



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Monday, July 13, 2026

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Shamann Walton, Stephen Sherrill, and Rafael Mandelman

The Rules Committee met in regular session on Monday, July 13, 2026, with Chair Shamann Walton presiding. Chair Walton called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Walton, Vice Chair Sherrill, and Member Mandelman were noted present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

COMMUNICATIONS

Victor Young, Rules Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public that public comment is taken on each item on the agenda. Alternatively, written comments may be submitted through email (victor.young@sfgov.org) or the U.S. Postal Service at City Hall, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Room 244, San Francisco, CA 94102.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

260763 [Appointments, Fire Code Technical Advisory Council - Robert Eaton, Gayle Geary, Catherine Ann Miller, Christopher Ingram and Brandon Bracamonte]

Hearing to consider appointing six members, for one year terms, to the Fire Code Technical Advisory Council. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant, seat 1, inaugural appointment, must be held by a property owner or building manager of a building subject to the requirements of Section 1103.5.4 of the San Francisco Fire Code, for a one year term (term date to be determined).

Vacant, seat 2, inaugural appointment, must be held by a non-owner tenant of a building affected by Section 1103.5.4 of the San Francisco Fire Code, for a one year term (term date to be determined).

Vacant, seat 3, inaugural appointment, must be held by a duly authorized homeowners' association representative of a building subject to the requirements of Section 1103.5.4 of the San Francisco Fire Code, for a one year term (term date to be determined).

Vacant, seat 4, inaugural appointment, must be held by a person who holds an active C-16 fire protection contractor license issued by the California Contractors State License Board (CA-CSLB), as Defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 8, Article 3, for a one year term (term date to be determined).

Vacant, seat 5, inaugural appointment, must be held by a construction professional with experience in either general labor or skilled trade, for a one year term (term date to be determined).

Vacant, seat 6, inaugural appointment, must be held by a professional architect who holds an active license issued by the California Architects Board or a professional structural engineer who holds an active license issued by the California Board for Professional Engineers, Land Surveyors, and Geologists, for a one year term (term date to be determined).

06/30/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): James Edin; John O'Banion; Mark Puchalski; Robert Eaton; Gayle Geary; Catherine Miller; Christopher Ingram; Brandon Bracamonte; Linas Stempuzis; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Robert Eaton, seat 1, recommended.

Gayle Geary, seat 2, recommended.

Catherine Ann Miller, seat 3, recommended.

Christopher Ingram, seat 4, recommended (residency requirement waived).

Brandon Bracamonte, seat 5, recommended (residency requirement waived).

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Robert Eaton, Gayle Geary, Catherine Ann Miller, Christopher Ingram (residency requirement waived) and Brandon Bracamonte (residency requirement waived), one-year terms beginning upon the Council's first meeting, to the Fire Code Technical Advisory Council. (Clerk of the Board)

Robert Eaton, seat 1, inaugural appointment, must be held by a property owner or building manager of a building subject to the requirements of Section 1103.5.4 of the San Francisco Fire Code, for a one-year term beginning upon the Council's first meeting.

Gayle Geary, seat 2, inaugural appointment, must be held by a non-owner tenant of a building affected by Section 1103.5.4 of the San Francisco Fire Code, for a one-year term beginning upon the Council's first meeting.

Catherine Ann Miller, seat 3, inaugural appointment, must be held by a duly authorized homeowners' association representative of a building subject to the requirements of Section 1103.5.4 of the San Francisco Fire Code, for a one-year term beginning upon the Council's first meeting.

Christopher Ingram (residency requirement waived), seat 4, inaugural appointment, must be held by a person who holds an active C-16 fire protection contractor license issued by the California Contractors State License Board (CA-CSLB), as Defined in California Code of Regulations, Title 16, Division 8, Article 3, for a one-year term beginning upon the Council's first meeting.

Brandon Bracamonte (residency requirement waived), seat 5, inaugural appointment, must be held by a construction professional with experience in either general labor or skilled trade, for a one-year term beginning upon the Council's first meeting.

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260731 [Appointments, Ballot Simplification Council - Betty Packard and Ruth Grace Wong]

Hearing to consider appointing two members, terms ending November 30, 2026, to the Ballot Simplification Council.

Seat 1, succeeding Pamela Troy, term expired, the Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 30, 2026.

Seat 2, succeeding Betty Packard, term expired, the Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 30, 2026.

06/23/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Ben Landau-Taylor; Betty Packard; Pamela Troy; Ruth Grace Wong; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Kate Degelau-Pierce (League of Women Voters); spoke in support of the appointment of various applicant(s).

