

**Elections Commission**  
*City and County of San Francisco*



BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT OF  
PUBLIC ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Lucy Bernholz, Chair  
Chris Jerdonek, Commissioner  
Becca Chappell, Commissioner

John Arntz, Director of Elections

Martha Delgadillo, Secretary

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**  
**(Approved August 10, 2022)**

**Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee (BOPEC)**  
**of the San Francisco Elections Commission**  
**Friday, January 28, 2022 - 3:00 p.m.**  
**Remote meeting via WebEx**

**Order of Business**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Meeting called to order at 3:00 p.m.

**Roll Call**

**Present:** Chair Lucy Bernholz, Commissioner Chappell, and Commissioner Jerdonek

**Other attendees:** Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, Commission Secretary Martha Delgadillo, and Director John Arntz

**2. General Public Comment - None**

**3. Resolution on Continuation of Remote Elections Commission Meetings**

Motion to approve the resolution was made by Commissioner Chappell. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel suggested changing the wording on the Resolution to read Budget & Oversight of Public Elections Committee and not San Francisco Elections Commission.

**MOTION ON RESOLUTION ON CONTINUATION OF REMOTE ELECTIONS  
COMMISSIONER MEETINGS**

Chair Bernholz	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes

3 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain  
Motion passes

#### 4. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

Commissioner Chappell moved to approve the draft minutes of the previous BOPEC meeting on October 6, 2021. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

##### Public Comment:

David Pilpel suggested amendments.

Commissioner Chappell amended the motion to incorporate some of the edits suggested by David Pilpel. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

#### MOTION TO APPROVE THE OCTOBER 6, 2021 MEETING MINUTES

Chair Bernholz	Yes
Commissioner Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes

3 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain  
Motion passes

#### 5. Department of Elections' Budget Proposals Fiscal Year 2022-23 & Fiscal Year 2023-24

Director Arntz was thanked for preparing the budget proposal documents. The committee discussed providing input on the documents to be discussed again at the full Commission meeting on February 14, 2022.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked about the Poll Worker Stipend. Director Arntz explained that the number and size of the stipends could have tax implications for the poll workers, so the issue was being evaluated. Also, the number of poll workers was decreasing because the overall need was declining, subject to changes in circumstances. Commissioner Jerdonek asked what line items in the report included the projected cost of the Dominion Contract under the possible one and two-year extensions. Director Arntz stated it was not its own item. Rather, it was covered by "Expenditure Changes" under professional services, which also includes leasing equipment. Commissioner Jerdonek discussed with Director Arntz the question of extending Dominion's contract one year for now versus two, and other budgetary information.

Commissioner Chappell asked about the process of getting additional funding for expenses outside the projected yearly budget, given the recent recalls. Director Arntz said that an additional process is required for any funding changes. Commissioner Chappell also asked if there have been any budget constraints or if any new costs have arisen due to redistricting.

Chair Bernholz asked Director Arntz if a Request for Proposal (RFP) would be needed for the VotingWorks Pilot between now and July 2022, and whether the Commission would need to do anything. Director Arntz said that a contract is not a matter for the Commission but rather for the Board of Supervisors. The conversation continued regarding upcoming

projected expenses, additional voting expenses due to recalls, and possible expenses around the VotingWorks Pilot.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel stated that the Department would need to draw new precinct lines for the City after redistricting, which would cause additional expenditures.

Brent Turner commented on the Dominion contract and expressed support for renewing it at one-year intervals instead of two, referencing the VotingWorks Pilot Program.

**6. Agenda items for future meetings**

None.

**Public Comment**

None

**7. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm**