MEETING MINUTES **DRAFT**

San Francisco Elections Commission  
Wednesday,  
December 15, 2021  
3:00 p.m.  
Remote meeting via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Present: President Lucy Bernholz, Vice President Charles Jung, Commissioner Becca Chappell, Commissioners: Chris Jerdonek, and Viva Mogi  
Also present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, and Secretary Martha Delgadillo

2. Resolution on Continuation of Remote Elections Commission Meetings

President Bernholz noted due to the status of COVID, in person meetings are not allowed to date. Motion to adopt the resolution was made by Vice President (VP) Jung. Seconded by Commissioner Chappell.

Public Comment

None.

MOTION

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

5 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain  
Motion passes
3. **General Public Comment**  
   David Pilpel commented on the November 17, 2021 meeting minutes needing minor edits.

4. **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**  
   Motion to approve the meeting minutes for the November 17, 2021 meeting made by VP Jung. Seconded by Commissioner Mogi.

   **Public Comment**  
   None.

   **MOTION**  
   President Bernholz Yes  
   Vice President Jung Yes  
   Commissioner Jerdonek Yes  
   Commissioner Mogi Yes  
   Commissioner Chappell Yes  

   5 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain  
   Motion passes

5. **Remote Ballot Completion and Submission for People with Access and Functional Needs Project**  
   A Request For Proposal (RFP) was issued on April 2021.  
   Guests in Attendance: Francis Zamora, Chief of Staff of Department of Emergency Management; Craig Dziedzic, General Manager of Bay Area UASI; Linda Gerull, Director of the Department of Technology; and Deborah Kaplan, Mayor’s Office on Disability.

   A statement about the Remote Ballots Project from the Department of Emergency Management and the Bay Area UASI Management Team was included in the agenda packet. The Commission discussed the project and the statement with the four guests. The project was changed not to include the design and development of any new technology, which is the part that contained the references to internet voting that the Commission was concerned about. The April 2021 RFP would be canceled, and equipment purchases would be made instead that are acceptable under current election regulations. Director Gerull also stated in response to a question that the identity and access management project would not continue in the future as a San Francisco only project either.

   **Public Comment**  
   Jim Soper, Barbara Simons, and Mr. Jefferson expressed concern about the project and internet voting.
Brent Turner stated that open source voting has a record of accomplishment of resistance.

6. **Election Plan**
Director Arntz discussed the election plan and responded to questions from the Commission regarding drop box locations, translation services, costs/funding for security, supplies, polling places, and poll worker recruitment challenges due to COVID-19.

Commissioner Jerdonek moved to approve the Election Plan. Seconded by Commissioner Chappell.

**Public Comment**
None.

**MOTION**

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

5 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

7. **Employee Waiver**
Commissioner Mogi asked for the dates of upcoming elections for which the waiver was presented today. Elections dates are February 15, potential April 19, and June 7, 2022.

Motion to approve the employee waiver for the next three elections was made by Commissioner Chappell. Seconded by Commissioner Mogi.

**MOTION**

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

5 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes
Public Comment
None.

8. Open Source Voting
An Open Source Voting (OSV) Pilot Ordinance was introduced by President Walton at the December 14, 2021 Board of Supervisors (BoS) meeting. Commissioner Jerdonek submitted a new resolution for today’s meeting in support of the Ordinance. Deputy City Attorney (DCA) Flores suggested changes to the resolution.

Director Arntz reported VotingWorks sent a draft of use procedures.

Public Comment
Brent Turner provided information on efforts initiated on OSV.

Motion made by Commissioner Mogi in support of the resolution as drafted by Commissioner Jerdonek in support of the BoS OSV Ordinance, with amendments suggested by DCA Flores. Seconded by Commissioner Chappell.

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

5 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

9. Annual Performance Evaluation of Director of Elections
President Bernholz stated that the Materials for the 2020/2021 performance evaluation will be reviewed at the January 19, 2022 meeting, and the evaluation would take place on February 16, 2022.

Public Comment
Brent Turner suggested the elections commission invite representatives from Dominion to discuss derogatory statements made by Steve Bennett in newspaper articles.

10. Commissioners’ Reports
President Bernholz mentioned the University of California at Berkeley had initiated a study commission on voting technologies and persons with disabilities.

Public Comment
None.
11. **Director’s Report**
   None

**Public Comment**
None.

12. **Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas**
   Discussion regarding inviting the reporter who wrote a newspaper article which disrespected the voters of San Francisco and options for outcome. President Bernholz will meet with City Attorney’s Office and Director Arntz to discuss how to best proceed with this matter.
   a) Director Arntz Performance Evaluation

**Public Comment**
Brent Turner suggested that Director Arntz have a conversation with the newspaper reporter who wrote the article containing derogatory remarks.

David Pilpel suggested allowing the reporter to explain what was said in the article.

13. **Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 pm**