

1 [Appointments, Behavioral Health Commission - Jasper Verduin, Michael Fittro, Sam
2 Ustrzynski, Kescha Mason, Brandon Fountain, Amelia Harmon, Stephanie Gonzales, and
3 Tara Gamboa-Eastman]

4 **Motion appointing Jasper Verduin, term ending January 1, 2027, Michael Fittro, Sam**
5 **Ustrzynski (residency requirement waived), and Kescha Mason, terms ending January**
6 **1, 2028, and Brandon Fountain, Amelia Harmon, Stephanie Gonzales, and Tara**
7 **Gamboa-Eastman, terms ending January 1, 2029, to the Behavioral Health Commission.**
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9 MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco does
10 hereby appoint the following designated person(s) to serve as member(s) of the Behavioral
11 Health Commission, pursuant to the provisions of California Welfare and Institutions Code,
12 Section 5604 et seq.; and Administrative Code, Section 15.12 et seq., for the term specified:

13 Brandon Fountain, seat 3, succeeding Liza Murawski, term expired, must be a
14 consumer (a consumer is defined as a person who has received mental health and/or
15 substance use services in San Francisco from any program operated or funded by the City,
16 from a State hospital, or from any public or private nonprofit mental health agency), for the
17 unexpired portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2029;

18 Michael Fittro, seat 5, succeeding Harriette Stevens, term expired, must be a family
19 member of a consumer (a consumer is defined as a person who has received mental health
20 and/or substance use services in San Francisco from any program operated or funded by the
21 City, From a State hospital, or from any public or private nonprofit mental health agency) for
22 the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2028;

23 Amelia Harmon, seat 6, succeeding Lisa Williams, term expired, must be a family
24 member of a consumer (a consumer is defined as a person who has received mental health
25 and/or substance use services in San Francisco from any program operated or funded by the

1 City, From a State hospital, or from any public or private nonprofit mental health agency) for
2 the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2029;

3 Sam Ustrzynski (residency requirement waived), seat 8, succeeding Genesis
4 Vasconez, term expired, must be a person with experience and knowledge of the mental
5 health system representing the public interest, which may include, but not be limited to,
6 people who engage with individuals living with mental illness in the course of daily operations,
7 such as representatives of county offices of education, businesses, hospitals, hospital
8 districts, physicians practicing in an ER, city police chiefs, county sheriffs, and community and
9 nonprofit service providers, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending January 1,
10 2028;

11 Stephanie Gonzales, seat 9, succeeding Lisa Wynn, term expired, must be a person
12 with experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing the public interest,
13 which may include, but not be limited to, people who engage with individuals living with mental
14 illness in the course of daily operations, such as representatives of county offices of
15 education, businesses, hospitals, hospital districts, physicians practicing in an ER, city police
16 chiefs, county sheriffs, and community and nonprofit service providers, for the unexpired
17 portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2029;

18 Jasper Verduin, seat 10, succeeding Carletta Jackson-Lane, term expired, must be a
19 person with experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing the public
20 interest, which may include, but not be limited to, people who engage with individuals living
21 with mental illness in the course of daily operations, such as representatives of county offices
22 of education, businesses, hospitals, hospital districts, physicians practicing in an ER, city
23 police chiefs, county sheriffs, and community and nonprofit service providers, for the
24 unexpired portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2027;

1 Kescha Mason, seat 11, succeeding herself, term expired, must be a person with
2 experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing the public interest, which
3 may include, but not be limited to, people who engage with individuals living with mental
4 illness in the course of daily operations, such as representatives of county offices of
5 education, businesses, hospitals, hospital districts, physicians practicing in an ER, city police
6 chiefs, county sheriffs, and community and nonprofit service providers, for the unexpired
7 portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2028;

8 Tara Gamboa-Eastman, seat 12, succeeding Alexander Humphrey, term expired,
9 must be a person with experience and knowledge of the mental health system representing
10 the public interest, which may include, but not be limited to, people who engage with
11 individuals living with mental illness in the course of daily operations, such as representatives
12 of county offices of education, businesses, hospitals, hospital districts, physicians practicing in
13 an ER, city police chiefs, county sheriffs, and community and nonprofit service providers, for
14 the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending January 1, 2029; and, be it

15 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors makes the following findings:

- 16 1. The membership of the Behavioral Health Commission has a goal to be representative
17 of the diversity of the City and County of San Francisco.
- 18 2. Applicant Sam Ustrzynski, who is not a resident of San Francisco, is a person with
19 experience that uniquely qualifies them to serve on the Behavioral Health Commission.
- 20 3. The Behavioral Health Commission has attempted to fill the position, for which Sam
21 Ustrzynski was nominated, with an individual who is City a resident and who has the
22 specific experience, skills, and qualifications, but has been unable to do so at this time.
23 The Rules Committee has certified that Sam Ustrzynski is qualified to serve on the
24 Behavioral Health Commission.

1 4. After exercising due diligence, the Board of Supervisors concludes that there is no
2 other possible representatives who is a resident of San Francisco, who has the specific
3 experience, skills, or qualifications possessed by this applicant, and who is willing to
4 serve on the Behavioral Health Commission at this time; and, be it

5 FURTHER MOVED, That the Board of Supervisors waives the residency requirement
6 for Sam Ustrzynski, as is allowed in cases where no qualified City resident who is willing to
7 serve can be found, pursuant to Charter, Section 4.101(b), that otherwise requires person(s)
8 appointed to boards, commissions, and advisory bodies established by legislative act of the
9 Board of Supervisors to be resident(s) of the City and County of San Francisco.