

**San Francisco Public Utilities Commission  
Citizens' Advisory Committee (CAC)**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**Tuesday, May 15, 2018**

**5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.**

**525 Golden Gate Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Tuolumne Conference Room**

**Mission:** The purpose of the SFPUC CAC is to provide recommendations to the SFPUC General Manager, the SFPUC Commission, and the Board of Supervisors regarding the agency's long-term strategic, financial, and capital improvement plans ([Admin Code 5.140-142](#)).

**Members:**

**Amy Zock (D3)**

Wendy Aragon, Chair (D1)

Suki Kott (D2)

Jim McHugh (D4)

Ted Loewenberg (D5)

Matthew Steen (D6)

Jasmine Conrad (D7)

Amy Nagengast (D8)

Ernesto Martinez (D9)

Anietie Ekanem (D10)

Jennifer Clary (D11)

Maggie Thomas (M-Env.Group)

Nicole Sandkulla (M-Reg'l Water Customers)

Mark Tang (M-Eng./Financial)

Nathaniel Kinsey (M-Lg Water User)

Owen O'Donnell (B-Small Business)

Misty McKinney (B-Env Justice)

M = Mayoral appointment, B = Board President Appointment

Staff Liaisons: Tracy Zhu, Alexandra Johnson

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**

1. **Call to order and roll call:** The meeting was called to order at 5:34

**Members present at roll call:** (10) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Clary, Thomas, Sandkulla

**Members Absent:** (7) Conrad, Martinez, Ekanem, Tang, Kinsey, O'Donnell, McKinney

**Members of the public:** None.

2. **Approve [April 17, 2018](#) Meeting Minutes**

Motion was made by (Clary) and seconded (Aragon) to approve [April 17, 2018](#) meeting minutes.

AYES: (10) Zock, Aragon, Kott, McHugh, Loewenberg, Steen, Nagengast, Clary, Thomas, Sandkulla

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (7) Conrad, Martinez, Ekanem\*\*, Tang, Kinsey, O'Donnell, McKinney

**Mark Farrell**  
Mayor

**Ike Kwon**  
President

**Vince Courtney**  
Vice President

**Ann Moller Caen**  
Commissioner

**Francesca Vietor**  
Commissioner

**Anson Moran**  
Commissioner

**Harlan L. Kelly, Jr.**  
General Manager

**\*\* Member arrived after roll call**

**OUR MISSION:** To provide our customers with high-quality, efficient and reliable water, power and sewer services in a manner that values environmental and community interests and sustains the resources entrusted to our care.



3. **Report from the Chair** - Chair

- Welcome members of the public and staff
- Outreach for potential candidates for District 7 and 9

**\*\* Member Ekanem arrived at 5:45pm, quorum maintained.**

4. **Public Comment:** None.

5. **Presentation and Discussion:** [SFPUC's Kinder to Career Strategy](#), Lisa Beem, Acting Workforce Manager, and Blair Randall, Arts and Education Manager; Community Benefits, External Affairs

**Presentation Topics:**

- Connecting Education and Workforce Development, from Kindergarten to Career
- Agenda
- SFPUC Education Goals Simplified
- The Ecological and STEM Concepts Nested Within a Simple Educational Goal
- SFUSD
- SFPUC Education Program Inventory
- Big Ideas at SFUSD
- K – 2nd Grade, Lower Elementary
- 3rd – 5th Grade, Upper Elementary
- 6th – 8th Middle School
- HIGH SCHOOL, 9th – 12<sup>th</sup>
- POST HIGH SCHOOL, 18-27 yrs. Old
- College Hill Learning Garden
- Bayview Science Institute
- John O'Connell High School
- Goals of Curriculum Development with John O'Connell
- Thank You

**Discussion Topics:**

- *Member Aragon* inquired about the Community Coordinators on site at schools, wondered whether they will be PUC employees and will they be members of the communities they are working with.  
*Staff Randall* responded that Coordinators weren't currently PUC funded positions and reiterated the importance of Coordinator role, citing the example of John O'Connell High School.
- *Member Aragon* brought up disparity in teachers of color relative to students of color and emphasized the importance for diversity in Community Coordinator position.
- *Member Clary* stated the importance of educating kids on the importance of their personal water sheds in addition to public San Francisco water sheds.  
*Staff Randall* informed that personal water shed mechanics are, in fact, part of the Big ideas curriculum in schools.
- *Member Clary* brought up the importance of water justice or equity and whether that will be included in curriculum.
- *Staff Zhu* pointed out an existing water shed education program put on by Utilities Services that could serve as a resource.
- *Member Ekanem* expressed curiosity regarding the tracking metrics around gender and other distinctions and how this could impact the Kinder to Career Strategy.

