

Elections Commission
City and County of San Francisco

BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT OF
PUBLIC ELECTIONS COMMITTEE



Roger Donaldson, Chair
Lucy Bernholz, Vice Chair
Becca Chappell, Commissioner

John Arntz, Director of Elections

Martha Delgadillo, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES
Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee (BOPEC)
Of the San Francisco Elections Commission

Wednesday, June 9, 2021
3:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:03 p.m.

Roll Call –

Present: Chair Roger Donaldson, Vice Chair Lucy Bernholz, Commissioner Chappell
Other attendees: Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, Deputy City Attorney Andrew Shen
and Secretary Martha Delgadillo

2. General Public Comment

Several members of the public commented on difficulties using the link included on the agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Vice Chair Bernholz moved to approve meeting minutes from the previous meeting held on February 2, 2021, seconded by Commissioner Chappell. Vice Chair Bernholz amended the motion to incorporate further edits proposed by a member of the public. Seconded by Commissioner Chappell.

Public Comment

David Pilpel proposed minor edits.

Chair Donaldson	Yes
Vice Chair Bernholz	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes

3 Yes 0 No – Motion carries

Public Comment

David Pilpel proposed minor edits.

4. Redistricting Task Force - Review of Applicants

Chair Donaldson discussed the selection of applicants for seats on the Redistricting Task Force (RTF). He also announced having to leave the meeting at 4:00 pm. The intention was to have three candidates and a minimum of six alternates for these seats. The selection process would not be final until the Elections Commission reviews and approves candidates at its regular meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021. Chair Donaldson commended applicants for the thoughts put into their applications and interest in serving. Chair Donaldson suggested that applicants who are not selected might want to follow up with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors (BoS), who will also be making appointments of three candidates each to serve on the RTF. Deputy City Attorney (DCA) Shen stated neither the BoS nor the Mayor have posted their vacancies yet and encouraged applicants to follow up by visiting sfbos.org.

Chair Donaldson commenced the interview process. After discussion, the committee decided to also consider the applicants who submitted their applications after 5:00 pm on the deadline date, since none was submitted more than a few hours later.

Chair Donaldson started the interview process in the order the applications were received. Applicants were given the opportunity to speak for 2 minutes.

Public Comment

Lauren Girardin encouraged the committee to select persons who have experience being receptive to diverse community input.

Steven Buff stated he was impressed by the pool of candidates. He pointed out an applicant may have worked for a campaign and may have been paid in 2018.

Jill Shenker spoke on behalf of San Francisco Rising in recommending Jeremy Lee and Jose Maria (Chema) Hernandez Gil.

Jen Tse, League of Women Voters San Francisco, expressed her support of the Redistricting Task Force.

Chair Donaldson recessed the meeting at 5:43 p.m. to allow the committee members to consider the applicants and the meeting was back in session at 6:10 p.m.

Chair Donaldson made a motion that the top three candidates: 1) Raynell Cooper, 2) Jose Maria (Chema) Hernandez Gil, and 3) Ditka Reiner are a slate for the actual appointments. Alternates: 1) Matthew Castillon, 2) Chasel Lee, 3) Kameisha James, 4) Katherine Stewart Anderson, 5) Vikrum Dave Aiyer, 6) Jason A. McDonald, PhD, 7) Andrew Sun, 8) Chris Chung, 9) Jeremy Lee, would be used to fill a seat, if top candidates declined or could not for any other reason fill the seat, then use the alternate list. Seconded by VP Bernholz.

DCA Shen announced the Elections Commission would be making the final decision at the Elections Commission regular meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021, at 3:00 p.m.

Chair Donaldson	Yes
Vice Chair Bernholz	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes

3 Yes 0 No – Motion carries

Public Comment

An anonymous Caller asked for the top three candidate's names to be announced. Chair Donaldson names the top three and the nine alternates.

David Pilpel asked that the committee post on the Elections Commission's website the applicant ranking.

Lauren Girardin thanked the commission for their approach and their thoughtfulness in the process.

Meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.