4:01 PM.

Chair Ronen makes introductions and remarks.

Clerk Carroll provides communications.

Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance

On the call of the roll:
5 present
*The Youth Commission Civic Engagement and Education Committee Quorum is met.*

1. **Hearing - Prop G “Student Success Fund” Implementation Plan**

Chair Ronen provides remarks and recognizes Board of Education (BoE) President Boggess and Commissioner Alexander.

Department of Children, Youth, and their Families (DCYF) Director Dr. Maria Su and SFUSD Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne present their presentations. SFUSD Head of Student and Services Division, Mele Lau-Smith, adds to the presentation. DCYF Deputy Director of Program, Planning and Grants, Sherrice Dorsey-Smith adds to the presentation.

Chair Ronen welcomes Commissioner Alida Fisher and passes the mic to BoE President Boggess.

BoE President Boggess provides remarks.

Chair Ronen recognizes Leslie Hu from UESF for her efforts on the Prop G campaign.

Supervisor Melgar asks questions. Ms.Dorsey-Smith and Ms.Lau-Smith respond.

**Commissioner Barker Plummer**

What percentage of the funds are put into student reading literacy goal programs? Will the Fund fund the initiative?

Superintendent Wayne responds.

How will the deficit of the city affect the Student Success Fund funding?

Chair Ronen responds.
YYAF Vice Chair Safai asks questions. His question is a follow-up of Commissioner Barker Plummer’s question. Superintendent Wayne responds. Ms.Dorsey-Smith adds her response to the question. Chair Ronen adds her comments.

**CEEC Chair Loftus**
How rapid is the rapid response to get the fund? Especially if the schools have an emergency. Ms.Dorsey-Smith responds. Chair Loftus follows up by asking what is the specific timeframe.

**Commissioner Pimentel**
What are collaborative oversight government body criteria for oversight body? Dr.Su responds.

Supervisor Melgar asks questions. Superintendent Wayne responds.

**Commissioner Utting**
What qualifies as a community school site coordinator and the qualification? Are there any? If not, what’s the process? Ms.Lau-Smith responds.

**CEEC Vice Chair Hum**
Are there already plans to incorporate a youth seat on the collaborative government oversight body? Dr.Su responds, and she says there will be. Ms.Lau-Smith responds.

Public Comment:

1. Stephanie [ ] provides public comment on item agenda 1.
2. Jose-Luis Mejia, Coleman Advocates, provides public comment on item agenda 1.
3. Leslie Hu provides public comment on item agenda 1.
4. Jessica Nguyen-Cruz, District 4 Youth and Families Network, provides public comment item agenda 1.
5. Dr.Angela Castillo, La Raza, provides public comment item agenda 1.
6. Michelle Cusano, Richmond NeighborhoodCenter, provides public comment item agenda 1.
8. Madison, Children and Service Providers Working Group, provides public comment item agenda 1.
9. (Virtual) District 2 resident provides public comment item agenda 1.
10. (Virtual) Latino Task Force / Mission Economic Development Agency Staff provides public comment item agenda 1.
Public Comment is closed.

Chair Ronen provides remarks.

YYAF motions and votes.

2. Hearing - Examining Resources and Safety Plans to Address Youth Safety and School Site Violence

Supervisor Melgar provides remarks. Vice Chair Safai provides remarks. DCYF Director Dr. Maria Su and SFUSD Superintendent Dr. Matt Wayne present their presentations.

Commissioner Utting
How are you ensuring that schools communicate the rules and consequences to the students about student conduct? Also, how are you communicating the services on school sites? Eric Guthertz, SFUSD Director of High Schools, responds.

Commissioner Barker Plummer
What is the status of the school district getting information to families to prevent the youths from getting their hands on guns? HongMei Pang, SFUSD Communications Director, responds. To DCYF, how are we measuring the effectiveness of the violence interrupters? Dr.Su, DCYF Director, responds.

Chair Loftus
Is there any outreach to figure out what has impacted young people’s mental health? Dr.Su, DCYF Director, responds. Dr.Davis, Human Rights Commission (HRC) Director, responds. How are the school violence interrupters integrating into the schools? Eric Guthertz, SFUSD Director of High Schools, responds.

Commissioner Barker Plummer leaves the room at 6:29 PM. Returns at 6:32 PM.

Vice Chair Safai asks questions. HongMei Pang, SFUSD Communications Director, responds. Mr.Gregory Markwith provides testimony of what he’s doing.

Chair Loftus leaves the room at 6:34 PM. Returns at 6:36 PM.
Chair Ronen calls for public comment so that all public comments can be heard before the noise gets louder from the outside event.

Public Comment on agenda item 2:

1. Andrea Mejia, Coleman Advocates
2. Speaker
3. Jose-Luis Mejia, Coleman Advocates
4. Leslie Hu
5. Nancy Juarez
6. Dr. Angela Castillo
7. Lily Wong, Director of Community Engagement at Wah Mei School
8. Art Savangsy, Coleman Advocates
9. (Virtual) D3 resident speaker
10. (Virtual) Youth Community Services staff
11. (Virtual) Speaker
12. (Virtual) Speaker
13. (Virtual) Lawrence Lee
14. (Virtual) Jules Litauer Chan, District 7 Youth Council

Public Comment is Closed.

Vice Chair Hum
How will the social media monitoring task force adjust to the private accounts that young people have?
Dr. Su, DCYF Director, responds.

Chair Ronen asks the Youth Commissioners what the Social Media Monitoring Task Force should look like.

Commissioner Pimentel
How have DCYF and SFUSD gathered the youth voices for the interdepartmental task force to address youth violence to center youths and the community at the conversation?
Hong Mei Pang and Eric Guthertz, SFUSD, respond.

Supervisor Melgar remarks.
Department of Public Health (DPH) Dr. Farah Farahmand provided testimony on what the Department is doing about helping middle schoolers.
Commissioner Utting provides remarks.
Chair Loftus provides remarks.
Commissioner Barker Plummer provides remarks.
Chair Hum provides remarks.
Commissioner Pimentel provides remarks.

Vice Chair Safai provides remarks.
Supervisor Melgar provides closing remarks.

YYAF motions and votes.

Chair Ronen provides closing remarks for the YYAF Committee.

**Adjournment**

There is no further business. The meeting is adjourned at 7:31 PM.