



**CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

**LONDON N. BREED
MAYOR**

Sent via Electronic Mail

September 7, 2023

NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION MEETING

**SUBJECT: STATUS REPORT ON AIRPORT PERSONAL SERVICE CONTRACT
NUMBER 41953-18/19.**

The above matter will be considered by the Civil Service Commission at a hybrid meeting (in-person and virtual) in Room 400, City Hall, 1 Dr. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, California 94102 and through Cisco WebEx to be held on **September 18, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.**

This item will appear on the Consent Agenda. Please refer to the attached notice for procedural and other information about Commission hearings.

Attendance by you or an authorized representative is recommended. Should you or your representative not attend, the Commission will rule on the information previously submitted and testimony provided at its meeting. All calendared items will be heard and resolved at this time unless good reasons are presented for a continuance.

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

/s/

SANDRA ENG
Executive Officer

Attachment

Cc: Cynthia Avakian, Airport
Commission File
Commissioners' Binder
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NOTICE OF COMMISSION HEARING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Commission Office

The Civil Service Commission office is located at, 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 720, San Francisco, CA 94102. The telephone number is (628) 652-1100. The fax number is (628) 652-1109. The email address is civilservice@sfgov.org and the web address is www.sfgov.org/civilservice/. Office hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

B. Policy Requiring Written Reports

It is the policy of the Civil Service Commission that except for appeals filed under Civil Service Commission Rule 111A Position-Based Testing, all items appearing on its agenda be supported by a written report prepared by Commission or departmental staff. All documents referred to in any Agenda Document are posted adjacent to the Agenda, or if more than one (1) page in length, available for public inspection and copying at the Civil Service Commission office. Reports from City and County personnel supporting agenda items are submitted in accordance with the procedures established by the Executive Officer. Reports not submitted according to procedures, in the format and quantity required, and by the deadline, will not be calendared.

C. Policy on Written Submissions by Appellants

All written material submitted by appellants to be considered by the Commission in support of an agenda item shall be submitted to the Commission office, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the fourth (4th) business day preceding the Commission meeting for which the item is calendared (ordinarily, on Tuesday). An original copy on 8 1/2-inch X 11 inch paper, three-hole punched on left margin, and page numbered in the bottom center margin, shall be provided. Written material submitted for the Commission's review becomes part of a public record and shall be open for public inspection.

D. Policy on Materials being Considered by the Commission

Copies of all staff reports and materials being considered by the Civil Service Commission are available for public view 72 hours prior to the Civil Service Commission meeting on the Civil Service Commission's website at <https://sf.gov/civilservice> and in its office located at 25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 720, San Francisco, CA 94102. If any materials related to an item on this agenda have been distributed to the Civil Service Commission after distribution of the agenda packet, those materials will be available for public inspection at the Civil Service Commission's during normal office hours (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday).

E. Policy and Procedure for Hearings to be Scheduled after 5:00 p.m. and Requests for Postponement

A request to hear an item after 5:00 p.m. should be directed to the Executive Officer as soon as possible following the receipt of notification of an upcoming hearing. Requests may be made by telephone at (628) 652-1100 and confirmed in writing or by fax at (628) 652-1109.

A request for a postponement (continuance) to delay an item to another meeting may be directed to the Commission Executive Officer by telephone or in writing. Before acting, the Executive Officer may refer certain requests to another City official for recommendation. Telephone requests must be confirmed in writing prior to the meeting. Immediately following the "Announcement of Changes" portion of the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, the Commission will consider a request for a postponement that has been previously denied. Appeals filed under Civil Service Commission Rule 111A Position-Based Testing shall be considered on the date it is calendared for hearing except under extraordinary circumstances and upon mutual agreement between the appellant and the Department of Human Resources.

F. Policy and Procedure on Hearing Items Out of Order

Requests to hear items out of order are to be directed to the Commission President at the beginning of the agenda. The President will rule on each request. Such requests may be granted with mutual agreement among the affected parties.

G. Procedure for Commission Hearings

All Commission hearings on disputed matters shall conform to the following procedures: The Commission reserves the right to question each party during its presentation and, in its discretion, to modify any time allocations and requirements.

If a matter is severed from the *Consent Agenda* or the *Ratification Agenda*, presentation by the opponent will be for a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes and response by the departmental representative for a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes. Requests by the public to sever items from the [*Consent Agenda* or] *Ratification Agenda* must be provided with justification for the record.

For items on the *Regular Agenda*, presentation by the departmental representative for a maximum time of five (5) minutes and response by the opponent for a maximum time limit of five (5) minutes.

