



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

City Hall
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, Connie Chan

Clerk: Victor Young (415) 554-7723

Monday, January 25, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, and Connie Chan

The Rules Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing on Monday, January 25, 2021, with Chair Aaron Peskin presiding. Chair Peskin called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Remote Access to Information and Participation

In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at (www.sfgovtv.org) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>.

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ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Peskin, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Chan were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

210046 [Appointment, Transbay Joint Powers Authority - Alicia John-Bastiste]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, for an indefinite term, to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 3, succeeding Nadia Sesay, resigned, must have expertise in large, complex infrastructure funding, policy and/or project delivery, for an indefinite term.

01/14/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Alicia John-Baptiste; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. David Pilpel; spoke in support of the appointment of Alicia John-Baptiste.

Appointment of Alicia John-Baptiste (residency requirement waived), seat 3, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Alicia John-Bastiste (residency requirement waived), for indefinite term, to the Transbay Joint Powers Authority. (Rules Committee)

Alicia John-Bastiste (residency requirement waived), seat 3, succeeding Nadia Sesay, must have expertise in large, complex infrastructure funding, policy and/or project delivery, for an indefinite term.

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

210060 [Mayoral Appointment - City Administrator - Carmen Chu]

Motion confirming the Mayoral appointment of Carmen Chu as City Administrator, for a five-year term beginning February 1, 2021, pursuant to Charter, Section 3.104. (Clerk of the Board)

01/19/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Carmen Chu; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Amy Boken; Kay Gulbengay; Amy Chong; Charles Pen (Coalition for SF Neighborhoods); Michele Casano; Sara Won; Malcolm Young; Sharky Laguna (Small Business Commission); Speaker; David Pilpel; Dion-Jay L. Brookter; Rodney Fong (SF Chamber of Commerce); Eddie Ahn; George Ownin; Sophia Andori; Angie Pnatera; Bing Lee; spoke in support of the appointment of Carmen Chu. Jerry Dratler (see Addendum); spoke neither in support nor against the appointment Carmen Chu.

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

The meeting was recessed from 11:14 a.m. to 11:27 a.m.

210012 [Mayoral Appointment, Public Utilities Commission - Newsha Ajami]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Newsha Ajami to the Public Utilities Commission, for a term ending August 1, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.112, provides that the Board of Supervisors shall confirm the Mayor's appointment by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Transmittal date: January 3, 2021.)

01/05/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Newsha Ajami; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Gary Nelson (Golden Gate Salmon Association); David Pilpel; spoke in support of the appointment of Newsha Ajami. Francisco Da Costa; spoke neither in support nor against the appointment Newsha Ajami.

Appointment of Newsha Ajami, seat 3, recommended.

Chair Peskin moved that this Motion be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, by striking the word 'rejecting' throughout the legislation and adding other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

Motion approving the Mayor's nomination for appointment of Newsha Ajami to the Public Utilities Commission, for a term ending August 1, 2024. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.112, provides that the Board of Supervisors shall confirm the Mayor's appointment by a majority of the Board of Supervisors. Transmittal date: January 3, 2021.)

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

210047 [Appointment, Park, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee - Angela Leung]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending February 1, 2023, to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 6, succeeding Steffen Franz, resigned, must be nominated by the District 2 Supervisor and from District 2, for a two-year term ending February 1, 2023.

01/14/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speaker: Angela Leung; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Appointment of Angela Leung, seat 6, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Angela Leung, term ending February 1, 2023, to the Park, Recreation and Open Space Advisory Committee. (Rules Committee)

Angela Leung, Seat 6, succeeding Steffen Franz, term expired, must be nominated by the District 2 Supervisor and from District 2, for a two-year term ending February 1, 2023.

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

210048 [Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Bruce Wolfe, Kevin Frazier, Laura Stein, Matthew Yankee, Chris Hyland, Laurie Jones Neighbors, and Kai Forsley]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending April 27, 2021, and six members, terms ending April 27, 2022, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 3, succeeding Josh Wolf, resigned, must be a member from the press or electronic media, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 6, succeeding Bruce Wolfe, term expired, must be a member of the public experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 7, succeeding Rodman Martin, term expired, must be a member of the public experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Vacant Seat 8, succeeding Frank Cannata, resigned, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 9, succeeding Chris Hyland, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 10, succeeding Matthew Yankee, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 11, succeeding Fiona Hinze, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2021.

Heard in Committee. Speaker: David Pilpel; Applicant, spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Appointment of Kevin Frazier, seat 3, recommended.

Appointment of Laura Stein, seat 6, recommended.

Appointment of Matthew Yankee, seat 7, recommended.

Appointment of Chris Hyland, seat 8, recommended.

Appointment of Laurie Jones Neighbors, seat 9, recommended.

Appointment of Kai Forsley, seat 10, recommended.

Appointment of Bruce Wolfe, seat 11, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Bruce Wolfe, term expiring April 27, 2021, and Kevin Frazier, Laura Stein, Matthew Yankee, Chris Hyland, Laurie Jones Neighbors, and Kai Forsley, terms expiring April 27, 2022, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Bruce Wolfe, Seat 11, succeeding Fiona Hinze, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government (and member of the public who is physically handicapped), for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2021;

Kevin Frazier, Seat 3, succeeding Josh Wolf, resigned, must be a member from the press or electronic media, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022;

Laura Stein, Seat 6, succeeding Bruce Wolfe, term expired, must be a member of the public experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022;

Matthew Yankee, Seat 7, succeeding Rodman Martin, term expired, must be a member of the public experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022;

Chris Hyland, Seat 8, succeeding Frank Cannata, resigned, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022;

Laurie Jones Neighbors, Seat 9, succeeding Chris Hyland, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022;

Kai Forsley, Seat 10, succeeding Matthew Yankee, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 12:59 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.

ADDENDUM

The following information is provided by speaker(s), pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 67.16. The content is neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the Clerk of the Board or the Board of Supervisors.

Jerry Dratler submitted the following additional information regarding File No. 210060 as follows: "Mr. Dratler expressed concern that potential favors granted Assessor Carmen Chu may indicate she is the wrong candidate to replace former City Administrator Kelly. Mr. Dratler sent members of the Rules Committee a copy of allegations from a former SF Assessment Appeals Board member that Ms. Chu received three property tax reductions she was not entitled to receive when she was a member of the SF Board of Supervisors.

Mr. Dratler recommended the Rules Committee approve Ms. Chu for the position of City Administrator subject to the City Attorney issuing a report that clears Ms. Chu of wrongdoing.

Mr. Dratler stated Ms. Kelly's retirement was an opportunity to conduct a national search for candidates who are more suited to addressing corruption in the Department of Public Works and the appointment of Ms. Chu is one more missed opportunity to break the cycle of corruption in SF City Government. "