

Minutes of the San Francisco Elections Commission Meeting

Elections Commission
City & County of San Francisco

Viva Mogi, President
Lucy Bernholz, Vice President
Roger Donaldson
Christopher Jerdonek
Charles Jung
Jill Rowe



John Arntz, Director of Elections

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
3:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via WebEx

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

Meeting called to order at 3:00 pm

Welcomed Martha Delgadillo as new Commission Secretary

Roll Call –

Present: President Mogi, Vice President Bernholz, Commissioners: Rowe, Jung, and Jerdonek

Absent Excused: Commissioner Donaldson

Also present: Director John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Jenica Maldonado, Information Systems Tech James Smith

2. **General Public Comment – None**

3. **Open Source Voting**

Commissioner Jerdonek reported:

1. Commission re-appointed 4 TAC members at July meeting.
2. Reached out to SFGTV to inquire about having remote meeting for TAC.
3. TAC will reopen the search for the empty slot.

Public Comment - None

4. **Approval of November 3, 2020 Consolidated Municipal Election Plan**

Director Arntz - Voting Center will now be outdoors at Civic Center Plaza to provide safe and healthy voting options for poll workers and voters.

Commissioner Jerdonek and Director Arntz discussed processing of vote by mail ballots and PPE for poll workers.

Vice President Bernholz and Director Arntz discussed date on which vote by mail ballots would be mailed locally.

Commissioner Rowe and Director Arntz discussed early voting.

President Mogi and Director Arntz discussed safety measures for voters.

Vice President Bernholz and Director Arntz discussed citizen election observers.

Commissioner Jerdonek and Director Arntz discussed numbers of polling booths in each polling place.

Commissioner Rowe and Director Arntz discussed potential electioneering and mailbox tampering.

Public Comment

Jim Soper – thanked Director Arntz for the plan and asked whether there would be enough poll workers.

Commissioner Rowe made a motion to approve the Election Plan. Commissioner Jerdonek seconded the motion

President Mogi, Vice President Bernholz, and Commissioners Rowe, Jung, Jerdonek voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

5. **Approval of Public Employee Waiver**

Motion: Commissioner Rowe made a motion to approve the Public Employee Waiver. Vice President Bernholz seconded the motion.

Public Comment - None

President Mogi, Vice President Bernholz, and Commissioners Rowe, Jung, Jerdonek voted in favor of the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

6. **Redistricting Task Force Committee**

Commissioner Rowe provided background regarding the last Redistricting Task Force, convened ten years ago. The Elections Commission makes three appointments to the Task Force. For its appointments, the Elections Commission set up qualification criteria and interviewed the candidates at a special meeting.

Commissioner Jung, President Mogi, and Commissioner Rowe discussed when to start the Elections Commission's process regarding the Task Force.

Public Comment - None

7. **Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Jerdonek – recently learned that ES & S is the first voting equipment vendor to issue a vulnerability disclosure policy allowing academic researchers to test for security vulnerabilities and that other vendors have committed to creating such policies.

President Mogi – remarked on communications with the San Francisco Foundation, Mayor Breed, the San Francisco Bicycle Coalition, and Interfaith Council.

Public Comment – None

8. **Director's Report**

Director Arntz briefly reported on the number of polling places for the November 3, 2020 election and the number of poll worker applications. He also described the processing of vote by mail ballots.

Vice President Lucy Bernholz asked about the RFP deadline for a redistricting consultant and any budget changes. Director Arntz stated that the RFP deadline is by the end the year and that the final budget cuts were reduced. Timeline to select redistricting consultants is by end of 2020.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked Director Arntz about the Voter's Choice Act. Director Arntz stated that the Board of Supervisors would consider the adoption of the Voter's Choice Act at a later date.

Public Comment - None

9. **Agenda Items For Future Meetings**

- Redistricting Task Force
- Director Arntz annual performance review

Adjournment at 4:49 p.m.