



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Rules Committee

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Members: John Avalos, Katy Tang, Malia Cohen

Clerk: Alisa Somera (415) 554-4447

Thursday, May 14, 2015

11:00 AM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - John Avalos, Katy Tang, and Malia Cohen

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chair John Avalos called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m. On the call of the roll, Supervisors Avalos, Tang, and Cohen were noted present. Supervisor Eric Mar was also noted present. There was a quorum.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

150220 [Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code - Disclosure Requirements for Draft Committees]

Sponsors: Avalos; Mar

Ordinance amending the Campaign and Governmental Conduct Code, by adding Section 1.160, to impose disclosure requirements on draft committees that support a person for City elective office who has not qualified as a candidate.

03/03/15; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee.

03/10/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Elections and Ethics Commission for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: John St. Croix, Executive Director (Ethics Commission); presented information and answered questions raised during the discussion. Larry Bush (Friends of Ethics); Bob Planthold; Ace Washington; spoke in support of the hearing matter.

Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

150349 [Health Code - Extending the Food Security Task Force]**Sponsors: Mar; Cohen**

Ordinance amending the Health Code to extend the sunset date of the Food Security Task Force by three years.

04/07/15; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 5/7/2015.

04/14/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Public Health for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Eric Mar (Board of Supervisors); Teri Olle (San Francisco and Marin Food Banks); presented information and answered questions raised during the discussion.

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

Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED on Page 1, Line 12, by adding '470.1 and' after 'Section', and Line 13, by striking 'Section 470.1 is not amended but is partially reprinted below for context:'; and Page 2, Lines 15-19, by adding '(3) Any member representing a community-based organization who fails to attend at least three meetings in a six-month period without the express approval of the Task Force at or before each missed meeting shall be deemed to have resigned from the Task Force ten days after the third unapproved absence. The Task Force shall promptly inform the Clerk of the Board of the resignation.', Line 22, by adding '(d) Meetings. The Task Force shall meet at least once every four months.', and Line 23, by striking 'd' and adding 'e'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

Supervisor Mar was noted not present at 11:25 a.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.

150332 [Administrative Code - Reauthorizing the San Francisco Sentencing Commission]**Sponsor: Cohen**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to reauthorize the San Francisco Sentencing Commission and revise its sunset date.

03/31/15; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 4/30/2015.

04/06/15; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the District Attorney for review and response; and the Public Defender, Adult Probation Department, Juvenile Probation Department, Sheriff's Department, Police Department, Department of Public Health, Reentry Council, and the Department on the Status of Women for informational purposes.

Heard in Committee. Speaker: Tara Regan Anderson (Office of the District Attorney); presented information and answered questions raised during the discussion.

Supervisor Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Tang, moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED on Page 2, Line 11, by striking 'and 5.250-1' after '5.520', and adding '520-1'; Page 3, Lines 13-19, by adding '(f) All public members serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority and can be removed at any time, with or without cause. (g) Any public member who fails to attend at least half of the meetings in any fiscal year, without the express approval of the Commission at or before each missed meeting, shall be deemed to have resigned from the Commission ten days after the next regular meeting following the last unapproved absence, and the Commission shall inform the appointing authority of the resignation.'; and Page 5, by adding 'until they are removed by their appointing authorities' and striking 'without reappointment until the expiration of their respective terms.' The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

Supervisor Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Tang, moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

150452 [Appointment, Bicycle Advisory Committee - Diane Serafini]

Hearing to consider appointing one member to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, term ending November 19, 2016, or for the tenure of the nominating Supervisor, whichever is shorter in duration. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 8, succeeding Timothy Doherty, term expired, must be a nominee of the District 8 Supervisor, to serve the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 19, 2016, or for the tenure of the nominating Supervisor, whichever is shorter in duration.

05/08/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Andres Power (Office of Supervisor Scott Wiener); presented information and spoke in support of the nominee. Diane Serafini; spoke on her qualifications and answered questions raised during the discussion. Marlinda McPhail; spoke in support of Diane Serafini.