Betty Packard, seat 1, recommended.

Ruth Grace Wong, seat 2, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Betty Packard and Ruth Grace Wong, terms ending November 30, 2026, to the Ballot Simplification Council.

Betty Packard, seat 1, succeeding Pamela Troy, term expired, the Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 30, 2026.

Ruth Grace Wong, seat 2, succeeding Betty Packard, term expired, the Board of Supervisors shall solicit input from nonpartisan organizations that represent professional journalist or focus on free and fair elections to identify nominees, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 30, 2026.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260694 [Initiative Ordinance - Administrative Code - Affordable Grocery Fund]

Sponsors: Mahmood; Melgar, Sherrill and Walton

Motion ordering submitted to the voters at an election to be held on November 3, 2026, an Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create a fund to receive and expend monies appropriated and any gifts, grants, or donations to be used to expand access to affordable, nutritious food for City residents.

06/09/26; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 7/9/2026.

06/18/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the City Attorney, Ethics Commission, Dept. of Elections, Office of the Treasurer and Tax Collector, Mayor's Office for informational purposes. Referred to the Planning Department, Controller's Office, and Department of Human Resources for review and report.

06/25/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections

07/09/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Meet and Confer not required.

07/09/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Costing letter recieved.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Bilal Mahmood (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Supervisor Walton requested to be added as a co-sponsor.

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 3, Line 13, to replace 'products prices that are affordable to all City residents' with 'products at no cost or at prices that are at a lower markup, affordable, and offered consistently to all City residents.' The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Motion be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the Rules Committee July 20, 2026, meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Chair Walton requested File Nos. 260664, 260661, 260534 and 260766 be called together.

260664 [Mayoral Reappointment, Public Works Commission - Paul Woolford]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for the reappointment of Paul Woolford to the Public Works Commission, for a term ending July 2, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.141, provides that this nomination is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: June 5, 2026.)

06/05/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Mayor's nomination for reappointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Motion approving the Mayor's nomination for the reappointment of Paul Woolford to the Public Works Commission, for a term ending July 2, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.141, provides that this nomination is subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days of the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: June 5, 2026.)

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260661 [Mayoral Reappointment, Entertainment Commission - Lieutenant Leonard Poggio]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for the reappointment of Lieutenant Leonard Poggio to the Entertainment Commission, term ending July 1, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.117, provides that this nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: June 5, 2026.)

06/05/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Mayor's nomination for reappointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Motion approving the Mayor's nomination for the reappointment of Lieutenant Leonard Poggio to the Entertainment Commission, term ending July 1, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.117, provides that this nomination is subject to approval by the Board of Supervisors and shall be the subject of a public hearing and vote within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk of the Board. If the Board fails to act on the nomination within 60 days from the date the nomination is transmitted to the Clerk, then the nominee shall be deemed approved. Transmittal date: June 5, 2026.)

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260534 [Mayoral Appointment, Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board - James Pappas]

Motion approving/rejecting the mayoral appointment of James Pappas to the Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board, term ending January 24, 2030. (Clerk of the Board) (Resolution No. 11-12, provides that this member shall be appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the majority of the Board of Supervisors. There is no deadline for confirmation and the appointment is not effective until the Board takes action. Transmittal date: May 15, 2026)

05/19/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Mayor's nomination for appointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Motion approving the mayoral appointment of James Pappas to the Redevelopment Successor Agency Oversight Board, term ending January 24, 2030. (Clerk of the Board) (Resolution No. 11-12, provides that this member shall be appointed by the Mayor and subject to confirmation by the majority of the Board of Supervisors. There is no deadline for confirmation and the appointment is not effective until the Board takes action. Transmittal date: May 15, 2026)

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260766 [Mayoral Appointment, Port Commission - Vanessa Hartigan]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Vanessa Hartigan to the Port Commission, term ending May 1, 2030. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.114, provides that the Mayor's appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority (six votes) of the Board of Supervisors, with no timeframe to confirm specified. Transmittal Date: June 30, 2026.)

06/30/26; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

07/06/26; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Rich Lee; William Adams; poke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke in support of the appointment of various applicant(s).

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to approve the Mayor's nomination for appointment and making clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Motion approving the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Vanessa Hartigan to the Port Commission, term ending May 1, 2030. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 4.114, provides that the Mayor's appointment is subject to confirmation by a majority (six votes) of the Board of Supervisors, with no timeframe to confirm specified. Transmittal Date: June 30, 2026.)

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 11:04 a.m.

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