

**A FSTF Meeting Minutes**

**August 7, 2024**

**1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

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**Present:** Paula Jones (SFDPH – Food Security/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Guillermo Reece (San Francisco African American Faith-Based Coalition); Jade Quizon (API Council); Tiffany Kearney (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Chester Williams (Community Living Campaign); Geoffrey Grier (SF Recovery Theater); Emily Cohen (SF Dept. of Homelessness and Supportive Housing); Mei Ling Hui (Urban Agriculture Program); Lura Jones (Leah’s Pantry); Jeimil Belamide (HSA/CalFresh); Michelle Kim (Department of Children, Youth, and Their Families); Priti Rane (DPH/Nutrition Services); Jennifer LeBarre (SFUSD); Cissie Bonini (UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF)

**Also Present:** Eric Chan (SFDPH/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Alexis Dailey (SFDPH/Office of Anti-Racism & Equity); Anthony Khalil (BVHP Community Advocates); Ari Goldberg; Beth Bodner (SF Environment); Janna Cordeiro (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Kaela Plank (Center for Data Science/SFDPH); Kalil Macklin (Anthem Blue Cross); Katie Jackson (Project Open Hand); Leah Walton (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Laura Urban (Children’s Council of San Francisco); Louis Rawlin (SFHSA); Marcus Situ; Melinda Gordon; Mia Schwartz (Food as Medicine Collaborative); Noriko Lim-Teppep (SFMFB); Tiffany Dang (Department of Disability and Aging Services); Tommy McClain (Citywide Food Access Team/HSA);

Agenda Item	Discussion	Next Steps
1. Call order to order 1:30 p.m.	Call to order at 1:34 p.m.	None.
2. Land Acknowledgment 1:30 p.m.	Eric Chan recited the Land Acknowledgement.	None.
3. Welcome, member roll call, introductions, Cissie Bonini (Chair, UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF) 1:35 p.m.	Eric Chan did roll call and Cissie Bonini introduced the agenda.  Public Comment: None.	None.
4. Approval of minutes from June 5, 2024 1:40 p.m.	Tiffany Kearney made motion to approve meeting minutes. Chester Williams seconded the motion.  Public Comment: None.  Majority of task force members voted to approve motion.	None.

	Motion has passed and minutes are approved.	
5. General Public Comment 1:45 p.m.	None.	None.
6. Review and vote on FSTF Member Applications – Noriko Lim-Tepper and Katie Jackson, Cissie Bonini (Chair, UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF) 1:50 p.m.	<p>The Food Security Task Force reviewed applications for Noriko Lim-Tepper (seat 16), who is the Chief Strategic Partnerships, Advocacy, and Voice Office for the San Francisco-Marin Food Bank, and Katie Jackson (seat 12), the Chief Nutrition Officer at Project Open Hand. Both applicants were given the opportunity to speak more about their application and interest in applying, and task force members and the public were given the opportunity to ask questions. Please review the video recording for this agenda item, time stamped from 7:15 to 19:35.</p> <p>Nomination votes for Noriko Lim-Tepper:  Yes: 12  No: 1  Abstained: 0</p> <p>Nomination votes for Katie Jackson:  Yes: 13  No: 0  Abstained: 0</p> <p>Both applications have been nominated to be moved forward to the BOS Rules Committee by the FSTF.</p>	None.
7. Presentation on SFUSD 2024 Bond Proposal, Jennifer LeBarre (FSTF Member, SFUSD) 2:05 p.m.	Jennifer LeBarre gave a presentation on the SFUSD 2024 Bond Proposal, focused on updating and modernizing school sites, improving infrastructure, creating food hubs, outdoor learning, and security and technology. Jennifer provided information on the timeline, funding, FAQs, guiding principles, policy, and what’s specifically included in the proposal, with a focus on the student nutrition services upgrades. As stated in the presentation, SFUSD is the largest	None.

