

**SUNSHINE ORDINANCE  
TASK FORCE**



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**ORDER OF DETERMINATION**

DATE DECISION ISSUED: 2/5/2025

CASE TITLE – Justin Barker against the San Francisco Joint Zoo Committee

**File No. 24066: Complaint filed by Justin Barker against the San Francisco Joint Zoo Committee for allegedly violating Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance), Section(s) 67.15 by failing to provide an opportunity for members of the public to directly address a policy body, and 67.16 by failing to record the minutes for each regular meeting of the board or commission.**

**HEARING AND ACTION ON THE COMPLAINT**

On 1/21/2025, the Complaint Committee, acting in its capacity to hear petitions/complaints, heard the matter.

**Action: Moved by Member Stein, seconded by Chair Schmidt, to find that the Task Force may have jurisdiction in the matter, that the requested records are public, and refer the matter to the full Task Force for hearing to consider a violation of Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Sec. 67.7(d), regarding comments made on any item not appearing on the posted agenda, 67.14(a) regarding the right to record the proceedings, and 67.15.(c) the amount of time allocated for public testimony.**

**The motion PASSED by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 – Stein, Schmidt

Noes: 0 – None

Absent: 1 – Sugarman

On 2/5/2025, the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force held a hearing to review the recommendation from the Committee and/or review the merits of the petition/complaint.

**Action: Moved by Vice-Chair Stein, seconded by Member Pilpel, to find that the Joint Zoo Committee and the SF Zoo are subject to the Sunshine Ordinance under Section E of the Recitals and Section 16 of the SF Zoo Lease and Management Agreement of 1993 and Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section 67.3(d), and to find violations of the Administrative Code (Sunshine Ordinance) Section 67.7(d), requiring that members of City bodies during public meetings make only minimal clarification or questions during public comment periods, Section 67.14 (a) regarding the right of persons attending open or public meetings to take video or audio recordings of the proceedings, and Section 67.15(c), applying time limits uniformly to members of the public during public comment periods, and that the Joint Zoo Committee work with the Education, Outreach and Training Committee to comply with the Sunshine Ordinance moving forward.**

The motion **PASSED** by the following vote:

Ayes: 10 -Stein, Pilpel, Schmidt, LaHood, Sugarman, Kumar, Anderson, Hyland, Wolfe, Yankee

Noes: 0

Absent: 0

This Order of Determination was approved  
by the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force  
on: 3/5/2025