

**Elections Commission  
City and County of San Francisco**

Christopher Jerdonek, President  
Dominic Paris, Vice President  
Roger Donaldson  
Charles Jung  
Viva Mogi  
Jill Rowe  
Rosabella Safont



John Arntz, Director of Elections

Don Chan, Secretary

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

**San Francisco Elections Commission  
Wednesday, January 17, 2018  
6:00 p.m.  
City Hall, Room 408  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, California 94102**

**Order of Business**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

President Jerdonek called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm. Commissioners present: Jerdonek, Donaldson, Mogi, Rowe, and Safont. Commissioner Paris arrived at 6:14 pm during item #5. Also present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Joshua White, and Secretary Don Chan.

**2. General Public Comment**

Mr. Brent Turner mentioned an incident where he was allegedly involved in vandalism on another person's property, attributing it to scurrilous and false claims by someone who opposes his stand on open source voting, and warning the Commission to be wary of this person.

**3. Open Source Voting**

a. Commissioners' Reports

President Jerdonek said he met with the Slalom team regarding the report they are developing. He will be speaking at an event next Wednesday called "Open Source Technology and the Future of Government" at a company named Exigy. He will also be speaking at a symposium at UC Hastings College of Law called "Voting in 2018 and Beyond; Ensuring Access and Accountability of the Ballot in America."

b. Technical Advisory Committee Report. The written report is in the agenda packet. No representative was present to report.

c. Director's Report  
Nothing to report.

**Public Comment:**

Mr. Brent Turner referred to documents he sent to the Commission (in agenda packet) regarding legislation on voting security, and how private corporate interests are trying to keep the software code

proprietary and not open source.

#### **4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Commissioner Rowe moved to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2017 meeting, seconded by Commissioner Safont. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

#### **5. Commissioners' Reports**

President Jerdonek mentioned that there was a Commission action in 2016 that the Commission would produce a quarterly attendance report to be sent to the Appointing Authorities, and it is now being prepared to cover the period from the action to the present.

Commissioner Rowe asked if the Commission Annual Report was not on this meeting's agenda, and Secretary Chan apologized for cutting it off their printed copies when reproducing the agenda for tonight. It is calendared.

Vice President Paris arrived at 6:14pm

#### **6. Director's Report**

Director Arntz mentioned the charter amendment that Supervisor Fewer was going to introduce will be heard in committee next week. Vice President Paris questioned whether ordinances passed by the voters could be modified by the Board of Supervisors. Deputy City Attorney White explained that this is a proposed charter amendment, which is an implementing ordinance that would allow non-citizen voting.

Commissioner Donaldson asked if Slalom would be on time in presenting their report. Director Arntz said the report would be done by January 26, and would be a final report.

President Jerdonek asked about the RFP process for engaging an interim voting system. Director Arntz said the process is being set up. February 5, the personal services contract for this will be acted on by the Civil Service Commission. He is currently completing the specifications in the RFP (scope of work, etc.)

Commissioner Paris asked about item 4 sec.b, regarding quarterly poll worker advisory network meetings. Director Arntz explained that this will replace the manual process of poll workers calling in for updates and training. They can go online periodically for all needed information.

#### **Public Comment**

Mr. Brent Turner expressed interest in seeing the Slalom report and said it might be desirable to have some of the experts that Slalom spoke to review the document also. It is in the interest of greatest transparency to the process.

#### **7. 2015-16 Civil Grand Jury Report**

President Jerdonek said the Civil Grand Jury had asked for a response to this report but while the Commission had agreed with the findings, it hadn't responded to the recommendations (in agenda packet). He said it was similar to a finding the Commission acted on this past year, dealing with information on bond measures, in the voter's handbook. In that action the Commission responded that the findings and recommendations were outside of the Commission's purview.

Deputy City Attorney White commented that what goes into the voters' pamphlet is dictated by the Municipal Elections Code, and any changes would have to be done by an ordinance of the Board of Supervisors.

Commissioner Rowe asked for the language used last year. President Jerdonek read the Commission's response. Commissioner Rowe moved to adopt the same language as in the action taken for the 2017 Civil Grand Jury report. Vice President Paris seconded.

## Public Comment

None

Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0. President Jerdonek or the next Commission President will email that response to the Civil Grand Jury.

### **8. 2016 Commission Annual Report**

Commissioner Rowe thanked the Secretary for his assistance in assembling information for her. President Jerdonek said he read the report and thanked Commissioner Rowe for her good work. Commissioner Donaldson moved to adopt the report, seconded by Commissioner Safont. Upon voice vote, the motion carried 6-0.

### **9. Election of Commission Executive Officers**

President Jerdonek read the process for election. There was no public comment. President Jerdonek announced he would not accept another term for President. Commissioner Rowe expressed gratitude for the fine work and leadership President Jerdonek has provided for the year. Vice President Paris echoed her praise. He then nominated President Donaldson for the position. President Donaldson thanked President Jerdonek for his work, and then accepted the nomination. Upon roll call vote, Commissioner Donaldson was elected, 6-0.

Commissioner Rowe nominated Vice President Mogi for the position of Vice President. Commissioner Mogi expressed hesitation, but with encouragement from commissioners, accepted the nomination. Upon roll call vote, Commissioner Mogi was elected, 6-0.

### **10. Agenda items for future meetings**

Commissioner Donaldson said the Commission should begin the new process of personnel reviews for the upcoming year. Deputy City Attorney White said he could work with the commissioner on this.

Commissioner Donaldson also asked to review the Slalom report. Commissioner Rowe asked if this could go under the regular agenda item of Open Source Voting.

## Public Comment

Mr. Jim Soper spoke on new information about AB\_688, which was stalled last year. He discovered that there is a \$134 million (1:1 matching) budget item in the Governor's budget for new voting systems. He believes this will be a first come first served situation, where 'ready to go' projects will get the first chance for the matching funds. He encouraged the Commission to get more details about this as soon as possible.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 pm.