For items on the *Separations Agenda*, presentation by the department followed by the employee or employee's representative shall be for a maximum time limit of ten (10) minutes for each party unless extended by the Commission.

Each presentation shall conform to the following:

1. Opening summary of case (brief overview);
2. Discussion of evidence;
3. Corroborating witnesses, if necessary; and
4. Closing remarks.

The Commission may allocate five (5) minutes for each side to rebut evidence presented by the other side.

H. Policy on Audio Recording of Commission Meetings

As provided in the San Francisco Sunshine Ordinance, all Commission meetings are audio recorded in digital form. These audio recordings of open sessions are available starting on the day after the Commission meeting on the Civil Service Commission website at www.sfgov.org/civilservice/.

I. Speaking before the Civil Service Commission

Speaker cards are not required. The Commission will take public comment on all items appearing on the agenda at the time the item is heard. The Commission will take public comment on matters not on the Agenda, but within the jurisdiction of the Commission during the “Requests to Speak” portion of the regular meeting. Maximum time will be three (3) minutes. A subsequent comment after the three (3) minute period is limited to one (1) minute. The timer shall be in operation during public comment. Upon any specific request by a Commissioner, time may be extended.

J. Public Comment and Due Process

During general public comment, members of the public sometimes wish to address the Civil Service Commission regarding matters that may come before the Commission in its capacity as an adjudicative body. The Commission does not restrict this use of general public comment. To protect the due process rights of parties to its adjudicative proceedings, however, the Commission will not consider, in connection with any adjudicative proceeding, statements made during general public comment. If members of the public have information that they believe to be relevant to a matter that will come before the Commission in its adjudicative capacity, they may wish to address the Commission during the public comment portion of that adjudicative proceeding. The Commission will not consider public comment in connection with an adjudicative proceeding without providing the parties an opportunity to respond.

K. Policy on use of Cell Phones, Pagers and Similar Sound-Producing Electronic Devices at and During Public Meetings

The ringing and use of cell phones, pagers and similar sound-producing electronic devices are prohibited at this meeting. Please be advised that the Chair may order the removal from the meeting room of any person(s) responsible for the ringing or use of a cell phone, pager, or other similar sound-producing electronic devices.

Information on Disability Access

The Civil Service Commission normally meets in Room 400 (Fourth Floor) City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place. However, meetings not held in this room are conducted in the Civic Center area. City Hall is wheelchair accessible. The closest accessible BART station is the Civic Center, located 2 ½ blocks from City Hall. Accessible MUNI lines serving City Hall are 47 Van Ness Avenue, 9 San Bruno and 71 Haight/Noriega, as well as the METRO stations at Van Ness and Market and at Civic Center. For more information about MUNI accessible services, call (415) 923-6142. Accessible curbside parking has been designated at points in the vicinity of City Hall adjacent to Grove Street and Van Ness Avenue.

The following services are available on request 48 hours prior to the meeting; except for Monday meetings, for which the deadline shall be 4:00 p.m. of the last business day of the preceding week. For American Sign Language interpreters or the use of a reader during a meeting, a sound enhancement system, and/or alternative formats of the agenda and minutes, please contact the Commission office to make arrangements for the accommodation. Late requests will be honored, if possible.

Individuals with severe allergies, environmental illness, multiple chemical sensitivity or related disabilities should call our ADA coordinator at (628) 652-1100 or email civilservice@sfgov.org to discuss meeting accessibility. In order to assist the City’s efforts to accommodate such people, attendees at public meetings are reminded that other attendees may be sensitive to various chemical-based products. Please help the City to accommodate these individuals.

Know your Rights under the Sunshine Ordinance (Chapter 67 of the San Francisco Administrative Code)

Government’s duty is to serve the public, reaching its decisions in full view of the public. Commissions, boards, councils, and other agencies of the City and County exist to conduct the people’s business. This ordinance assures that deliberations are conducted before the people and that City operations are open to the people’s review. For more information on your rights under the Sunshine Ordinance or to report a violation of the ordinance, or to obtain a free copy of the Sunshine Ordinance, contact Victor Young, Administrator of the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102-4689 at (415) 554-7724, by fax: (415) 554-7854, by e-mail: soff@sfgov.org, or on the City’s website at www.sfgov.org/bdsupvrs/sunshine.

San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance

Individuals and entities that influence or attempt to influence local legislative or administrative action may be required by the San Francisco Lobbyist Ordinance (San Francisco Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code Section 2.100) to register and report lobbying activity. For more information about the Lobbyist Ordinance, please contact the San Francisco Ethics Commission at 25 Van Ness Ave., Suite 220, San Francisco, CA 94102, telephone (415) 252-3100, fax (415) 252-3112 and web site <https://sfethics.org/>.



