



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Members: Shamann Walton, Stephen Sherrill, Rafael Mandelman

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Monday, June 1, 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, June 1, 2026, with Chair Shamann Walton presiding. Chair Walton called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Walton and Vice Chair Sherrill were noted present. Member Mandelman was noted not present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Member Mandelman was noted present at 10:06 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.

REGULAR AGENDA

260399 [Administrative Code - Entertainment Zones and Downtown Activation Zone]

Sponsor: Sauter

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the 1) North Beach Entertainment Zone (on Powell Street between Columbus Avenue and Vallejo Street; Union Street between Powell Street and Grant Avenue; Green Street between Powell Street and Grant Avenue; Columbus Avenue between Union Street and William Saroyan Place; William Saroyan Place and Jack Kerouac Alley; Stockton Street between Filbert and Vallejo Streets; Vallejo Street between Stockton Street and Grant Avenue; Grant Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Filbert Street; Broadway between Columbus Avenue and Kearny Street; Bannam Place between Union and Green Streets; and Jasper Place between Union and Green Streets); 2) Ferry Building Entertainment Zone (the area bounded by the east side of The Embarcadero on the west, Ferry Plaza on the south, northern boundary of Parcel 9900274 on the north, and San Francisco shoreline on the east); 3) Embarcadero Plaza Entertainment Zone (the area bounded by the west side of The Embarcadero from Washington Street to Don Chee Way; Don Chee Way between The Embarcadero and Steuart Street; Steuart Street between Don Chee Way and Market Street; Market Street between Steuart and Drumm Streets; Drumm Street between Market and Washington Streets; and Washington Street between Davis Street and The Embarcadero); and 4) Belden Place Downtown Activation Zone (on Belden Place between Bush and Pine Streets); to authorize the outdoor consumption of alcoholic beverages during an Entertainment Zone Event starting at 11:00 a.m. rather than noon; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

04/14/26; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 5/14/2026.

05/04/26; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Entertainment Commission for informational purposes. Referred to Planning Dept. for CEQA determinaton.

05/07/26; RESPONSE RECEIVED. Not defined as a project under CEQA Guidelines Sections 15378 and 15060(c)(2) because it would not result in a direct or reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Danny Sauter (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Claudio; Scott Landsittel (Port of San Francisco); Mr. Watts (North Beach Business Association); Lilian Chester; spoke in support of the matter.

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, on Page 1, Lines 14-19, to strike section related to the Embarcadero Plaza Entertainment Zone; Page 5, Lines 10- 24, and Page 6, Lines 1-11, to strike section related to the Embarcadero Plaza Entertainment Zone; and make clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the 1) North Beach Entertainment Zone (on Powell Street between Columbus Avenue and Vallejo Street; Union Street between Powell Street and Grant Avenue; Green Street between Powell Street and Grant Avenue; Columbus Avenue between Union Street and William Saroyan Place; William Saroyan Place and Jack Kerouac Alley; Stockton Street between Filbert and Vallejo Streets; Vallejo Street between Stockton Street and Grant Avenue; Grant Avenue between Columbus Avenue and Filbert Street; Broadway between Columbus Avenue and Kearny Street; Bannam Place between Union and Green Streets; and Jasper Place between Union and Green Streets); 2) Ferry Building Entertainment Zone (the area bounded by the east side of The Embarcadero on the west, Ferry Plaza on the south, northern boundary of Parcel 9900274 on the north, and San Francisco shoreline on the east); and 3) Belden Place Downtown Activation Zone (on Belden Place between Bush and Pine Streets); to authorize the outdoor consumption of alcoholic beverages during an Entertainment Zone Event starting at 11:00 a.m. rather than noon; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Ordinance be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260506 [Administrative Code - Downtown Hospitality Zone]

Sponsor: Mayor

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the Downtown Hospitality Zone, in the area bounded by 5th Street from Folsom Street to Market Street; Cyril Magnin Street from Market Street to Eddy Street; Eddy Street from Cyril Magnin Street to Mason Street; Mason Street from Eddy Street to Ellis Street; Ellis Street from Mason Street to Taylor Street; Taylor Street from Ellis Street to Post Street; Post Street from Taylor Street to Mason Street; Mason Street from Post Street to Bush Street; Bush Street from Mason Street to Kearny Street; Kearny Street from Bush Street to Market Street; Market Street from 3rd Street to 2nd Street; 2nd Street from Market Street to Folsom Street; and Folsom Street from 2nd Street to 5th Street; and affirming the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act.

