



REDISTRICTING TASK FORCE CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Held via Videoconference
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October 4, 2021 – 6:00 PM

Special Meeting

Members: Jeremy Lee, Jose Maria (Chema) Hernández Gil, J. Michelle Pierce, Matthew Castillon, Arnold Townsend, Lily Ho, Raynell Cooper, Chasel Lee, Ditka Reiner

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The Redistricting Task Force met in special session through videoconferencing, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Monday, October 4, 2021. Chair Reverend Arnold Townsend called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m.

On the call of the roll, Member Jeremy Lee, Member Hernández Gil, Member Pierce, Member Castillon, Chair Townsend, Member Ho, Member Cooper, Member Chasel Lee, and Vice Chair Reiner were noted present. A quorum was present.

2. Approval of Minutes from September 17, 2021, Inaugural Meeting

Speaker: David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the form of the September 17, 2021, Inaugural Meeting Minutes.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Vice Chair Reiner moved to amend the September 17, 2021, Inaugural Meeting Minutes to make small spelling corrections to several names. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Pierce moved to approve the September 17, 2021, Inaugural Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

3. Resolution Making Findings to Allow Teleconferenced Meetings Under California Government Code, Section 54953(e)

Ana Flores (Office of the City Attorney); provided a brief overview of the applicability of California Government Code, Section 54953(e), and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speaker: David Pilpel; shared various concerns about the form of the Resolution.

Member Pierce, seconded by Member Jeremy Lee moved that this Resolution be adopted. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Chair Townsend recessed the meeting beginning at 7:58 p.m., and reconvened the meeting at 8:05 p.m.

4. Regular Meeting Dates, Times, and Locations for the Task Force

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board, Wilson Ng, and John Tse (Board of Supervisors); Gus Guibert and Ana Flores (Office of the City Attorney); presented information related to the logistics of conducting off-site meetings, including important details about facilities selection, technology and cablecast capabilities, staffing needs for various departments, and concerns for the safety of the public attendees; and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Steven Currier; David Pilpel; Lauren Girardin and Jenny Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Mary Harris; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Member Cooper, seconded by Member Pierce, moved that regular Task Force meetings be scheduled for first and third Mondays of each month, beginning at 6 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 8

Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

Noes: 1

Pierce

Member Cooper, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved that the previous vote be rescinded. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

*Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper,
Chasel Lee, Reiner*

Vice Chair Reiner, seconded by Member Ho, moved that regular Task Force meetings be scheduled for the first Monday and third Wednesday of each month. Member Chasel Lee offered a friendly amendment to this motion that the dates be set as the third Monday and first Wednesday of each month. Prior to roll call, Vice Chair Reiner withdrew the motion, and a vote was not taken.

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved that regular Task Force meetings be scheduled for the first Mondays of each month, beginning at 6 p.m. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

**Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper,
Chasel Lee, Reiner**

5. Draft Proposed Redistricting Task Force Bylaws

The text of the draft bylaws was updated to include the regular meeting dates as adopted by the Redistricting Task Force during agenda item 4.

Andrew Shen (Office of the City Attorney); Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); answered questions raised during the discussion of the form of the draft proposed bylaws.

Speakers: Simon Timony; Jenny Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Steven Currier; Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); Marc Powell; David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the form of the draft proposed bylaws.

Member Hernández Gil, seconded by member J. Michelle Pierce, moved that the word ‘member’ be stricken from various points in Article VI. Prior to roll call, member Hernández Gil withdrew the motion, and a vote was not taken.

Member Hernández Gil, seconded by Member Pierce, moved to amend the Redistricting Task Force Bylaws in article VI, Section 7, to strike ‘as well as any instance of three consecutive absences for a member from regular meetings.’ The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

**Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper,
Chasel Lee, Reiner**

Member Chasel Lee, seconded by Member Hernández Gil, moved to adopt the Redistricting Task Force Bylaws as amended. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 9

Jeremy Lee, Hernández Gil, Pierce, Castillon, Townsend, Ho, Cooper, Chasel Lee, Reiner

6. Introduction and Presentation by the Outreach Consultant, Civic Edge Consulting

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); introduced and welcomed Lisbet Sunshine and Rosie Dilger (Civic Edge Consulting), who presented an overview of the outreach services available through Civic Edge Consulting, and answered questions raised during the discussion.

Speakers: Lauren Girardin and Jenny Tse (League of Women Voters San Francisco); David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

7. General Public Comment

Speakers: Sana Sethi (SF Rising); Simon Timony; David Pilpel; shared various concerns with the Redistricting Task Force.

8. Future Agenda Items

Members discussed possible future agenda items as follows:

- *An agenda item to receive an update on census data;*
- *An agenda item to further discuss the logistics of remote meetings, with a focus on the question of availability and necessity for cablecast through SFGovTV;*
- *An agenda item on the translation of Task Force documents into multiple languages;*
- *An agenda item on the definition of communities of interest; and*
- *An agenda item on the legal duties of and constraints on the Task Force, especially as relates to the creation and adoption of final maps.*

Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); Andrew Shen (Office of the City Attorney) presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Speakers: Jenny Tse and Lauren Girardin (League of Women Voters San Francisco); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

9. Adjournment

Speakers: None.

Chair Townsend was noted absent at 11:03 p.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

There being no further business, Vice Chair Reiner adjourned the Redistricting Task Force at the hour of 11:04 p.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Redistricting Task Force on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

APPROVED: October 22, 2021
Redistricting Task Force