San Francisco Youth Commission
Minutes
Monday, April 18, 2022
5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Held via Videoconference
(remote public access provided via teleconference)

Members: Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Raven Shaw, Steven Hum, Ewan Barker Plummer, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Sammy Foley, Arsema Asfaw, Isaiah Catubig, Vanessa Pimentel, Amara Santos, Sahara Frett, Jayda Love, Amadeos Oyagata, Jiajian Harry Xu, Emily Nguyen

Present: Commissioners Jayden Tanaka, Valentina Alioto-Pier, Steven Hum, Ewan Barker-Plummer, Gabrielle Listana, Adrianna Zhang, Arsema Asfaw, Isaiah Catubig, Amara Santos, Sahara Frett, Amadeos Oyagata, Jiajian Harry Xu, Emily Nguyen,

The San Francisco Youth Commission met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provide public comment through teleconferencing, on Monday April 18, 2022, with Chair Adrianna Zhang presiding.

Chair Zhang calls the meeting order at 5:05 p.m.

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

On the call of the roll the below Commissioners were noted present.

Roll call Attendance: 13 present, 4 not present

Jayden Tanaka, present
Valentina Alioto-Pier, present
Raven Shaw, not present
Steven Hum, present
Ewan Barker-Plummer, present
Gabrielle Listana, present
Adrianna Zhang, present
Sammy Foley, not present
Arsema Asfaw, present
Isaiah Catubig, present
Vanessa Pimentel, not present
Amara Santos, present
Sahara Frett, present
Jayda Love, not present
Amadeos Oyagata, present
Jiajian Harry Xu, present
Emily Nguyen, present

A quorum of the Commission was present

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Barker-Plummer, seconded by Commissioner Asfaw, motioned to excuse Commissioners Raven Shaw. The motion carried by the following vote:

Roll call Attendance: 13 aye, 4 not present

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Raven Shaw, not present
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker-Plummer, aye
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sammy Foley, not present
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, not present
Amara Santos, aye
Sahara Frett, aye
Jayda Love, not present
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye

Actions: Commissioner Shaw excused.

A. Introduction of New Staff Members Joshua Ochoa and Alondra Esquivel-Garcia

New staff members for the San Francisco Youth Commission, Joshua Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist, and Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Youth Development Specialist, introduced themselves to the Commissioners.

2. Communications

Jessica Perkinson, Assistant Clerk, shared communications, and meeting announcements with the Commissioners.

3. Approval of Agenda (Action Item)

Chair Zhang inquired whether any Commissioner had any changes to the April 18, 2022, Full Youth Commission

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Tanaka seconded by Commissioner Asfaw motions to approve the April 18, 2022, Full Youth Commission Agenda. The motion carried by following roll call vote:
Roll Call Vote: 13 aye, 4 not present

Jayden Tanaka, aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye  
Raven Shaw, not present  
Steven Hum, aye  
Ewan Barker-Plummer, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye  
Adrianna Zhang, aye  
Sammy Foley, not present  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Isaiah Catubig, aye  
Vanessa Pimentel, not present  
Amara Santos, aye  
Sahara Frett, aye  
Jayda Love, not present  
Amadeos Oyagata, aye

Actions: Agenda Approved.

4. Approval of Minutes (Action Item)

A. April 4, 2022

Chair Zhang inquired whether any Commissioner had any changes to the April 4, 2022, Full Youth Commission Minutes. There were no changes.

Public Comment: None

Commissioner Barker-Plummer seconded by Commissioner Tanaka motions to approve the April 4, 2022 Full Youth Commission Minutes. The motion carried by following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 13 aye, 4 not present

Jayden Tanaka, aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye  
Raven Shaw, not present  
Steven Hum, aye  
Ewan Barker-Plummer, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye  
Adrianna Zhang, aye  
Sammy Foley, not present  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Isaiah Catubig, aye  
Vanessa Pimentel, not present  
Amara Santos, aye  
Sahara Frett, aye  
Jayda Love, not present  
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Action: April 4, 2022 Minutes Approved.

B. Discussion and debrief of April 4, 2022 meeting

Chair Zhang informed Clerk Perkinson this item is typically intended for the Executive Committee Meetings and chose to skip this item.

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

Kellylou Densmore, SHARP, shared information and a flyer to Commissioners for an opportunity to be apart of a panel for SF Youth regarding Gender-Based Violence being held on April 21, 2022, from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 pm.

6. Presentations (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

A. SF SOL Presentation

Nazneen Rydhan-Foster, Program Manager, (SF SOL Collaborative) presented slides including information about the various youth services the organization provides coordination teams, and assistance programs the organization provides and supports

Bindu Oommen-Fernandes and Raija Patterson (Freedom Forward) presented slides and shared information about the H.Y.P.E. Center. Camille Baily, (Freedom Forward) provided information on FAM Homes. Anareli Bedolla (Freedom Forward) provided information on the FAM background and Advisory Boards.

7. Youth Commission Business (All Items to Follow are Discussion and Possible Action)

A. [Inform + Decision] [First Reading] Hearing 220361 – [Status of Establishing a Child Care Center at San Francisco General Hospital]

Clerk Perkinson shared the Referral Memorandum for Hearing 220361.

Chair Zhang requested the minutes reflect the following specific question to be asked for this hearing: Is there a way to collect data on the communities of background at the childcare center to measure its success after it has been established?

Commissioner Tanaka shared his support for the Hearing due to its involvement with the Local 1021 SEIU union and supports the collection of data to see the progress made.

