

Elections Commission
City & County of San Francisco

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



John Arntz, Director of Elections
Martha Delgadillo, Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

San Francisco Elections Commission **DRAFT******
Wednesday, October 20, 2021
5:00 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: Vice President Jung, Commissioners: Jerdonek, Mogi, and Chappell

Absent: President Bernholz

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

2. General Public Comment

Public Comment

- C. Jay Coles, Senior Policy Associate with Verified Voting expressed opposition to Blockchain voting and feels internet voting is high risk.
- Richard Tam of the Voting Rights Task Force expressed opposition to Blockchain Voting.
- Jim Soper, Co-Chair Voting Rights Task Force, opposed Blockchain Voting because it is illegal in California.
- Brent Turner expressed opposition to Blockchain Voting, expressed funding should be on Open Source Voting.
- David Jefferson stated his opposition to internet voting, discussed legality of it and that hackers would easily be able to access voter information.
- Barbara Simons expressed opposition regarding Blockchain Voting and questioned funding source for it.

3. Resolution on Continuation of Remote Elections Commission Meetings

Vice President (VP) Jung explained that this item is based on AB 361, which allows policy bodies to meet remotely. He asked to add to the resolved section the phrase "resolved, that SFEC, for itself and for all of its committee's including without limitation, BOPEC, finds as follows."

Commissioner Jerdonek moved on the amended resolution, with the inner lineation and additional language. Commissioner Chappell seconded.

Public Comment

David Pilpel stated his sense was not to include the BOPEC committee because it meets infrequently. He recommended making a few edits to the resolution.

MOTION

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

4 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Draft minutes of the Commission’s June 22, 2021 regular meeting and September 22, 2021, Special Meeting, were presented and approved, with minor edits.

Commissioner Chappell moved to approve the draft minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Mogi.

Public Comment

David Pilpel mentioned the September 22, 2021, special meeting minutes needed minor edits but does not change the substance of the minutes.

A motion was made on the June 22, 2021, regular meeting minutes, and the September 22, 2021, special meeting minutes and moved to approve both sets of minutes by Commissioner Chappell. Commissioner Mogi seconded.

MOTION

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

4 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

5. Assessment of the September 14, 2021 Gubernatorial Recall Election

Commissioner Chappell summarized the October 6, 2021 BOPEC meeting. BOPEC recommended the Commission find the September 14, 2021 was a free, fair, and functional election.

Commissioner Jerdonek moved to adopt BOPEC’s recommendation to find the Gubernatorial Recall Election was free, fair, and functional. Seconded by Commissioner Mogi.

Public Comment

None.

MOTION

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

4 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

6. Open Source Voting

Commissioner Jerdonek specified this item is an update on what has happened since the last meeting, and what was submitted in the packet on this item.

Director Arntz commented on the plan/proposal that VotingWorks submitted and meeting with President Bernholz, and Commissioner Jerdonek to discuss it. Director Arntz stated he was able to get a sense of what was being considered with the pilot program.

Commissioner Jerdonek reported he had a meeting with the Secretary of State's Office, organized by the President of the Board of Supervisors Shamann Walton and the President of the Board of Supervisors for San Mateo County, David Canepa.

Commissioners Mogi and Chappell had questions about the procedure and next steps on the Open Source Voting pilot. Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores explained the procedure and the need to wait for regulations issued by the Secretary of State (SoS) before moving further with a pilot.

Public Comment

- Trent Lange, President Clean Money Campaign supported an Open Source Voting pilot.
- Alec Bash stated how important a proposal is for the pilot program.
- Matt Roe, VotingWorks commented on accessibility standards and usability testing.

7. Resolution Requesting that the Mayor Seek Federal Legislation to Require Election Plans as Part of Regular Election Practice in Each Election Jurisdiction for Federal Elections

Commissioner Mogi gave a follow-up on the resolution. She offered to write a cover letter explaining background.

Motion made by Commissioner Chappell to adopt the resolution and the cover letter.
Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

Public Comment

None.

MOTION

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

4 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

8. Commissioners' Reports

Commissioner Jerdonek reported researching the topic of Blockchain Voting and included information in today's meeting packet.

Commissioner Mogi received an email regarding a payroll audit of the Department of Elections and would like it to be discussed at the next meeting.

Director Arntz stated that the Department is not working on developing Blockchain Voting. They are working on improving accessibility for persons with disabilities, as required by law. Commissioner Jerdonek and VP Jung asked Director Arntz to provide further information about this on the next meeting's Director's Report.

Public Comment

None.

9. Director's Report

Director Arntz reported on possible upcoming election on February 15, 2022 for the Board of Education and potentially including the Assembly District 17 Primary Election. Director Arntz will submit an Election Plan and waiver for employee support in December. Director Arntz answered further questions on other possible elections in 2022.

Public Comment

None.

10. Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas

- a) Follow-up on Open Source Voting
- b) Payroll Audit on Elections Department Email

Public Comment

Brent Turner commended the commission on their efforts on Open Source Voting.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:46 pm