San Francisco International Airport

August 21, 2023

Ms. Sandra Eng
Executive Officer
Civil Service Commission
25 Van Ness Avenue, Suite 720
San Francisco, CA 94102

RE: Airport's Report as Requested by the Civil Service Commission for PSC 41953-18/19

Dear Ms. Eng:

At the Civil Service Commission meeting on June 3, 2019, the Civil Service Commission approved PSC #41953-18/19 for Federal Advocacy Services, provided that the Airport report back to the Commission on the status of the project and contract in four years.

Attached is the Airport's status report for year four of the project and contract review.

We hope that this addresses the Commission's request. Please let us know if there are further questions. You can reach me at (650) 821-2014. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Cynthia Avakian".

Cynthia Avakian
PSC Coordinator, Airport

cc: Cathy Widener, Chief External Affairs Officer

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AIRPORT COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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Airport's contract progress review report as requested by the Civil Service Commission (CSC) for PSC 41953-18/19 Federal Advocacy Services.

Background:

On June 3, 2019, the CSC conditionally approved PSC 41953-18/19 for Federal Advocacy Services requesting that Airport report back to the Commission in four years on the status of the contract.

The Airport requires legislative advocacy services provided by a qualified firm to represent its interests in Washington, DC before Congress, the Administration, and various regulatory agencies. On July 1, 2019, Contractor entered into an agreement to perform federal legislative advocacy services for the Airport.

Findings:

Since receiving PSC conditional approval, Contractor has performed federal legislative advocacy services under an agreement with the Airport which is set to expire on June 30, 2024. The current agreement allows two options to extend the contract, for a period of two years each. The Airport has found the contractor's performance acceptable and intends to exercise the first option to extend the agreement in early 2024. This extension will modify the contract term to June 30, 2026 and allow the Airport's interests to be continued to be represented to the Federal government.

Conclusion:

The Airport prepared the progress report of PSC 41953-18/19.

PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACT SUMMARY ("PSC FORM 1")

Department: AIRPORT COMMISSION -- AIR

Dept. Code: AIR

Type of Request: Initial Modification of an existing PSC (PSC # _____)

Type of Approval: Expedited Regular Annual Continuing (Omit Posting)

Type of Service: Federal Legislative Regulatory Advocacy

Funding Source: Airport Operating Funds

PSC Amount: \$2,250,000

PSC Est. Start Date: 07/01/2019

PSC Est. End Date 06/30/2028

1. Description of Work

A. Scope of Work/Services to be Contracted Out:

Representation of the Airport in Washington, D.C., for federal issues involving aviation legislation, security mandates and funding opportunities.

B. Explain why this service is necessary and the consequence of denial:

The Airport requires a regulatory advocate to analyze the impact of new legislation and regulations that could impact the Airport's operations, implementation of new requirements and reimbursement for security measures. Denial will adversely affect the Airport's ability to secure revenues and ensure that regulations reflect the Airport's unique situation.

C. Has this service been provided in the past? If so, how? If the service was provided under a previous PSC, attach copy of the most recently approved PSC.

This service has been provided in the past through PSC# 4132-09/10.

D. Will the contract(s) be renewed?

Yes, depending on performance and need.

E. If this is a request for a new PSC in excess of five years, or if your request is to extend (modify) an existing PSC by another five years, please explain why.

The contract related to this PSC will have an original duration of five (5) years with two (2) 2-year options to extend. This length of services is required for the contractor to build relationships with the Airport's Executive Team as well as in Washington, DC. A contractor with a stronger understanding of SFO can better represent SFO's interests.

2. Reason(s) for the Request

A. Indicate all that apply (be specific and attach any relevant supporting documents):

Services required on an as-needed, intermittent, or periodic basis (e.g., peaks in workload).

B. Explain the qualifying circumstances:

This function involves short-term projects requiring diverse knowledge and expertise on an intermittent, as-needed basis.

3. Description of Required Skills/Expertise

- A. Specify required skills and/or expertise: The Airport's government relations advocate in Washington D.C. must have a specific expertise and working knowledge of a variety of regulatory bodies; including the US Department of Transportation, the Federal Aviation Administration and the US Department of Homeland Security, as well as an understanding of Congressional funding and regulatory committees.
- B. Which, if any, civil service class(es) normally perform(s) this work? 0923, Manager II; 0931, Manager III; 9382, Govrnmt/Publ Affairs Mgr;
- C. Will contractor provide facilities and/or equipment not currently possessed by the City? If so, explain: No

4. If applicable, what efforts has the department made to obtain these services through available resources within the City?

