

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

**BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (BOPEC)**

Christopher Jerdonek, Chairperson
Dominic Paris



John Arntz, Director of Elections

MEETING MINUTES (DRAFT)

**Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee (BOPEC)
of the San Francisco Elections Commission**

Wednesday, February 3, 2016

6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 421

**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Commissioner Jerdonek called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Present: Commissioners Jerdonek and Paris. The third seat is currently vacant. Also present: Director of Elections John Arntz.

2. General Public Comment

None.

3. Approval of Minutes for previous meeting

Moved by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek to approve the draft minutes of the December 2, 2015 BOPEC Meeting. No public comment. The vote was UNANIMOUS to approve.

4. Review of Department's proposed budget

Director Arntz introduced the proposed budget. A highlight of the proposed budget is \$2.3 million for the initial funding of a project to develop and certify an open source voting system. Of that, \$300,000 is for project management, and \$2 million is for the development of the first components. There are no other "big ticket" items in the budget. Even though the fiscal year includes only a single election (the November 2016 election), there is a slight increase in the associated costs for that election because of an anticipated larger turnout in the election as it is a Presidential election.

Commissioner Paris asked about how the two-year budget is affected by the election cycle being four years. Commissioner Jerdonek asked if the decision not to purchase a

new voting system in the coming fiscal year is reflected in the budget as a gain over the previous two-year budget. Director Arntz replied that the previous budget did not include a number for the planned purchase of a voting system. Commissioner Jerdonek also asked about the planned extension of the current voting system contract. Director Arntz replied that Dominion has sent initial cost estimates for an extension, but those numbers are not finalized yet. Nevertheless, the numbers are reflected in the forms and would allow the Department to extend the contract without a supplemental appropriation.

The Committee then went over each form individually with Director Arntz and asked questions.

Public comment: David Cary commended the Director and the Commission for the initial funding request for the open source voting project. Alec Bash spoke in support of the open source voting project. Brent Turner also spoke in support of the open source voting project and made other comments about the budget.

Moved by Commissioner Paris and seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek to forward the proposed budget to the full Commission with a recommendation to approve. The vote was UNANIMOUS to approve.

Adjourned at 6:35 p.m.