



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, May 21, 2024**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Maria Davis, Lt. Leonard Poggio, Anthony Schlander, and Laura Thomas

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Cyn Wang (Vice President) and Al Perez

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina

**SPEAKER KEY:**

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition of an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 5:37 PM**

#### **2. General Public Comment**

Members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. With respect to agenda items, members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes at the time such item is called.

Public Comment: None

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the April 29, 2024 and May 7, 2024 Commission meetings. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document:

April 29, 2024: [https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/EC%20Summit%20Minutes%20April%2029%202024\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/EC%20Summit%20Minutes%20April%2029%202024_DRAFT.pdf)

May 7, 2024: [https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20May%2007%202024\\_Draft.pdf](https://www.sf.gov/sites/default/files/2024-05/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20May%2007%202024_Draft.pdf)

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the April 29, 2024 and May 7, 2024 Commission meetings.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update:none; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: Revised Notice to appear before the Entertainment Commission on June 4, 2024 for possible changes to LLP permit EC-1616 sent to the Brixton for ongoing permit violations & Notice of Limited Suspension by the Executive Director of the Entertainment Commission for EC-1616 dba the Brixton from May 25, 2024 to June 9, 2024. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

**5. Report from Senior Inspector:** Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to deprioritize Biergarten for enforcement; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to deprioritize Biergarten for enforcement.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

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**6. Updates on Nightlife Business Assistance:** Ben Van Houten, Director of Nightlife Initiatives, Nightlife and Entertainment Sector with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, provides an update on nightlife business assistance. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

**7. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. EC-1769 – Orgil Battulga of Tea De Chine Inc., ***dba Kaori Ramen***, 3128 16th St – Limited Live Performance
- b. EC-1784 - SF Parks Alliance, ***dba Friends of Lakeside Village***, 2504 Ocean Ave – outdoor Limited Live Performance
- c. EC-1788 - Cyrus Eng and Xiao Feng (Susan) Liu of LULUTOTS DAYCARE LLC, ***dba Wow Kids Playground***, 1650 POLK ST – Mechanical Amusement Device

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permits with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- d. ECOTE24-114 North Beach Farmers Market ***dba North Beach Farmers Market*** – Amendment to a One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration every Saturday, June 1, 2024 - April 5, 2025, from 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM, located at Greenwich St between Columbus Ave and Powell St.

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. ECOTE24-159 Valencia Corridor Merchants Association ***dba Salsa in the Streets*** - Amendment to a One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on 6/15/24, 7/20/24, 8/24/24, 9/21/24, from 4:30 PM – 8:00 PM, located at Valencia St between 18th St and 19th St -- adjacent to 741 Valencia St.

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. ECOTE24-149 Chinatown History & Culture Association ***dba Cultural Festival in Chinatown***- One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on 5/25/24, from 11:00 AM to 3:30 PM, located at Grant Ave between California St and Broadway.

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- g. EC-1781 - Francesco Covucci and Pete Fazio of TO CALABRIA INC, **dba Barbara Pinseria & Cocktail Bar**, 431 Columbus Ave – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. EC-1780 – Tom Patella, Adam Rosenblum, and Elmer Mejicanos of MARINA MERCHANTLLC, **dba Causwell's**, 2346 Chestnut St – Fixed Place Amplified Sound in parklet

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- i. EC-1779 - Dario Nicotra and Marco Avila of DAMA LLC, **dba MODI Restaurant and Bar**, 425 Mission Street Ste. 111 – Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound in private patio

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

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Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- j. EC-1787 - Humberto Cohen and Eric Villalobos of TALLDOOR ENTERTAINMENT, LLC, *dba Reverb*, 2801 Leavenworth Street St J32 – Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound in private patio and Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**8. Commissioner Comments & Questions; New Business Request for Future Agenda Items:** This item is to allow Commissioners to introduce agenda items for future consideration, and to make announcements. [Action item and Announcements]

Public Comment: None

**8. ADJOURNMENT** at 6:51 PM