Commissioner Nguyen requested the minutes reflect the following question: What is the projected timeline for establishing the center and what is the overall cost

Commissioner Santos presented a question to clarify what “childcare” specifically means and what demographics they are hoping to encompass. Commissioner Santos also inquired about the outcome the organizers were hoping to see from the community center, whether it includes building community relationships or
cultural competence and how they are hoping to ensure cultural competence and how they will be performing community outreach.

Commissioner Catubig proposed question about where the funding for this community center is coming from—either the city or privately funded?

Public Comment: None.
Commissioner Santos, seconded by Commissioner Barker-Plummer, moved to support Hearing 220361. The motion carried by following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 13 aye, 4 not present

Jayden Tanaka, aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye  
Raven Shaw, not present  
Steven Hum, aye  
Ewan Barker-Plummer, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye  
Adrianna Zhang, aye  
Sammy Foley, not present  
Arsema Asfaw, aye  
Isaiah Catubig, aye  
Vanessa Pimentel, not present  
Amara Santos, aye  
Sahara Frett, aye  
Jayda Love, not present  
Amadeos Oyagata, aye  
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye  
Emily Nguyen, aye

Action: Commissioners respond to Referral Memorandum to the Board with positive support.

B. [Inform + Decision] [First Reading] Resolution 220317 – [Contract Amendment - Alternative Family Services, Inc. - Supporting Permanency and Stability for Children and Youth Involved with the Foster Care System - Not to Exceed $24,959,253]

Clerk Perkinson shared the Referral Memorandum for Resolution 220317.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Hum, seconded by Commissioner Barker-Plummer, moved to provide no stance. The motion carried by the following vote:

Roll Call Vote: 12 aye, 5 not present

Jayden Tanaka, aye  
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye  
Raven Shaw, not present  
Steven Hum, aye  
Ewan Barker-Plummer, aye  
Gabrielle Listana, aye
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sammy Foley, not present
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, not present
Amara Santos, aye
Sahara Frett, aye
Jayda Love, not present
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Emily Nguyen, not present

Action: Commissioners respond to Referral Memorandum with no stance.

Chair Zhang and Commissioner Barker-Plummer requested having a staff member from the Resolutions Office moving forward to present and answer any questions regarding resolutions referred to the Youth Commission.

C. [Inform + Decision] [Second Reading] Resolution 1920-AL-14 SFMTA Free Muni for All Youth

Commissioner Tanaka and Commissioner Nguyen and presented the second reading of Resolution 1920-AL-14 SFMTA to the Youth Commission.

Commissioner Hum and Commissioner Barker-Plummer provided supporting comments for the Resolution. Commissioner Barker-Plummer clarified that the Youth Commission can begin lobbying and working towards Free Muni for all Youth becoming a permanently funded program if the Resolution is passed. Chair Zhang informed Commissioners of the SFMTA meeting being held on the following day (April 19, 2022).

Public Comment:
Steven Miller; shared strong support for Resolution 1920-AL-14 SFMTA.
Alexander Hergey; shared support and urged Commissioners to support Resolution.

Commissioner Santos questioned if this Resolution included transitional age youth up age 23 and would like if the permanently funded Resolution to be amended to increase the age from 18 to 23.

Commissioner Santos, seconded by Commissioner Oyagata, moved to approve Resolution with the amended clause to include exploring the option to include transitional age youth up to age 23. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Roll Call Vote: 12 aye, 5 not present

Jayden Tanaka, aye
Valentina Alioto-Pier, aye
Raven Shaw, not present
Steven Hum, aye
Ewan Barker-Plummer, aye
Gabrielle Listana, not present
Adrianna Zhang, aye
Sammy Foley, not present
Arsema Asfaw, aye
Isaiah Catubig, aye
Vanessa Pimentel, not present
Amara Santos, aye
Sahara Frett, aye
Jayda Love, not present
Amadeos Oyagata, aye
Jiajian Harry Xu, aye
Emily Nguyen, aye

Action: Commissioners support Resolution 1920-AL-14 SFMTA with the amended clause to include exploring the option to include transitional age youth up to age 23.

8. Committee Reports (Discussion Only)

A. Executive Committee

Chair Zhang reminded Commissioners to continue to stay aware of their attendance.

a. LAO

Commissioner Hum informed the Commissioners that he will be providing more detailed reports now that the Youth Commission has Legislation Referred.

b. Comms

Commissioner Nguyen informed Commissioners about outreach for Youth Commission application including having Commissioners fill out a Google form to sign up to be featured on the Youth Commission. Commissioner Nguyen also included information about having a proposed Community Builder for Youth Commissioners, tentatively scheduled for the weekend of April 30, 2022. Commissioner Nguyen also informed Commissioners that they would be setting up professional head shots for Commissioners outside of City Hall potentially during the Community Builder.

c. General Committee Updates

No updates to include.

B. OCOF

Commissioner Oyagata informed Commissioners that the Committee has not met. There are no updates to include.

9. Staff Report (Discussion Only)

Alondra Esquivel-Garcia, Youth Development Specialist, (Youth Commission) informed Commissioners that staff would be contacting them to schedule one on one meetings soon. Joshua Ochoa, Community Partnership Specialist, (Youth Commission) continued that they would be reaching out, first with the Communications Officers, but all Commissioners should anticipate an email from staff soon.

Clerk Perkinson shared updates and confirmed dates with the scheduling of various presentations from youth related organizations to the Full Youth Commission.
10. Announcements (This Includes Community Events)

Commissioner Nguyen informed Commissioners that the JFK closure vote would be occurring on April 27th around noon.

Chair Zhang informed Commissioners that the discussion for Free Muni for All Youth would be occurring at the SFMTA meeting being held on April 19, 2022 if any Commissioner wanted to listen in or provide public comment.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Youth Commission, adjourned at the hour of 6:50 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Youth Commission, on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken.