

Elections Commission
City & County of San Francisco

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Charles Jung
Jill Rowe



John Arntz, Director of Elections

William Walker, Secretary

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES **DRAFT******

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, November 20, 2019
6:00 p.m.

City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Present: President Mogi, Vice President Hill, Bernholz, Commissioners: Jerdonek, Jung, and Rowe

Excused Tardy: Commissioner Donaldson-joined the meeting at 6:14 pm during Item 3

Also present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Joshua White, and Commission Secretary William Walker

2. General Public Comment

Brent Turner, on behalf of California Association of Voting Officials, read a letter sent to Governor Newsom regarding election systems security.

3. Open Source Voting

Open Source Voting (OSV) Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Member Roan Kattouw gave updates on issues discussed at the TAC meeting. He also explained the Primary Elections results page.

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Vice President (VP) Hill asked Director Arntz what system was used to create the list with the names of candidates. Also discussed were results of other counties, and the recent allocation of monies.

Commissioner Donaldson joined the meeting at 6:14 pm during this item.

President Mogi asked Director Arntz questions regarding San Francisco (SF) elections results. She wondered if there is a way to show totals of Primary Elections candidates in an easier format.

Laron Sandrolini presented for Department of Technology Director Linda Gerull and gave an update on the open source pilot project to conduct a risk-limiting audit of a ranked choice voting contest. He explained risk-limiting audits, including ballot-polling audits. Director Arntz gave a brief explanation of voter verification methods. Commissioners asked questions regarding the voting process, and verification processes used for auditing. Mr. Sandrolini gave a breakdown of how voting is tabulated. Commissioner Jerdonek inquired about the known source location and asked for a link to the repository.

Commissioner Jung moved to commend members of the team who were identified on the slide presentation and to authorize the President or her designee to draft a letter of commendation to the Mayor. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

Public Comment

A member of the public expressed support for the Voting Rights Taskforce.

Brent Turner, California Association of Voting Officials thanked the creators for the design work on the Elections Commission website.

A member of the public expressed that the American people deserve accountability and to be educated about this issue.

A member of the public recommended sending a to copy of the proposed letter to our Speaker Nancy Pelosi and the Secretary of State.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION:

President Mogi	Aye
Vice President Hill	Aye
Commissioner Bernholz	Aye
Commissioner Donaldson	Aye
Commissioner Rowe	Aye
Commissioner Jerdonek	Aye
Commissioner Jung	Aye

Ayes: 7 votes in the affirmative the motion passes

4. Commissioner's Reports

Commissioner Bernholz reported that she and Commissioner Jerdonek met with Department of Technology Director Linda Gerull and Information Security Officer Michael Maxman on November 18, 2019, and that they discussed election security and cyber system reporting. Elections security was discussed and cyber system reporting. Some decisions were tabled until Director Gerull could attend the meeting. They agreed to provide the Department of Technology with a brief introductory training for the commissioner's critical incident strategy, cyber plan overview, and regular elections cyber security updates.

President Mogi reported that the meeting minutes from the last couple of meetings are not ready.

Public Comment

Brent Turner encouraged the commission to push forward with Open Source Voting for security purposes.

5. Director's Report

Director Arntz reported expecting to certify the November 5, 2019 election the week of November 25, 2019. He also stated that ballots will have an audit mark and, gave specific information regarding ballots and recalls.

Commissioner Donaldson requested having the Elections Commission included at the beginning of the voter information pamphlet and in the table of contents.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked regarding the vote by mail versus election day totals on the summary, which category are the provisional ballots? Director Arntz said they will be in the precinct.

President Mogi asked if persons who vote at voting centers have the ability to change their party preference at the voting centers on the same day? Director Arntz said yes, they can.

Public Comment

A member of the public, commented on an article on incidents with ballots.

Brent Turner also commented on the article on the incidents with ballots and scenarios for plans going forward.

6. Public Employee Appointment/Hiring: Class 1444 – Elections Commission Secretary (Discussed after item 6)

Commissioner Jerdonek moved to take the meeting into closed session per Government Code section 54957(b), and San Francisco Administrative Code section 67.10(b).

Seconded by VP Hill.

Hiring process will remain ongoing and will continue considering additional candidates.

Public Comment - None

ROLL CALL VOTE ON THE MOTION:

President Mogi	Aye
Vice President Hill	Aye
Commissioner Bernholz	Aye
Commissioner Donaldson	Aye
Commissioner Rowe	Aye
Commissioner Jerdonek	Aye
Commissioner Jung	Aye

Ayes: 7 votes in the affirmative the motion passes

The closed session started at 8:00 pm. Present were President Mogi, Vice President Hill, Commissioners Bernholz, Jerdonek, Jung, and Rowe, Deputy City Attorney Joshua White, and Commission Secretary William Walker.

The closed session ended at 8:57 pm and the Commission returned to open session. Commissioner Rowe moved to keep the contents of the closed session confidential. Commissioner Bernholz seconded.

ROLL CALL VOTE ON MOTION:

President Mogi	Aye
Vice President Hill	Aye
Commissioner Bernholz	Aye
Commissioner Donaldson	Aye
Commissioner Rowe	Aye
Commissioner Jerdonek	Aye
Commissioner Jung	Aye

Ayes: 7 votes in the affirmative the motion passes

Public Comment - None

- 7. Agenda items for future meetings (*Discussed prior to item 6*)**
- a) Vice President Bernholz added an item discussed during the meeting
 - b) Voting Certification

Public Comment

Brent Turner suggested following up on risk-limiting audits and front-end open source elections systems by bringing in experts on the subject.

Adjournment at 8:57 pm