

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco



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**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - (FINAL –
Approved September 24)**

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 an email re: his updated Ranked-Choice Voting Results Reporter software 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).

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 1328, 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 using Christopher Jerdonek's RCV Results Reporter software, noting that Alameda County had been sued due to accessibility issues.

5. **Commissioners' Report**

Commissioner Dai brought up SB 1328 and her communication with President Stone regarding outreach to the Secretary of State's office on behalf of the Commission to inquire about a proposed amendment to ban publishing the Cast Vote Record for 30 days. Commissioner Dai had

received information about this senate bill from Mr. Hill and wants President Stone to write a letter expressing the Commission's concerns on this matter and explaining its policy on transparency.

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. Commissioner Dai agreed to put together some background information for the Commission prior to the next meeting.

Public Comment

Via Remote

Steven Hill confirmed that the controversial amendment was not included in the final version of SB 1328 but asked the Commission to reach out to Secretary Weber's office given their stated intention to consider it in the future.

6. **Agenda Items for Future Meetings**

Waiver memo regarding city employees and the November Election in addition to SB 1328.

The next meeting will be rescheduled to September 24 at 5:30pm in room 416.

No public comments.

7. **Adjournment**

7:23 PM