

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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Cynthia Dai
Renita LiVolsi
Kelly Wong



John Arntz, Director of Elections
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – FINAL
(Approved 12-18-2024)

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, November 20, 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 6:05 PM.

Present: President Robin Stone, Vice President Michelle Parker (arrived at 6:13), Commissioner Cynthia Dai (arrived at 6:09), Commissioner Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Kelly Wong, Commissioner Lucy Bernholz (via remote).

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

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

2. General Public Comment

There were no public commenters.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

President Stone indicated she wanted to do further research and review regarding the transcript and will have the October meeting minutes available with the November meeting minutes for the regular December commission

meeting.

There were no public commenters.

4. **Director's Report**

Director Arntz presented his November 2024 report, mainly focused on pre- and post-election activities. He reported an increased number of poll workers for this election; confirmed a high voter turnout in San Francisco and that positive voter experiences were reported at polling places. The election night operation was well-organized and calm, with a productive energy. There were no notable poll place incidents. Director Arntz indicated the Department was still in the process of curing ballots and was on track to certifying the election on/by December 5, 2024.

Commissioners shared accolades regarding the Department's facilitation of the election and related activities, media reporting, efforts to educate voters about ranked choice voting, and the new results reporting visuals and graphics.

There were no public commenters.

5. **Commissioners' Report**

Vice President Parker as well as President Stone reported on their separate visits to the Pier 31 elections warehouse on Election Day and both observed very well-organized and efficient ballot processing. Commissioner Dai performed a poll site review, including voters taking selfies, and remarked on positive voter experience. Commissioner Wong visited multiple poll sites and remarked on the proactive language access and efforts to increase registration and participation in senior housing.

President Stone suggested the Commission should monitor feedback regarding the new policy of listing proponents and opponents on the ballot.

There were no public commenters.

6. Closed Session

There were no public commenters.

A roll call vote to move to Closed Session regarding the annual performance review of the Election Commission's Secretary was made and unanimously passed by all Commissioners.

MOTION TO MOVE THE SECRETARY'S ANNUAL PERFORMANCE REVIEW TO CLOSED SESSION

President Stone	YES
Vice President Parker	YES
Commissioner Bernholz	YES
Commissioner Dai	YES
Commissioner LiVolsi	YES
Commissioner Wong	YES

6 Yays **0** Nays

Motion passes.

Closed Session ended at: 7:41 PM.

NOTE: *The entirety of City Hall experienced a Crestron technical issue and all commissions were unable to reconvene or continue meetings on the website. This issue/outage that was confirmed with media support and was not resolved for several hours. As a result, after ending the Closed Session, there is not recording of the final minutes of the meeting.*

After the Closed Session ended @ 7:41, the meeting reconvened, a motion was made to not disclose any portion of the Closed Session regarding the annual performance review of the Commission Secretary. This motion was made by Commissioner Dai and seconded by Commissioner Bernholz.

MOTION TO NOT DISCLOSE ANY PORTION OF THE CLOSED SESSION

President Stone	YES
Vice President Parker	YES
Commissioner Bernholz	YES
Commissioner Dai	YES
Commissioner LiVolsi	YES

Commissioner Wong YES

6 Yays **0** Nays
Motion passes.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

Review of final election report details.

Commissioner Wong indicated she is out of the country in December and will be unable to attend the regularly scheduled Commission meeting on December 18.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.