

**Elections Commission**  
*City & County of San Francisco*  
Lucy Bernholz, President  
Becca Chappell, Vice President  
Cynthia Dai  
Christopher Jerdonek  
Charles Jung  
Robin Shapiro



John Arntz, Director of Elections

Martha Delgadillo, Commission Secretary

**SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES **\*\*DRAFT\*\*****

**San Francisco Elections Commission**  
**Monday, February 14, 2022 4:00 p.m.**  
**Remote meeting via WebEx**

**Order of Business**

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

**Present:** Vice President Becca Chappell, Commissioner Cynthia Dai, Commissioner Chris Jerdonek, and Commissioner Viva Mogi

**Absent:** President Lucy Bernholz

**Also present:** Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, and Secretary Martha Delgadillo

**2. General Public Comment**

David Pilpel welcomed Commissioner Dai and asked her to introduce herself. Commissioner Cynthia Dai gave a summary of her background.

David Jefferson asked if he could comment on the Halderman Report. He was informed it would be included on Item #7.

**3. Discussion and Possible Action on Resolution on Continuation of Remote Elections Commission Meetings**

Commissioner Jerdonek moved to adopt the motion. Seconded by Commissioner Mogi.

David Pilpel commented on meetings returning to City Hall.

**MOTION**

Vice President Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Dai	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes
Commissioner Mogi	Yes

4 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain  
Motion passes

**4. Department of Elections' Budget Proposals: Fiscal Years 2022-23 and 2023-24**

Budget and Oversight of Public Elections Committee (BOPEC) met on January 28, 2022, to discuss budget documents submitted by Director Arntz. Commissioner Jerdonek gave a summary of items discussed during the BOPEC meeting. Possible increase in poll worker stipends and possible changes to the Dominion contract.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked Director Arntz if changes were discussed during the meeting, including the contract with Dominion. Director Arntz identified possible increases in necessary resources to conduct the elections in November 2022.

Commissioner Mogi asked if any action was taken on the topics discussed at the BOPEC meeting. VP Chappell stated action was not taken.

Commissioner Dai asked Director Arntz if the number of poll workers have been reduced at any of the polling places, or overall.

Commissioner Mogi motioned to approve that Department of Elections fiscal years 2022-23 and 2023-24 budget proposal. Seconded by Commissioner Dai.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel supported the motion.

Brent Turner asked if Dominion will receive a one-year contract for now. He stated Steven Bennett, Dominion has not responded to the letter sent to him regarding his comments to the San Francisco Examiner.

Gregg Pennington, a San Francisco resident, stated it is critical to give Open Source Voting a priority, and to give Dominion a one-year contract.

Jim Soper, National Voting Rights Taskforce, urged the Commission to use the Open Source Voting (OSV) Pilot Program at the November 2022.

Trent Lange, President Clean Money Campaign, reported submitting over 2,000 signatures from San Francisco residents in support of OSV, which were submitted to Mayor Breed.

Alec Bash, previous City & County of San Francisco employee, also against giving Dominion a two-year contract. They should only get one-year for now, and give OSV Pilot program a chance.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked if this budget includes a one-year or two-year contract. Director Arntz stated it includes a two-year contract.

**MOTION**

Vice President Chappell	Yes
Commissioner Dai	Yes
Commissioner Jerdonek	Yes
Commissioner Mogi	Yes

4 Yays 0 Nay 0 Abstain  
Motion passes

**5. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings**

Motion to approve the draft minutes of January 19, 2022, and November 20, 2019, regular meeting minutes. Seconded by Commissioner Jerdonek.

Commissioner Dai suggested clarifying items on the November 20, 2019 meeting minutes regarding OSV.

**Public Comment**

David Pilpel commented the January 19, 2022 meeting minutes have a few typos. He suggested postponing approval of both meeting minutes until the next meeting.

Commissioner Mogi motioned to withdraw the previous motion to approve the meeting minutes for January, 19, 2022, and November 20, 2019, to allow for changes and resubmit the November 20,2019, at next meeting.

**6. Open Source Voting**

Director Arntz reported that on Monday, February 7, 2022, a plan was submitted to the Secretary of State's (SOS) Office for a pilot program for the use of ballot marking devices from Voting Works. SOS confirmed receipt, will review and will be in contact with any questions.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked if there was any difference between the draft submitted as an attachment during the last meeting on January 19, 2022, and the current pilot program submission. Director Arntz replied with requests made. Voting Works had to complete a form (Attachment 9) sent by SOS on its system.

VP Chappell asked what does success look like with respect to the pilot program? Director Arntz stated the program to operate and scan the results appropriately. Feedback from voters will indicate experience.

**Public Comment**

Brent Turner commented that OSV initially started in the year 2000.

**7. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Mogi reported the District Attorney's Office is working on finding a replacement for her because she is leaving.

Commissioner Jerdonek commented on the Halderman Report.

**Public Comment**

Dr. David Jefferson, Brent Turner, and Jim Soper commented on Professor Alex Halderman's report, regarding Dominion. They would like to be notified by the Elections Commission, if the SOS responds to the report. Due to lawsuits, the report may not be accessible. They will continue to support OSV.

**8. Director's Report**

Director Arntz requested that the commission complete Section A7 of the Racial Equity Progress Report. The potential April Election Plan will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Commissioner Jerdonek asked if any action on the Racial Equity Report has to be done today? Director Arntz stated, yes it does need to be done by March 1, 2022. The Commission is recommending President Bernholz to complete the report. DCA Flores stated more research will need to be done for processes. Director Arntz will send the report when his is created.

**Public Comment**

None

**9. Discussion and possible action regarding items for future agendas**

- a) Dominion Contract Renewal
- b) Revisiting Meeting Minutes for January 20, 2022, and November 20, 2019
- c) April Election Plan
- d) Racial Equity Progress Report

**Public Comment**

None

**10. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned 5:41 PM