

SUNSHINE ORDINANCE TASK FORCE Education, Outreach & Training Committee CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO DRAFT MINUTES

Hearing Room 406 City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

January 12, 2012 – 4:00 PM

Regular Meeting

Members: Jay Costa (Chair), Suzanne Manneh, Jackson West

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Agenda Changes.

The meeting was called to order at 4:02 p.m. All Members were present. There was a quorum.

2. The Full Task Force has referred the press release issue back to the Education, Outreach and Training Committee for further discussion.

Chair Costa lead the discussion regarding the procedure for releasing Task Force related press releases. Member West recommended amending the By-laws to elect a member responsible for press releases.

Member Manneh suggested including a standard statement on each press release regarding the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force.

Chair Costa referred the process on archiving press releases to the Technology Committee.

3. **Public Comment**.

There were no speakers.

4. Announcements, Comments, Questions, and Future Agenda Items.

Chair Costa suggested beginning outreach to City agencies to present training, regarding the Sunshine Ordinance. The Chair will draft a letter to be sent to all agency Public Information Officers and Custodian of Records staff.

5. **ADJOURNMENT**

Member Manneh, seconded by Member West, moved to ADJOURN.

There were no speakers. The motion PASSED without objection.

There being no further business, the Education, Outreach and Training Committee adjourned.

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1.	Complainant presents his/her facts and evidence	5 minutes
	Other parties of Complainant present facts and evidence	Up to 3 minutes each
2.	City responds	5 minutes
	Other parties of City respond	Up to 3 minutes each
	Above total speaking times for Complainant and City to be the same.	
3.	Matter is with the Task Force for discussion and questions.	
4.	Respondent and Complainant presents clarification/rebuttal	3 minutes
5.	Matter is with the Task Force for motion and deliberation.	
6.	Public comment (Excluding Complainant & City response, witnesses)	Up to 3 minutes each
7.	Vote by Task Force (Public comment at discretion of chair on new motion and/or on new motion if vote fails.)	

Note: Time must be adhered to. If a speaker is interrupted by questions, the interruption does not count against his/her time.

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