

Elections Commission
City and County of San Francisco



BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT OF
PUBLIC ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Lucy Bernholz, Chair
Chris Jerdonek, Commissioner
Becca Chappell, Commissioner

John Arntz, Director of Elections

Martha Delgadillo, Secretary

SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee (BOPEC)
of the San Francisco Elections Commission
Friday, January 28, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.
Remote meeting via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Roll Call

Present: Chair Lucy Bernholz, Commissioner Chappell, and Commissioner Jerdonek

Other attendees: Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, Commission Secretary Martha Delgadillo, and Director John Arntz

2. General Public Comment - None

3. Resolution on Continuation of Remote Elections Commission Meetings

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Chappell. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

Public Comment

David Pilpel suggested changing the wording on the Resolution to read Budget & Oversight of Public Elections Committee and not San Francisco Elections Commission.

**MOTION ON RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE ELECTIONS
COMMISSIONER MEETINGS**

Chair Bernholz Yes

Commissioner Chappell Yes

Commissioner Jerdonek Yes

3 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain

Motion passes

4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Commissioner Chappell moved to approve the draft minutes of the previous BOPEC meeting on October 6, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

Public Comment:

David Pilpel suggested amendments.

Commissioner Chappell amended the motion to incorporate some of the edits suggested by David Pilpel. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Bernholz	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes

3 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain
Motion passes

5. Department of Elections' Budget Proposals Fiscal Year 2022-23 & Fiscal Year 2023-24

Director Arntz was thanked for preparing the budget proposal documents. The committee discussed providing input on the documents to be discussed again at the full Commission meeting on February 14, 2022.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked about the Poll Worker Stipend. Director Arntz explained that the number and size of the stipends could have tax implications for the poll workers, so the issue was being evaluated. Also, the number of poll workers was decreasing because the overall need was declining, subject to changes in circumstances. Commissioner Jerdonek asked what line items in the report included the projected cost of the Dominion Contract under the possible one and two-year extensions. Director Arntz stated it was not its own item. Rather, it was covered by "Expenditure Changes" under professional services, which also includes leasing equipment. Commissioner Jerdonek discussed with Director Arntz the question of extending Dominion's contract one year for now versus two, and other budgetary information.

Commissioner Chappell asked about the process of getting additional funding for expenses outside the projected yearly budget, given the recent recalls. Director Arntz said that an additional process is required for any funding changes. Commissioner Chappell also asked if there have been any budget constraints or if any new costs have arisen due to redistricting.

Chair Bernholz asked Director Arntz if a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be needed for the VotingWorks Pilot between now and July 2022, and whether the Commission would need to do anything. Director Arntz said that a contract is not a matter for the Commission but rather for the Board of Supervisors. The conversation continued regarding upcoming projected expenses, additional voting expenses due to recalls, and possible expenses around the VotingWorks Pilot.

Public Comment

David Pilpel stated that the Department would need to draw new precinct lines for the City after redistricting, which would cause additional expenditures.

Brent Turner commented on the Dominion contract and expressed support for renewing it at one-year intervals instead of two, referencing the VotingWorks Pilot Program.

6. Agenda items for future meetings

None.

Public Comment

None

7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm