



**San Francisco Youth Commission  
Civic Engagement and Education Committee  
Minutes – Draft  
Tuesday, June 6, 2023  
5:30 PM**

**IN-PERSON MEETING with REMOTE ACCESS**

**Members:** Maureen Loftus (Chair), Steven Hum (Vice Chair), Vanessa Pimentel, Ewan Barker Plummer, Astrid Utting, Jin Valencia-Tow (Non-Voting)

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**Tardy:**

**Absent:**

The San Francisco Youth Commission met in-person in regular session and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, with Chair Maureen Loftus presiding.

Chair Loftus calls the meeting to order at 5:30 PM.

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call for Attendance**

On the call of the roll:

<b>Member</b>	<b>Present / Absent</b>
Commissioner Barker Plummer	present
Commissioner Pimentel	absent
Commissioner Utting	present
Vice Chair Hum	present
Chair Loftus	present

***5 present***

***Quorum is met.***

Staff welcomes Member Jin Valencia-Tow to the Committee.



## 2. Communications

Joy Zhan, staff, provides communications.

## 3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Moved by Commissioner Barker Plummer to approve the agenda, seconded by Vice Chair Hum.

*No discussion*

*No public comment.*

The motion to approve today's agenda is carried by a voice vote:

**5 eyes**

***The motion passes.***

## 4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

a. June 6, 2023

Moved by Commissioner Utting, seconded by Vice Chair Hum to approve the June 6, 2023 Committee meeting minutes.

*No discussion.*

*No public comment.*

The motion to approve the minutes for the June 6, 2023 Committee meeting minutes is carried by a voice vote:

**5 eyes**

***The motion passes.***

## 5. Public Comment on matters not on Today's Agenda (2 minutes per comment)

*No public comment.*

## 6. Committee Business (Discussion and Possible Action Item)



**A) Resolution No. 2223-AL-01 [Resolution in support of increasing existing funding for wellness centers in San Francisco Public High Schools]  
*Sponsors: Hum, Pimentel***

Vice Chair Hum states that this is the first resolution that was introduced in the Youth Commission this term and apologies that it took so long for him to finish this. He asks if this would be considered a second reading. Staff states that since it's been changed so much, it is up to the Commission to have one or two more readings.

Vice Chair Hum and Commissioner Pimentel read the resolution into the record.

Commissioner Barker Plummer asks for the resolution to be revised so that there are no more footnotes since the resolution formatting changed. Commissioner Utting appreciates the data and works put into the resolution, but it seems like part of the problem is that students don't feel comfortable accessing the resources that are there because they don't know that it's a safe space. Perhaps there should be a resolved clause that asks to do better outreach to students. Commissioner Utting also asks for better definitions of specific phrases. Member Valencia-Tow suggests adding "middle schools" in the title since that is part of the ask. Vice Chair Hum will make the edits.

Commissioner Barker Plummer moves to forward the resolution to the Full Youth Commission with the amendments, seconded by Vice Chair Hum.

*No discussion.*

*No public comment.*

The motion is moved by a voice vote.

**5 ayes.**

***The motion is passed.***

**B) Resolution No. 2223-AL-32 [Lower San Francisco's Legal Voting Age to 16 Years of Age]  
*Sponsors: Hum, Barker Plummer***

Vice Chair Hum says that this resolution reaffirms the Youth Commission's advocacy on Vote16. Commissioner Barker Plummer says that the resolution calls for this to be in the 2024 General Election.



Vice Chair Hum and Commissioner Barker Plummer read the resolution into the record.

Chair Loftus asks for clarifications on the “non-citizens” part of the resolved clause. Commissioner Barker Plummer did consider striking it since it is a different case. Member Valencia-Tow agrees.

Commissioner Utting for the record will not be voting in support of the resolution, although not actively against Vote16, but because she feels like the City and State are not preparing students to be civically engaged, even from her own public education experience. She’s more likely to support if there are practices in place, which there are not. Commissioner Barker Plummer says that this is a way to increase engagement in youth, and both need to be advocated together. Member Valencia-Tow mentions that the D7 participatory budget process allows 16 and 17-year-olds to vote and suggests adding it to the resolution as a Whereas clause. The process was started by former Supervisor Yee probably but will get back to the group.

Vice Chair Hum motions to forward the resolution to the Full Youth Commission with a positive recommendation, seconded by Commissioner Barker Plummer.

*No discussion.*

*No public comment.*

The motion is carried by a voice vote.

***4 ayes, 1 nay with Commissioner Utting in the dissent.  
The motion passes.***

### **C) Upcoming Resolutions**

Commissioners Barker Plummer and Utting will be introducing a resolution on school safety at the next Full Youth Commission meeting and are looking for feedback and edits.

### **D) Budget Advocacy**

Commissioner Barker Plummer is urging the Committee to call in or come in-person to public comment on Public Comment Day. He and Chair Nguyen have narrowed down priorities to School Safety and Wellness Centers. Staff suggests for the Committee to find out which departments fund resources related to these two to better target their public comment and also recommend figuring



out what the pulse on the ground is so that the Youth Commission knows what else is being talked about.

#### **E) CEEC-related news**

The next CEEC lands on July 4th, so the Committee will be meeting on July 7th at 5 PM.

Staff tells the Committee about the movement on the Safer Schools Sexual Assault Task Force legislation, and the District 7 office is asking the Youth Commission to do a quick presentation at Rules Committee. The Committee decides that July 17th is better with more time to organize other youths and organizations. Vice Chair Hum will be out of town, Commissioner Pimentel and Chair Loftus can maybe make it, Commissioners Barker Plummer, Utting, and Member Valencia-Tow will be there. Staff asks if the Commission should host a press conference before the Rules Committee meeting, and Member Valencia-Tow suggests that the Commission should.

*No public comment.*

#### **7. Staff Report (Discussion Item)**

No reports.

*No public comment.*

#### **8. Adjournment**

There is no further business. The meeting is adjourned at 6:15 PM.