Appointment of Diane Serafini, seat 8, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Diane Serafini to the Bicycle Advisory Committee, term ending November 19, 2016, or for the tenure of the nominating Supervisor, whichever is shorter in duration. (Rules Committee)

Diane Serafini, seat 8, succeeding Timothy Doherty, term expired, must be a nominee of the District 8 Supervisor, to serve the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending November 19, 2016, or for the tenure of the nominating Supervisor, whichever is shorter in duration.

Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED... The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

150453 [Appointment, Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area - Sam (Sarah) Dennison]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending August 2, 2017, and one member, term ending August 2, 2019, to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 6, succeeding Robert Marquez, resigned, must represent a community-based organization or provide direct services to the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area or adjacent area, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending August 2, 2017.

Vacant seat 9, succeeding Mara Blitzer, resigned, must have expertise in commercial real estate and leasing within the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area, for a four-year term ending August 2, 2019.

05/08/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker: Sam (Sarah) Dennison; spoke on her qualifications and answered questions raised during the discussion.

Appointment of Sam (Sarah) Dennison, seat 6, recommended.

Seat 9 was not recommended and consideration was continued to the call of the Chair.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Sam (Sarah) Dennison, term ending August 2, 2017, to the Citizen's Advisory Committee for the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area. (Rules Committee)

Sam (Sarah) Dennison, seat 6, succeeding Robert Marquez, resigned, must represent a community-based organization or provide direct services to the Central Market Street and Tenderloin Area or adjacent area, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending August 2, 2017.

Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED... The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

150474 [Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Shaun Haines and Fiona Hinze]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending April 27, 2016, and one member, term ending April 27, 2017, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 8, succeeding Todd David, resigned, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest in, or has experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2016.

Vacant seat 11, succeeding Fiona Hinze, term expired, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest in, or has experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2017.

05/08/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Bruce Wolfe; Shaun Haines; Fiona Hinze; Kristin Chu; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised during the discussion. Sally Stephens; spoke in support of Bruce Wolfe.

Appointment of Shaun Haines, seat 8, recommended.

Appointment of Fiona Hinze, seat 11, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Shaun Haines, term ending April 27, 2016, and Fiona Hinze, term ending April 27, 2017, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Shaun Haines, seat 8, succeeding Todd David, resigned, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest in, or has experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2016.

Fiona Hinze, seat 11, succeeding herself, term expired, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest in, or has experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2017.

Supervisor Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Tang, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

150476 [Appointments, Commission of Animal Control and Welfare - Davi Lang, Russell Tenofsky, Jane Tobin, and Julene Johnson]

Hearing to consider appointing four members, terms ending April 30, 2017, to the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 3, succeeding Davi Lang, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Vacant seat 4, succeeding Russell Tenofsky, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Vacant seat 5, succeeding Sally Stephens, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Vacant seat 6, succeeding Julene Johnson, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

05/08/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Brandy Kuentzel; Maria Conlon; Russell Tenofsky; Andrea Montoya; Jane Tobin; Julene Johnson; Nicolle "Bunny" Matthews Rosenberg; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised during the discussion. Laurie Routhier, Deidre Kidder and Male Speaker (Muttville); spoke in support of Nicolle "Bunny" Matthews Rosenberg. Nadine Mayan; spoke in support of Julene Johnson and Maria Conlon. Sally Stephens (Commission of Animal Control and Welfare); spoke in support of Jane Tobin, Russell Tenofsky, Davi Lang, and Julene Johnson.

Appointment of Davi Lang, seat 3, recommended.

Appointment of Russell Tenofsky, seat 4, recommended.

Appointment of Jane Tobin, seat 5, recommended.

Appointment of Julene Johnson, seat 6, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Davi Lang, Russell Tenofsky, Jane Tobin, and Julene Johnson, terms ending April 30, 2017, to the Commission of Animal Control and Welfare. (Rules Committee)

Davi Lang, seat 3, succeeding herself, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Russell Tenofsky, seat 4, succeeding himself, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Jane Tobin, seat 5, succeeding Sally Stephens, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Julene Johnson, seat 6, succeeding herself, term expired, must be a member representing the general public having interest and experience in animal matters, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 30, 2017.

Supervisor Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Tang, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Committee adjourned at the hour of 1:15 p.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.