

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, August 21, 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 6:03 PM.

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

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Kathleen Vermazen Radez, and Commission Secretary Marisa Davis.

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

2. General Public Comment

Via Remote

Former Commissioner Christopher Jerdonek called to reiterate he had sent the Commissioners his latest Ranked-Choice Voting results report which included

some screenshots and an online demo link. He also indicated his availability and welcomed the Commissioners to reach out to him with questions or comments.

Eric Roshan-Eisner (member of the public) called in to state his support regarding Christopher Jerdonek's results reporting efforts.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The Commission approved by general consensus the meeting minutes of May, June, and July 2024.

Commissioner Dai forwarded her comments, revisions, edits (which were incorporated). Vice President Parker added a comment regarding follow up on the Election's Director performance evaluation discussed at the July meeting; this final review needs to be on the next regular meeting agenda (September 2024).

No public comments.

4. Director's Report

Director Arntz presented his August report and provided information to the Commissioner's regarding the number of ballot pages/layout to space to maximize space limits; current and upcoming department plans/activities; and answered questions about funding, hiring and training of seasonal/temp workers, security plans, polling places, including drop off boxes throughout the city, and upcoming outreach efforts. The Director reviewed the anticipated certification timeline in relation to the requirements of AB 3184.

The Director also answered Commissioner questions regarding SB 1348, but indicated he would have to review the proposed legislation and will provide more information at a later date.

Public Comment

Via Remote

Steven Hill stated his support for Christopher Jerdonek's results reporting efforts and encouraged the Commission to support the Elections Department in its outreach.

5. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Dai brought up SB 1348 and her communication with President Stone regarding outreach to California legislators to inquire about this matter from the purview of the San Francisco Elections Commission. Commissioner Dai had

received information about this senate bill from Mr. Hill and wants President Stone to write a letter expressing the Commission stance on this matter.

President Stone indicated the Commission needs more substantiated information before discussing it further. Vice President Parker commented that this process would likely take place after the election and would thereby provide more time for the Commission to review and then respond as per President Stone's guidelines.

Public Comment

Via Remote

Steven Hill asked the Commission to advocate for outreach to Secretary Weber's office pertaining to SB1348.

6. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Waiver memo regarding city employees and the November Election in addition to SB 1348.

No public comments.

7. Adjournment

7:29 PM