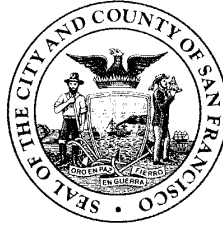


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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – (Final added June 20, 2024)

San Francisco Elections Commission
Thursday, March 28, 2024
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Stone called the meeting to order at 6:01 PM.

Present: President Robin Stone, VP Michelle Parker, Commissioner Cynthia Dai, Commissioner Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Kelly Wong, Commissioner Lucy Bernholz (via remote).

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Brad Russi, and Commission Secretary Marisa Davis.

President Stone stated the Commission's acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone people.

2. General Public Comment

In-person

Jen Nossokoff, Supervisor candidate, appeared before the Commission to express her thoughts and concerns regarding change to the policy regarding the use of Chinese character-based names by candidates.

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of February 14, 2024.

4. Director's Report

Director Arntz indicated that specific information from the March election will not be finalized and available until the April meeting. He also provided background and procedural information about post-voting processes, such as curing ballots, the role of the post office in facilitating timely delivery of ballots, etc. Director Arntz also responded to feedback regarding the Elections Department website, having multiple language formats for Twitter and what, potentially, the Commission can do to serve the Department up to the November election.

There were no public commenters.

5. Commissioners' Reports

President Stone reviewed her memo regarding Election Results Reporting. Commissioner Dai reviewed her memo regarding Improving Election Results Reporting. The Commission discussed media engagement and potential outreach activities to prepare the public for understanding the election results reporting ahead of the November election. President Stone noted that Election night is really more like Election week, and Commissioner Dai suggested kicking off early voting as Election month. Commissioner Wong highlighted the importance of reaching out to ethnic media and providing FAQs in multiple languages.

President Stone reminded Commissioners that Form 700 is due April 2, 2024.

President Stone also shared that the federal government recently announced that federal work study funds can be used for Departments of Elections to hire college students to work in elections offices - perhaps this could include getting out the vote and voter assistance activities.

There were no public commenters.

6. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

The following topics to be agendized for the April meeting:

- Racial Equity Progress report
- Chinese name issue for ballots
- AB1416

June meeting is currently scheduled on a holiday and President Stone will poll Commissioners as to an alternative June date.

There were no public commenters.

7. Adjournment

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Meeting adjourned at 7:56 PM.

PLEASE NOTE: At the end of this meeting there was a City Hall "Emergency Maintenance" notice and the system was shut down. The audio and visual WebEx feed was shut down. The official notice was provided via a ticket notice by DT Communications and is attached hereto and incorporated herein and made a part of this official meeting record.