

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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John Arntz, Director of Elections

Nadya Hewitt, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, September 16, 2015
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Jerdonek called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Present: Commissioners Jerdonek, Paris, Rowe, and Safont. Commissioners Jung and Yu had excused absences. The seat appointed by the City Attorney is currently vacant. Also present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Joshua White, and Commission Secretary Nadya Hewitt.

2. General Public Comment

A member of the public expressed concern about the RFI and a prior election incident in which votes were lost and spoke in favor of open source voting.

3. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting

Moved by Vice President Rowe and seconded by Commissioner Safont to approve the draft minutes of the August 19, 2015 Elections Commission Meeting. No public comment. The vote was UNANIMOUS to approve.

4. Commissioners' Reports

President Jerdonek reported that the Alternative Security plan had been given to the Board of Supervisors as required by the Charter. The Board of Supervisors also passed the employee waiver, and Secretary Hewitt attended training for the Elections website.

5. Director's Report

Director Arntz reported that the department was hiring people and organizing teams to assist with the various needs of the election. There will be a polling place in front of the department so that people can cast demo ballots and see the bilingual signage. Ballot Distribution has been through testing and sorting for the vote-by-mail ballots. Campaign services has been organizing panel information. Outreach has created "Be A Voter"

buttons to increase awareness as well as election posters in four different languages. They also finished the MUNI exterior signs to increase voter awareness. The department has 10 outreach events scheduled for the next few weeks. The Poll Worker Division has started contacting support personnel. 331 inspectors have been recruited thus far. Publications has completed the voter guide which will go out at the end of the month. The Technology side shared a lot of slides on the open data page. Director Arntz followed up on Vice President Rowe's question from a previous meeting regarding a potential candidate who fell short of the needed signatures for a nomination form and thus missed the deadline. Public comment: Mr. Brent Turner spoke.

6. Discussion and possible action regarding San Francisco's next voting system

Director Arntz gave an update on the RFI process and what has occurred since the August 19th meeting. He stated that he is working on the RFP and still reviewing the RFI responses. Director Arntz noted that the information is also available on the website. President Jerdonek inquired about the responses and if any vendors were prepared to offer open source systems. Director Arntz explained that from his observations there were not currently any open source systems that would be ready by December 2016, but nothing has been finalized.

Public comment: Mr. David Cary and Mr. Brent Turner spoke.

7. Agenda Items for future meetings

Vice President Rowe requested a report on our open seat. President Jerdonek will call the City Attorney's Office to follow up. President Jerdonek said the Commission can discuss the next voting system again at the next meeting as well as have a separate item dedicated to open source. No public comment.

Adjourned at 6:56 p.m.