

Elections Commission
City & County of San Francisco

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Lucy Bernholz
Roger Donaldson
Christopher Jerdonek
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, Commissioners: Hill, Bernholz, Jerdonek, Jung, and Rowe

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

Also present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Joshua White, and 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 our election's systems security.

3. Open Source Voting

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

Director Arntz was asked by Vice President (VP) Charlotte Hill 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 Director Gerull and gave an update on ranked-choice voting pilot project. He also explained risk-limiting audits, ballot polling information, and vote by mail. Director Arntz gave a brief explanation of voter verification methods. Commissioners asked questions regarding the voting process regarding sourcing and the 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.

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

Public Comment

A member of the public expressed support for the voting rights task force.

Brent Turner, California Association of Voting Officials thanked the creators for the design work on the SF 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 made a friendly amendment recommendation to copy our Congressman Nancy Pelosi and the Secretary of State.

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

4. Commissioner's Report

Commissioner Bernholz reported she and Commissioner Jerdonek met with Director Gerull and Michael Maxman, City & County of SF Information Security Officer, on November 18,

2019. 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 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 October 25, 2019. He also stated ballots will have an audit mark, gave specific information regarding ballots and recalls.

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

Commissioner Jerdonek asked regarding the vote by mail vs 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 incidences with ballots.

Brent Turner also commented on the article on the incident 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 to closed session per Government Code 54957B, and San Francisco Administrative Code 67.10B. Seconded by VP Hill. Hiring process will remain ongoing and will continue considering additional candidates.

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

Commissioner Rowe motioned 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 audit and front-end open source elections systems by bringing in experts on the subject.

Adjournment at 8:57 pm