San Francisco Guaranteed Income Advisory Group
April 16, 2021
Online via Webex
Minutes

I. Call to Order

Jacob Dumez called the meeting to order at 1:01 p.m. and gave remote meeting and public comment information.

II. Meeting Attendees: Amanda Fried, Gloria Berry, Sheryl Davis, Bina Shrimali, Elena Chávez Quezada, Jacob Denney, Jim Pugh, Norel Knowles, Shirley Yee, Roberto Vargas, Susie Smith

Members Absent: No members absent

III. Welcoming Remarks

a. Supervisor Matt Haney gave opening remarks and thanked all advisory board members for taking part in this work and discussed the transformational outcomes of guaranteed income.

b. Treasurer Cisneros provided opening remarks and discussed the impact of the pandemic on racial inequalities. The Treasurer expressed his excitement and pride for the Advisory Group and admiration to group members who are bringing their vision and knowledge to the undertaking.

IV. Now is the Moment: Guaranteed Income and Economic Security

Mayor Michael Tubbs discussed that poverty is a policy choice and that he believes the advisory group should focus on figuring out how to make guaranteed income work. He discussed the multiple guaranteed income pilots in San Francisco and around the country and that the pilots are going to show that Guaranteed Income helps people. Mayor Tubbs also took questions from the Advisory Group members.

V. Beyond Cash: Building a New Policy Framework

Ameya Pawar, Fellow, Open Society Foundations and Economic Security Project, discussed social welfare policy and attacking the long-standing narratives that currently exist. He also discussed the creation of the Chicago Guaranteed Income taskforce and how it brought together leaders from foundations, tech companies and social services along with local and state leaders. He took questions from the Advisory Group members.
VI. Introductions

Each Advisory Board member introduced themselves.

VII. Scope, Goals, and Shared Principles of the Advisory Group

Amanda Fried reviewed the legislation creating the Advisory Group including the powers and duties.

Elena Chávez Quezada lead a discussion about a proposed vision, principles, and non-negotiables. She asked questions for the group to help guide the discussion.

VIII. Public Comment

The advisory group took public comment.

Send public comment to Jacob Dumez or submit public comment at Jacob.dumez@sfgov.org.

The next meeting will be on Friday, May 14 at 1pm. Send questions to Jacob Dumez or submit public comment at Jacob.dumez@sfgov.org.