



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Budget and Finance Committee

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Members: Mark Farrell, Katy Tang, Eric Mar, Norman Yee, Scott Wiener

Clerk: Linda Wong (415) 554-7719

Wednesday, March 25, 2015

1:00 PM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 4 - Mark Farrell, Katy Tang, Eric Mar, and Scott Wiener

Absent: 1 - Norman Yee

MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 1:06 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

150202 [Hearing - Specialty Tier Drug Pricing and Insurance Industry Practices]

Sponsor: Wiener

Hearing to review the current health insurance industry trend of reclassifying certain life-saving drugs, including drugs related to HIV/AIDS treatment, into a specialty tier, thereby significantly increasing the cost of and limiting access to those drugs for patients; and requesting the Department of Public Health, the Mayor's Office, Anthem Blue Cross of California, Blue Shield of California, Chinese Community Health Plan, Health Net of California, Kaiser Foundation Health Plan, Los Angeles Care Health Plan, Molina Healthcare of California, Sharp Health Plan, Valley Health Plan, Western Health Advantage, and other insurance providers doing business in San Francisco to report.

02/24/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee.

02/27/15; TRANSFERRED to Budget and Finance Committee. 2/27/15 - President Breed transferred this item from PSN to B&F.

03/02/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Mayor and Department of Public Health for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Colleen Chawla (Department of Public Health); Aaron Kahn (Office of Assemblyman David Chiu); Allison Young and Male Representative (Blue Shield); Anne Donnelly (Project Inform); James Labuca and Matthew Saks (San Francisco AIDS Foundation); Catherine Dodd, Director (Health Service System); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Michael Smith; spoke on the hearing matter.

Supervisor Wiener, seconded by Supervisor Tang, moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Farrell, Tang, Mar, Wiener

Absent: 1 - Yee

150277 [Hearing - Economic Strategy Report]**Sponsor: Farrell**

Hearing on the City's Economic Strategy Report; and requesting the Office of Economic and Workforce Development to report.

03/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Sub-Committee.

03/20/15; TRANSFERRED to Budget and Finance Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Todd Rufo, Director, Laura Moran, and Ted Egan (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Supervisor Tang, seconded by Supervisor Wiener, moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Farrell, Tang, Mar, Wiener

Absent: 1 - Yee

150199 [Hearing - Controller's Six Month Budget Status Report]**Sponsor: Farrell**

Hearing on the Six Month Budget Status Report; and requesting the Controller's Office, and the Mayor's Budget Office to report.

02/24/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Budget and Finance Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

Supervisor Mar, seconded by Supervisor Tang, moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED to April 15, 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Farrell, Tang, Mar, Wiener

Absent: 1 - Yee

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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