05/10/26; DUPLICATED. Duplicated

05/11/26; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Duplicated from File No. 260296.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Ben Van Houten (Office of Economic and Workforce Development); Supervisor Danny Sauter (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Brian Sheehy; spoke in opposition of the matter.

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 2, Line 12, to replace '15' with '12'. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

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

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

Chair Walton requested File Nos. 260491, 260493 and 260494 be heard together.

260491 [Reappointment, Police Commission - Kevin Benedicto]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending April 30, 2030, to the Police Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 2, succeeding Kevin Michael Benedicto, term expired, must be nominated by the Board of Supervisors' Rules Committee and subject to confirmation by the Board of Supervisors, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending April 30, 2030.

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

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Kevin Benedicto; Lawrence Low; Mattie Scott; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Dale Amami; Celia Lee; Arlene Drummer; Sylvia Harper; Yolanda Williams; Ms. Hester; Buck Gee; Jesus Larua; Paul Sinel; Kevin Michael Benedicto; Speaker; Crystal Ben; Jose Ong; John Koo; Mattie Scott; Speaker; Ace Washington; spoke in support of the appointment of various applicant(s). Supervisor Connie Chan (Board of Supervisors); provided information on the matter.

Kevin Benedicto, seat 2, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion confirming the reappointment of Kevin Benedicto, term ending April 30, 2030, to the Police Commission. (Clerk of the Board)

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

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260493 [Mayoral Appointment, Police Commission - Lawrence Low]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for the appointment of Lawrence Low to the Police Commission, for a term ending April 30, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)

(Charter, Section 4.109, 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 dates: May 5, 2026.)

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Vice Chair Sherrill 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 the appointment of Lawrence Low to the Police Commission, for a term ending April 30, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.109, 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 dates: May 5, 2026.)

Vice Chair Sherrill moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260494 [Mayoral Reappointment, Police Commission - Mattie Scott]

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's nomination for the reappointment of Mattie Scott to the Police Commission, for a term ending April 30, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.109, 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 dates: May 5, 2026.)

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Member Mandelman 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 Mattie Scott to the Police Commission, for a term ending April 30, 2030. (Clerk of the Board)
(Charter, Section 4.109, 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 dates: May 5, 2026.)

Member Mandelman moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Walton, Sherrill, Mandelman

260563 [Rules of Order - Public Comment - Disruption Policies]

Motion amending the Board of Supervisors' Rules of Order by amending Rule 1.3.3 (In-Person and Remote Public Comment) to conform the Rule with the public comment changes; adding a new Rule 1.3.4 (Remote Public Comment Disruption Policy) to adopt a policy for the Board of Supervisors to handle disruptions to remote public participation; adding a new Rule 1.3.5 (Disorderly Conduct by Public Commenters) to codify the procedures around disorderly conduct by public commenters; and amending Rule 3.8 (Public Comment at Committee Meetings) to prohibit committees from limiting the total amount of time for public comment on an item. (Clerk of the Board)
(Pursuant to Board Rule 3.26.1, an amendment to the Board of Supervisors' Rules of Order shall be adopted by the affirmative vote of two-thirds (8 votes) of the full membership of the Board of Supervisors.)

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

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Angela Calvillo, Clerk of the Board (Board of Supervisors); Brad Russi, Deputy City Attorney (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

Chair Walton moved that this Motion be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. 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 11:47 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.