	<p>provider of food security for children in San Francisco and serves 40,000 daily meals.</p> <p>Please review the video recording for this presentation along with the Q&amp;A and public comment, time stamped from 19:35 to 45:30.</p>	
<p>8. Presentation on 2024 Food Action Summit, Jade Quizon (FSTF Member, FAACTS) 2:35 p.m.</p>	<p>Jade Quizon gave a presentation on the SF 2024 Food Action Summit that was held in March 2024. It was an inaugural food summit, with over 225 attendees representing CBOs, City Agencies, hospitality/restaurant workers, food distributors, agriculture, healthcare, etc. It was a two-day event that had panel discussions, farm tours, and workshops focused on solutions towards food justice and sovereignty, and actions needed to remove barriers towards a collective food system/good food vision.</p> <p>Please review the video recording for this presentation along with the Q&amp;A and public comment, time stamped from 46:30 to 1:01:20.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>9. Discussion of report on San Francisco Commissions, Cissie Bonini (Chair, UCSF/Vouchers 4 Veggies – EatSF) 2:55 p.m.</p>	<p>Cissie Bonini held a discussion on the topic of San Francisco Commissions, and reviewed current reform efforts (e.g., the two qualified ballot measures pertaining to Commissions for the Nov. 5 election: City Commissions and Mayoral Authority, and Creating a Task Force to Recommend Changing, Eliminating, or Combining City Commissions). There are reports mentioning Commissions/Advisory Bodies such as SPUR’s Report and the Civil Grand Jury Report, the latter which recommended abolishing the Food Security Task Force, stating the task force is “redundant; we recommend the Human Services Agency perform this activity.”</p> <p>Cissie reviewed the Civil Grand Jury’s rationale for abolishing Commissions and compared these to the facts and functions of the Food Security Task Force and reviewed the role and accomplishments of the task force.</p> <p>Task Force members expressed dismay, disappointment, confusion, and being caught off guard by the Civil Grand Jury’s report. Task Force members were</p>	<p>None.</p>

	<p>unaware of the Civil Grand Jury’s process and unsure of how the Food Security Task Force caught their attention. Task Force members are concerned about making sure that accurate data and evidence are being presented to the Civil Grand Jury, and if the task force’s responsibilities were to be taken on by HSA, there is a lot of food security work programs funded and/or not aligned by and with HSA. The work done by the task force as a broad coalition has had huge impacts on food security. Task Force members also noted community attendance and participation at these meetings have been consistent with solid attendance. Very few groups that operate like the task force does has this level of community interaction. Task Force members expressed curiosity about who was interviewed for the Civil Grand Jury report so that we would have a better understanding of how they arrived at their recommendations.</p> <p>Cissie Bonini will be submitting a letter on behalf of the Food Security Task Force to the Mayor’s Office outlining the content that was in the presentation.</p> <p>Please review the video recording for this presentation along with the Q&amp;A and public comment, time stamped from 1:01:20 to 1:33:30.</p>	
<p>10. Update and next steps from subcommittee on Reimagining Food Coordination, Jade Quizon (Subcommittee Chair, FFACTS) 3:15 p.m.</p>	<p>Jade Quizon gave a brief update on the status of the subcommittee proposal. Roles and responsibilities for the Office of Food and Food Advisory Council were reviewed. Next steps were outlined, where a brief and slide deck will be created in August/September 2024. Later in the fall the subcommittee will meet with stakeholders to educate them on the proposal, provide background, and best practices and research from across the country. The Food Security Task Force will dissolve the subcommittee once the work is complete.</p> <p>Paula Jones provided some additional context. The task force is set to sunset in 2026 and this subcommittee has been actively looking at what would be a better structure going forward. What Jade just went through was related to that work and look at how other cities are organizing. This is not competitive with the Food Security Task Force.</p>	<p>None.</p>

	Please review the video recording for this presentation along with the Q&A and public comment, time stamped from 1:33:30 to 1:44:15.	
11. Updates and emerging issues 3:25 p.m.	<p>Jeimil Belamide provided an update on CalFresh caseloads, and addressed concerns of how the reinstatement of the interview requirement back in April might impact the caseload. It has not. In June, the individual caseload was about 115,000, with households at about 80,000. It's been pretty steady since the return of the interview requirement.</p> <p>Public Comment: None.</p>	
12. Adjournment 3:30 p.m.	Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.	None.