



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, April 19, 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, April 19, 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.

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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. Member Chan was noted not present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

210370 [Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Jaya Padmanabhan and Bruce Wolfe]

Hearing to consider appointing two members, terms ending April 27, 2023, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Clerk of the Board)

Seat 4, succeeding Jaya Padmanabhan, term expiring April 27, 2021, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be either a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization, a journalist whose work focuses on issues impacting minority racial or ethnic communities, or a journalist who works with a media organization or publication whose target audience is a minority racial or ethnic community. For purposes of this subsection (a), the term "journalist" shall be interpreted broadly, including but not limited to freelance journalists, photographers, and videographers, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2023.

Seat 11, succeeding Bruce Wolfe, term expiring April 27, 2021, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2023.

04/12/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Jaya Padmanabhan; Bruce Wolfe; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.

Appointment of Jaya Padmanabhan, seat 4, recommended (residency requirement waived).

Appointment of Bruce Wolfe, seat 11, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Jaya Padmanabhan (residency requirement waived) and Bruce Wolfe, terms expiring April 27, 2023, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Clerk of the Board)

Jaya Padmanabhan (residency requirement waived), seat 4, themselves, term expiring April 27, 2021, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be either a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization, a journalist whose work focuses on issues impacting minority racial or ethnic communities, or a journalist who works with a media organization or publication whose target audience is a minority racial or ethnic community. For purposes of this subsection (a), the term "journalist" shall be interpreted broadly, including but not limited to freelance journalists, photographers, and videographers, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2023.

Bruce Wolfe, Seat 11, succeeding themselves, term expiring April 27, 2021, 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 a two-year term ending April 27, 2023.

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

210256 [Appointments, Cannabis Oversight Committee - Ali Jamalian, Aaron Flynn, and Jessica Cry]

Hearing to consider appointing nine members, terms ending December 3, 2022, to the Cannabis Oversight Committee. (Rules Committee)

Seat 8, succeeding Ali Jamalian, term expired, must be held by an Owner of a Cannabis Business permitted through the Equity Program, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 9, succeeding Arron Flynn, term expired, must be held by the operator of a Cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, or distribution business with fewer than 20 employees at the time of appointment, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 10, succeeding Jessica Cry, term expired, must be held by a representative of organized labor who works with the Cannabis business labor force, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 11, succeeding Doug Bloch, term expired, must be held by a representative of organized labor who works with the Cannabis delivery service labor force, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 12, succeeding Shawn Richard, term expired, must be held by an owner of a storefront Cannabis retailer, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 13, succeeding Leah 'Nina Parks' Weitz, term expired, must be held by a person who, at the time of the appointment, is an Equity Applicant, as that term is defined in Police Code, Subsection 1604(b), for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 14, succeeding Jesse Stout, term expired, must be held by a person with demonstrated subject matter expertise on the State of California's Cannabis laws and regulations, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 15, succeeding Theresa Foglio, term expired, new appointment, must be held by a person with significant experience in workforce and economic development, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Seat 16, succeeding Sara Payan, term expired, must be held by a person who has been a Medicinal Cannabis patient or Medicinal Cannabis consumer for at least five years, with an extensive history advocating for Medicinal Cannabis patients or involvement in implementing and running a Cannabis compassionate use program in compliance with the Compassionate Use Act of 1996, for a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

03/09/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Marisa Rodriguez and Ray Law (Office of Cannabis); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Perry Jones; Ali Jamalian; Cynthia Boedihardjo; Christopher Callaway; William Dolan; Aaron Flynn; Jessica Cry; Shawn Richard; Brendan Hallinan; Charles Pappas; Aisha Hampton; Cindy De La Vega; Malcom Weitz; Leah Nina Parks Weitz; Raina Jackson; Izzabella Velez; John Nauer; Jesse Stout; Joshua Adam Ridless; Juell Marie Stewart; Lara DeCaro; Sarah Payan; Daruis Kemp; Michael Patrick Doherty; Robert Jones; Theresa Foglio-Ramirez; Russel Tenofsky; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. John Gomez (Local 5); spoke in support of the appointment of Jessica Cry. Carole Con; spoke in support of the appointment of Josh Ridless. Andy Tang; spoke in support of the appointment of Raina Jackson. Speaker; spoke in support of the appointment of Aaron Flynn. Rudy Revalla; spoke in support of the appointment of Malcom Weitz. Mr. Toja spoke in support of the appointment of Jesse Stout. Jessica Metaka; Connor Johnston; David; Johnny Delplane; Speaker; spoke in support of the appointment of various applicants. Francisco Da Costa; spoke neither in support nor against the appointment applicant name.

Appointment of Ali Jamalian, seat 8, recommended.

Appointment of Aaron Flynn, seat 9, recommended.

Appointment of Jessica Cry, seat 10, recommended.

(Seats 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, and 16 continued to the April 26, 2021, Rules Committee Meeting.)

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Ali Jamalian, Aaron Flynn, and Jessica Cry, terms ending December 3, 2022, to the Cannabis Oversight Committee. (Rules Committee)

Ali Jamalian, seat 8, succeeding themselves, term expired, must be held by an Owner of a Cannabis Business permitted through the Equity Program, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Aaron Flynn, seat 9, succeeding themselves, term expired, must be held by the operator of a Cannabis cultivation, manufacturing, or distribution business with fewer than 20 employees at the time of appointment, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending December 3, 2022.

Jessica Cry, seat 10, succeeding herself, term expired, must be held by a representative of organized labor who works with the Cannabis business labor force, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending December 3, 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 12:11 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.