None as the work needs to be done in Washington D.C in order to meet the needs of the funding committees and regulatory agencies.

5. Why Civil Service Employees Cannot Perform the Services to be Contracted Out

- A. Explain why civil service classes are not applicable.
Civil service classifications are not applicable as this function involves short-term projects requiring diverse knowledge and expertise and the work needs to be completed in Washington D.C.
- B. If there is no civil service class that could perform the work, would it be practical and/or feasible to adopt a new civil service class to perform this work? Explain. No, this service covers a variety of issues, with each issue taking priority at different times depending on the legislation. Outside firms have a pool of experts available to them, allowing them to tap into a particular expertise as the need arises. These firms represent many clients and are best able to use their sources to organize similar interests to effect change. They are also in constant contact with legislative offices allowing them to develop stronger relations with them. Adopting a new civil service class would not address these advantages.

6. Additional Information

- A. Will the contractor directly supervise City and County employee? If so, please include an explanation.
No.
- B. Will the contractor train City and County employees and/or is there a transfer of knowledge component that will be included in the contract? If so, please explain what that will entail; if not, explain why not.
No. The contractor will not train City employees, as mentioned previously, the work needs to be done in Washington D.C in order to meet the needs of the funding committees and regulatory agencies.
- C. Are there legal mandates requiring the use of contractual services?
No.

- D. Are there federal or state grant requirements regarding the use of contractual services? If so, please explain and include an excerpt or copy of any such applicable requirement.
No.
- E. Has a board or commission determined that contracting is the most effective way to provide this service? If so, please explain and include a copy of the board or commission action.
No.
- F. Will the proposed work be completed by a contractor that has a current PSC contract with your department? If so, please explain.
No.

7. Union Notification: On 04/05/2019, the Department notified the following employee organizations of this PSC/RFP request:
Municipal Executive Association

I CERTIFY ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT THAT THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN AND ATTACHED TO THIS FORM IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE:

Name: Cynthia Avakian Phone: 650-821-2014 Email: cynthia.avakian@flysfo.com

Address: PO Box 8097 San Francisco, CA 94128

FOR DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES USE

PSC# 41953 - 18/19

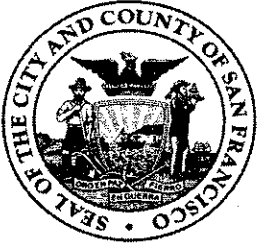
DHR Analysis/Recommendation:

action date: 06/03/2019

Commission Approval Required

Approved by Civil Service Commission with conditions

06/03/2019 DHR Approved for 06/03/2019



CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

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PRESIDENT

June 5, 2019

ELIZABETH SALVESON
VICE PRESIDENT

NOTICE OF CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION ACTION

DOUGLAS S. CHAN
COMMISSIONER

SUBJECT: REVIEW OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED PERSONAL SERVICES CONTRACTS 41793-18/19; 41953-18/19; 46630-18/19; 49293-18/19; 40301-18/19; 46806-18/19; 49081-18/19; 43489-18/19; 47368-18/19; 48124-18/19; 43054-18/19; 42493-18/19; 41155-18/19; AND 48101-13/14.

KATE FAVETTI
COMMISSIONER

At its meeting on June 3, 2019 the Civil Service Commission had for its consideration the above matter.

The Commission took the following actions:

1. Approved PSC #41953-18/19 with the condition the PSC Form 1, Question 1. E. is amended to provide language to accurately reflect the need for the length of the contract and to report back in four (4) years, on June 2023.
2. Approved PSC #46630-18/19 with the condition the PSC Form 1, Question 1. E. is amended to provide language to accurately reflect the need for the length of the contract and to report back in four (4) years, on June 2023.
3. Approved PSC #41155-18/19 with the condition to provide the Executive Director documentation showing notification to other Unions of the intent of this contract.
4. Adopted the report and approved the remaining requests for proposed Personal Services Contracts. This shall serve to notify the Office of the Controller and the Office of Contract Administration.

If this matter is subject to Code of Civil Procedure (CCP) Section 1094.5, the time within which judicial review must be sought is set forth in CCP Section 1094.

PLEASE NOTE: *It is important that a copy of this action be kept in the department files as you will need it in the future as proof of Civil Service Commission approval. Please share it with everyone responsible for follow-up.*

MICHAEL L. BROWN
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION



MICHAEL L. BROWN
Executive Officer

Attachments

Cc: Cynthia Avakian, Airport
Alexander Burns, Public Works
Michael Hirai, Department of the Environment
Bill Irwin, Public Utilities Commission
Nataliya Kuzina, Elections Department
Joan Lubamersky, Administrative Services
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