

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

Lucy Bernholz, President  
Charles Jung, Vice President  
Roger Donaldson  
Viva Mogi  
Christopher Jerdonek  
Becca Chappell



John Arntz, Director of Elections

Martha Delgadillo, Secretary

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**San Francisco Elections Commission **\*\*DRAFT\*\*****  
**Wednesday, September 22, 2021**  
**3:00 p.m.**  
**Remote meeting via WebEx**

**Order of Business**

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

**Meeting called to order at 3:05 p.m.**

**Present:** President Bernholz, Vice President Jung, Commissioners: Jerdonek, Mogi, Chappell, and Donaldson

**Also present:** Director of Elections Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Flores, and Secretary Delgadillo

President Bernholz announced that Commissioner Donaldson has resigned his seat on the commission. He was thanked and he thanked the commission for his years of service.

**2. General Public Comment**

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel reported that the Redistricting Task Force (RTF) held its first meeting on Friday, September 17, 2021. Former member and President of this commission, the Reverend Arnold Townsend was elected the Chair of the RTF.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked for a repeat of the phone number and password for public members to call to join the meeting.

**3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

June 16, 2021, June 22, 2021 and July 21, 2021, meeting minutes were presented.

Vice President (VP) Jung requested edits to the June 22, 2021 minutes. Other minor edits were pointed out. Changes will be made to the June 22, 2021 meeting minutes and resubmitted at the next meeting.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel mentioned the June 22, 2021, minutes needed a few minor changes.

A motion was made on the June 16, 2021, and July 22, 2021 meeting minutes. Commissioner Jerdonek moved to approve both sets of minutes. Commissioner Mogi seconded.

**MOTION**

President Bernholz	Yes
Vice President Jung	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Mogi	Yes
Commissioner Donaldson	Yes

6 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Motion passes

**4. Assessment of the September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election**

President Bernholz thanked Director Arntz for his hard work.

President Bernholz moved to convene a BOPEC meeting with Commissioners Chappell, Bernholz, and VP Jung on October 6, 2021. Commissioner Donaldson seconded.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel expressed waiting until certification of the election has been finalized by the department to have a BOPEC meeting.

**MOTION**

President Bernholz	Yes
Vice President Jung	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Mogi	Yes
Commissioner Donaldson	Yes

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Motion passes

## **5. Open Source Voting Pilot**

Commissioner Jerdonek gave a brief history on Open Source Voting. Today's speaker Matt Roe, VotingWorks (VW) gave an overview of the non-profit and the capabilities of their organization. There are two open source products. Costs are 50% less than other providers. They are willing to do a demonstration.

Commissioners Jung, Donaldson, Mogi and President Bernholz asked questions regarding VotingWorks, their capability to provide open source voting services, the risk for the City if a pilot is conducted, the required steps to make a voting plan effective, and whether other stakeholders should be involved in this.

Commissioner Jerdonek provided more information on the system VotingWorks provides and next steps in the process to accomplish a pilot.

Director Arntz requested more information about the pilot program. Dr. Arntz suggested that instead of a pilot VotingWorks could host a week-long demonstration project at City Hall.

Commissioners who are interested in viewing a demo can contact Mr. Roe individually.

### **Public Comment**

David Pilpel commented on logistics and specifications of open source.

Alex Bash expressed support for open source voting.

Brent Turner expressed support for open source voting.

Trent Lange, Clean Money Campaign President, expressed support and commented on previous efforts made to move forward with open source voting.

## **6. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Donaldson proposed an election plan resolution for transparency and quality of elections, and then forward it to federally elected officials for consideration.

DCA Flores stated the elections commission cannot adopt this resolution as written. It must be directed to the Mayor or BoS.

Commissioner Mogi volunteered to work with DCA Flores to amend the resolution and present it as an agenda item at a later date.

### **Public Comment**

David Pilpel agreed with the need for a resolution that shows what is done, and how elections are conducted.

### **7. Director's Report**

Director Arntz reported the turnout for the Gubernatorial Recall Election was about 68%. Once ballot processing is complete, it can be certified. Also, a review of the Department of Education is occurring, with perhaps another election occurring in February. He provided a brief update on the Redistricting Task Force (RTF). The Director stated that if anyone wants information on RTF activities to go to the online RTF page or contact John Carroll, Clerk with the BoS Office. He is the clerk for the RTF.

Commissioners Jerdonek, Chappell and President Bernholz asked questions about the Director's Report.

### **Public Comment**

None.

### **8. Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas**

- a) Follow-up on Open Source Voting
- b) Certification based on the Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Commission meeting.
- c) The possible resolution on elections plans.
- d) Annual Report 2019

### **Public Comment**

David Pilpel clarified the June 16, 2021, and July 21, 2021 meeting minutes were adopted and the June 22, 2021 meeting will be resubmitted after the revisions are made.

**Meeting was adjourned at 5:40 pm**