



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
(remote public access provided via teleconference)

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October 15, 2021 - 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Connie Chan, Gordon Mar, and Shanti Singh

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met remotely in regular session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Friday, September 17, 2021, with Chair Connie Chan presiding.

Chair Chan called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

On the call of the roll, Chair Chan, and Commissioners Mar and Singh were noted present.

A quorum was present.

2. Findings to allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code, Section 54953(e)

Chair Chan provided the Findings required under California Government Code, Section 54953(e).

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed concerns regarding the ongoing health crisis and the desire for teleconferenced public comment to continue even if in-person meetings resume.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Singh, moved that the Resolution adopting findings required by Assembly Bill 361 that: 1) the Committee has considered the circumstances of the state of emergency; 2) the state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of policy body members to meet safely in person; and 3) state or local officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing be APPROVED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chab, Mar, Singh

Action: Resolution APPROVED

3. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the September 17, 2021, Regular Meeting

Chair Chan inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes of the September 17, 2021, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Chan, seconded by Commissioner Singh, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the September 17, 2021, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Mar, Singh

Action: Minutes APPROVED

4. Chairperson's Report

Chair Chan provided an update on the Executive Officer's hiring process and indicated an offer has been made to one of the applicants. The Policy Analyst position for the Reinvestment Working Group is open and anticipated to be filled after the Executive Officer position is hired. The new Executive Officer will be a part of the hiring panel for the Policy Analyst, which is anticipated to begin in November 2021.

Chair Chan also updated the Commission on the work done by the Corro Fellow, Ashely Gerrity, on the City's climate policies, how they are enforced, and the common challenges, which will be published in November 2021 and presented to the Commission at a future meeting.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

5. Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) Activities Report

Michael Hyams, CCA Director, and Edith Castorena (San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SF PUC)), presented a power point presentation on CCA activities and the CleanPowerSF Program.

A. CleanPowerSF Integrated Resource Plan (IRP)

Director Hyams reviewed the IRP process and provided an update on SF PUC's efforts, including additional resource capacity targets, active and upcoming renewable energy, energy storage procurement, additional resource capacity targets, and customer program offerings.

B. COVID-19 Utility Debt Relief and Program

Director Hyams reported statistics on the number of residential and commercial bills that are delinquent, the California Public Utilities Commission's (CPUC) COVID-19 debt proceedings, CPUC decisions to extend the disconnection moratorium, support for small businesses, and the California Arrearage Payment Program (CAPP).

C. Water Conservation and Service

Julie Ortiz (SF PUC) presented a power point presentation with an overview of the SF PUC's water conservation program, including water supply and drought actions, permanent conservation requirements in San Francisco, current conservation measures, and conservation best practices.

D. Enrollment and Service Statistics

Director Hyams provided an update on the enrollment and service statistics for the CleanPowerSF Program, including more than 409,000 customer accounts, a 4/2% opt-out rate, and a 2/1% SuperGreen 100% renewable upgrade rate.

Public Comment: Francisco Da Costa; expressed concerns regarding public comment, water conservation and water contamination. Eric Brooks; expressed concerns regarding the CleanPowerSF Program, rainwater, water waste by corporate landlords, and the CARE Program.

There was no action taken.

6. Consider Appointing One Public Member, term ending February 22, 2022, to the Local Agency Formation Commission

Seat 6, succeeding Cynthia Crews-Pollock (resigned), must be a public member-at-large appointed by the Local Agency Formation Commission, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending February 22, 2022.

1 seat / 2 applicant(s)

Jacqueline (Jackie) Fielder, seat 6

Kurtis Wu, seat 6

Alisa Somera, Clerk, informed the Commission that correspondence was received from Kurtis Wu withdrawing his name from consideration for this appointment.

Jackie Fielder; spoke on their qualifications related to this appointment and answered questions raised throughout the discussions.

Public Comment: Francisca Da Costa; expressed concerns regarding conferences and various actions that should be considered. Eric Brooks; expressed support for Jackie Fielder and their qualifications to serve.

Commissioner Mar, seconded by Commissioner Singh, moved that Jacqueline (Jackie) Fielder be APPOINTED to Seat 6 on the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending February 22, 2022. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Chan, Mar, Singh

Action: Jacqueline (Jackie) Fielder, appointed to Seat 6

7. Public Comment

There were no speakers.

8. Future Agenda Items

Chair Chan reiterated direction provided to Director Hyams and Julie Ortiz (SF PUC) regarding information that should be brought back before them for the November 2021 meeting. Chair Chan further informed the Commission that the annual budget will be coming up for discussion to align with the City's annual budget process.

Public Comment: Eric Brooks; expressed the need to provide contact information for the public members on the Commission.

There was no action taken.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 11:25 a.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Local Agency Formation Commission on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.