



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Members: Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ahsha Safai

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Monday, May 13, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Regular Meeting

President Peskin appointed Supervisor Preston in place of Supervisor Walton for the May 13, 2024, Rules Committee Meeting.

Present: 3 - Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safai, and Dean Preston

Excused: 1 - Shamann Walton

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen and Members Safai and Preston were noted present. Member Walton was noted not present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

The Rules Committee met in regular session, on Monday, May 13, 2024, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

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.

Supervisor Walton Excused

Chair Ronen moved that Supervisor Walton be excused from the May 13, 2024, Rules Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

REGULAR AGENDA

230868 [Administrative, Campaign and Governmental Conduct Codes - Language Access Ordinance]**Sponsors: Walton; Chan, Safai, Ronen and Preston**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to amend the Language Access Ordinance to clarify Departments' responsibilities to provide language access services to members of the public, and to clarify the role of the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs in administering the Language Access Ordinance; to require language access service be provided in Chinese, Spanish, Filipino, and any other language for which the requisite number of persons qualify as a Substantial Number of Limited English Proficient Persons; to lower the threshold amount for the requisite number of persons needed to meet the definition of Substantial Number of Limited English Proficient Persons; to amend the formula for determining when a language becomes eligible for language access services; to require Departments to translate signage; to require Departments to translate digital content provided on digital platforms; to clarify that crisis situations also includes but is not limited to pandemics, refugee relief, and disaster-related activities; to require departments that provide emergency response services in the event of a crisis situation or disaster-related services, involving an immediate threat of serious harm, mass casualties, conditions of natural disaster, or conditions posing extreme peril to the safety of persons and property to provide language access services; to rename the Annual Compliance Plan to Annual Compliance Report; to impose requirements for the Language Access Ordinance Summary Report; to require Departments to inform members of the public of their right to file a complaint, and of a process for providing feedback on the Department's Language Access Services; to require Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs to create a know-your-rights brochure; to require Departments' posting notice of the availability of Language Access Services and a know-your-rights brochure; to require Departments to budget and plan for delivery of Language Access Services; to require Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs to prepare an investigation summary report of each investigation that will include findings and recommendation to address the issues raised, and to create and maintain a website for the posting of investigation summary reports; and to delete the financial disclosure requirement for Immigrant Rights Commission members.

07/25/23; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 8/24/2023.

08/08/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrants Affairs for informational purposes.

05/06/24; AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Jorge Rivas, Director, and Chloe Noonan (Office of Civic Engagement and Immigrant Affairs); Celine Kennelly, Chair (Immigrant Rights Commission); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Anthony Friel; spoke in support of the matter. Arlene Tran; Tran Lan Lee; Ms. Yee; Speaker; Anita Terani; Jose Gunn; Speaker; Jenel; Jerad; Jemori; Speaker; Marti Guiles; Speaker; Ani; Ms. Negoa; Tela Neva; Celaya; Abdul; Ned Gee; Ronia Guitar; Fatu; Amir; Speaker; Sara Sing (Human Rights Commission); Ms. Detroti (Immigrant Rights Commission); Joy Zhan (Youth Commission); spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

Supervisors Safai and Ronen requested to be added as co-sponsors.

05/06/24; CONTINUED AS AMENDED.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): None.

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

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be **AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE**, on Page 11, Lines 20-24, to insert 'Upon request, a LEP Person may request written materials that provide vital information to the public about the Department's services or programs into a language not captured by the required languages. However, the Public Utilities Commission and the Tax Collector shall make resources available for LEP Persons to understand their property tax and utility bills' and Page 24, Lines 23-24, to insert 'The know-your-rights brochure shall be translated and made available in at least the top 20 languages in San Francisco that are most spoken and have the highest rate of language access needs'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

(No Budget Analyst Report)

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be **REFERRED AS AMENDED to the Budget and Appropriations Committee**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

240281 [Administrative, Business and Tax Regulations Codes - Housing Needs Report Frequency and DAS Department Name Updates]

Ordinance amending the Administrative and Business and Tax Regulations Codes to change the frequency of the Housing Needs Overview for Seniors and People with Disabilities and the Housing Needs Assessment and Production Pipeline Report for Seniors and People with Disabilities; and to update all references to the Department of Disability and Aging Services (DAS) consistent with the Charter and make other non-material corrections. (Department of Disability and Aging Services)

03/25/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/02/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 5/2/2024.

04/03/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Deptment of Disability and Aging Services for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Susie Smith (Human Services Agency); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be **RECOMMENDED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

240048 [Administrative Code - Surveillance Technology Policy - Human Services Agency - Call Recording Technology]

Ordinance approving Surveillance Technology Policy for Human Services Agency use of Call Recording Technology. (Human Services Agency)

01/17/24; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

01/30/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 2/29/2024.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Susie Smith (Human Services Agency); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be **RECOMMENDED**. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

240029 [Hearing - Artificial Intelligence in Local Elections]**Sponsor: Preston**

Hearing on Artificial Intelligence in Local Elections; and requesting the Department of Elections and Ethics Commission to report.

01/09/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

01/29/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Elections and the Ethics Commission for Informational Purposes

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): David Harris (California Initiative for Technology and Democracy); John Arntz, Director (Department of Elections); Patrick Ford, Executive Director, and Michael Canning (Ethics Commission); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Member Preston moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

240487 [Ethics Commission Regulation Amendments - Campaign Finance Regulations]

Hearing on the Ethics Commission's adoption of Regulation Amendments regarding "Campaign Finance Rules" contained in Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, Sections 1.108-4 (Bank Account Location), 1.112 (Electronic Campaign Disclosure - Electronic Signatures), 1.126-7 (Contributor Information), 1.126-9 (Hosting Home or Office Fundraisers), 1.127-3 (Contributions by Persons with a Financial Interest in Land Use Matter - Contributor Attestation), 1.127-4 (Hosting Home or Office Fundraisers), 1.142-6 (Certification), 1.170-1 (Provision of Documents), and 1.170-2 (Provision of Documents); pursuant to Charter, Section 15.102, that provides the Ethics Commission the authority to adopt regulations that become effective 60 days after adoption unless two-thirds of all Members of the Board of Supervisors vote to veto the rule or regulation; and requesting the Ethics Commission to report. (Rules Committee)

05/07/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Michael Canning and Patrick Ford, Executive Director (Ethics Commission); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion vetoing proposed Regulation 1.126-9 and 1.127-4 (Contractors Doing Business with the City: Hosting Home or Office Fundraisers) and proposed Regulation 1.127-4 (Persons with a Financial Interest in Land Use Matter: Hosting Home or Office Fundraisers), adopted by the Ethics Commission on April 12, 2024. (Rules Committee)

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

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Preston

Excused: 1 - Walton

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 12:16 p.m.

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