

**SAN FRANCISCO REINVESTMENT
WORKING GROUP
MINUTES
IN-PERSON MEETING
City Hall, Room 278
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102
*(remote public access provided via teleconference)***

May 18, 2023 - 2:00 PM

Special Meeting

Present: Rafael Morales, Jennifer Finger*, Michelle Pierce, Christin Evans, Sylvia Chi*, Fernando Marti, Amanda Fried (TTX), and Anna Van Degna (Controller).

**Joined after Roll Call*

(Liz Dwyer joined via teleconference.)

The San Francisco Reinvestment Working Group (SF RWG) met in-person in City Hall Room 278 in a special session, and provided public comment through in-person and via teleconferencing, on Thursday, May 18, 2023.

HR&A, the public banking consultants hired to work with the RWG, are required by contract to read a disclaimer before they present. The disclaimer can be accessed here: [Disclaimer](#)

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

On the call of the roll, Rafael Morales, Michelle Pierce, Christin Evans, Fernando Marti, Amanda Fried (TTX), and Anna Van Degna (Controller) were noted present.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the RWG Minutes from the April 20, 2023 Special Meeting

Chair Evans inquired whether any Working Group member had any corrections to the minutes of the April 20, 2023, Special Meeting of the San Francisco Reinvestment Working Group.

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Fried, moved to APPROVE the minutes of the April 20, 2023, Special Meeting of the San Francisco Reinvestment Working Group. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 7 - Morales, Evans, Chi, Pierce, Marti, Fried, and Van Degna

Public Comment: None.

Action: Minutes APPROVED

3. Presentation on Research Conducted by the Budget Legislative Analyst (BLA) on Fiscal Policy

Fred Brousseau, Linden Bairey, and Emily Firgens from the Budget Legislative Analyst presented on San Francisco fiscal policies and presented on: San Francisco City Department Loan Programs; and Performance Audit of Affordable Housing Financing. Members of the Working Group engaged in discussion with the BLA team.

Public Comment:

- Reina Tello (PODER) - Reminded the RWG that the public bank will be a bankers bank so can help with the grant and loan program distributions the City already does. Thanked BLA for their work on improving transparency in City lending programs.

There was no action taken.

4. Presentation by HR&A Team on the Final MFC Governance Plan and Business Plan and on the Final Public Bank Governance Plan and Business Plan

Giacomo Bagarella from HR&A Advisors presented on the final Municipal Financial Corporation (MFC) plan and final Public Bank plan. Gary Findley from Gary Steven Findley & Associates, a subcontractor of HR&A Advisors, also joined the conversation. Mr. Bagarella joined the RWG meeting via teleconference; Mr. Findley joined in-person. Members of the Working Group engaged in discussion with the consulting team.

Public Comment:

- Misha Stier (SFPBC) - Thanked the RWG for their work.
- Reina Tello (PODER) - Thanked RWG Member Morales for making the point that not all profit for the City is monetary, that there are also social benefits to consider as returns. And added that the banking world is not accessible to all of the residents of the City and the City needs a public bank.

There was no action taken.

5. Vote of the Members of the RWG to Submit Final Plans to the Local Agency Formation Commission and the Board of Supervisors

Chair Evans inquired whether any Working Group member had any items they wanted to discuss regarding the final plans submitted by HR&A.

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Finger, moved to SUBMIT to the Board of Supervisors and to the Local Agency Formation Commission the San Francisco Municipal Finance Corporation Business and Governance Plan and Viability Study and the San Francisco Public

Bank Business and Governance Plan and Viability Study, as prepared by HR&A Advisors on May 18, 2023. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8 - Morales, Evans, Finger, Chi, Pierce, Marti, Fried, and Van Degna

Member Marti, seconded by Member Pierce, moved to DIRECT the Chair to write and submit a letter to LAFCo and the BOS along with the plans that outlines the RWG's recommendation for the following modification to the plan: that the Public Bank Oversight Commission shall have the power of setting annual policy and appointing and removing Board members to the extent this is allowable by regulators. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 5 - Morales, Evans, Chi, Pierce, and Marti

Nays: 3 - Finger, Fried, and Van Degna

Public Comment:

- Rick Girling (SFPBC) - Thanked the RWG for their work and mentioned that Walden Mutual Bank in New Hampshire was approved by regulators and it has a self-appointing governing body.

Action: Final MFC and Public Bank Plans SUBMITTED

Action: Chair's Letter DIRECTED

6. Public Comment

Public comment:

- Reina Tello (PODER) - Thanked the RWG for their work.

There was no action taken.

7. Future Agenda Items

Chair Evans opened the floor to Working Group members to suggest potential future agenda items: None.

Public Comment: none.

There was no action taken.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the SF RWG adjourned at the hour of 5:15pm.

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