- *Staff Beem* asked for feedback regarding what people think success looks like at each level of program.  
*Member Loewenberg* expressed confusion over the role of PUC versus other entities in the program.  
*Staff Randall* stated that due to a lack of in-house educators, a large part of the PUC's role will be financing and directing 3<sup>rd</sup> parties.
  - *Member Clary* questioned how students will get an understanding of the PUC being taught by 3<sup>rd</sup> party educators.
  - *Staff Beem* responded that their experiences on John O'Connell Middle School have helped inform a strategy to go on the timeline of teachers and schools, but notes that this question needs to be continued to be asked.
  - *Staff Randall* supplemented that teaching material through the lens of the PUC will provide a level of understanding to the students of its role and function.
- *Member Nagengast* asked what the PUC education budget is.  
*Staff Randall* stated that it's still unclear what the budget is but likely around \$800,000 a year.
- *Member Steen* questioned how to test PUC knowledge in students.  
*Staff Randall* responded that tracking success is a challenge but they can track educational interactions.
- *Member Steen* asked how curriculum will be distributed to people outside of SFUSD.  
*Staff Randall* replied that following implementation in San Francisco they will begin exploring ideas to expand program to other areas that also use the same water system.
- *Member Aragon* questioned language access in monolingual households.  
*Member Sandkulla* questioned how the Social Impact Partnership connects with Kinder to Career Strategy.
- *Staff Zhu* responded that public partnerships are meant to align private contracts to help fulfill PUC goals. In the case of the Kind to Career Strategy this means aligning money towards education.
- *Member Kott* asked whether the curriculums would also be implemented in private schools.  
*Staff Randall* said that the priority was the SFUSD but private and charter schools are welcome.
- *Member Clary* asked whether it would be helpful for a CAC resolution geared towards having transparency in funding for program in future years.  
*Staff Randall* stated that the program needs to be resourced at an impactful level.
- *Member Nagengast* expressed a desire to see the allocation of funds into different programs and how they are supported.
- *Member Aragon* said she would like to champion a resolution and asked if anyone would like to help.  
*Member Nagengast* said they would help.

Public Comment: None.

6. **Discussion: CAC Member Backgrounds and Interests**, Chair Amy Zock

*The committee had various break-out sessions then reconvened to express personal interest in the following topics:*

- Using SFPUC resources to help homelessness through providing water or other facilities
- Language access and multiculturalism

- Native San Franciscans and San Francisco history
- Work to protect stray trees in San Francisco
- Belief in Civic Engagement and connecting with communities.
- Community organizing
- Knowledge of infrastructure and construction
- Experience with East Bay Mud

Public Comment: None.

**7. Staff Report**

- Invitation to SFUC Golden Pride Program. May 21<sup>st</sup> 5-8 pm
- Adopt a Drain Program

Public Comment: None.

**8. Future Agenda Items and Resolutions**

- Strategic Plan Update (tentatively June)
- Community Impact (tentatively June)
- CAC Leadership Retreat (TBD July)
- Annual Survey Results (tentative August)
- Southeast Community Facility
- Agency-wide Planning on Climate Change and Climate Adaptation Planning
- Human Resources
- Contracting Process
- Communications/ Website Redesign
- Water Equity and Water Access for Homeless
- Workforce Programs
- Water Rights and Raker Act
- Water Use and Parks
- Flooding Protection
- Water Quality Report

Public Comment: None.

**9. Announcements/Comments** – The next meeting for the Full CAC will be on June 19, 2018. Check [www.sfwater.org/cac](http://www.sfwater.org/cac) for the next scheduled meeting.

**10. Adjournment**

Motion was made (Aragon) and seconded (Sandkulla) to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:23