



City and County of San Francisco
Meeting Minutes
Rules Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Jane Kim, Mark Farrell, David Campos

Clerk: Linda Wong (415) 554-7719

Thursday, May 17, 2012

1:30 PM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Jane Kim, Mark Farrell, and David Campos

MEETING CONVENED

The meeting convened at 1:34 p.m.

REGULAR AGENDA

120493 [Appointment, Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board - Supervisor Christina Olague]

Motion appointing Supervisor Christina Olague, term ending June 30, 2013, to the Association of Bay Area Governments Executive Board. (Clerk of the Board)

05/10/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Douglas Yep; Walter Paulson; spoke in support of the appointment.

RECOMMENDED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

111326 [Confirming Appointment, Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors - Cristina Rubke]

Sponsor: Mayor

Motion confirming the Mayor's appointment of Cristina Rubke, term ending March 1, 2016, to the Municipal Transportation Agency Board of Directors.

05/08/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Cristina Rubke; spoke on her qualifications. Carla Johnson (Mayor's Office of Disability); Susan Mizner; Lisa Gidley; Lisa Stockholm; Bruce Wolfe; Neal Patel; Walter Paulson; Douglas Yep; spoke in support of the Mayor's appointment.

RECOMMENDED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120490 [Appointments, Child Care Planning and Advisory Council - Candace Wong, Simon Lee, Natalie Kriger, and Michele Rutherford]

Hearing to consider appointing four members, terms ending March 19, 2015, to the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 3, succeeding Candace Wong, must be nominated by District 3 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

Vacant seat 4, succeeding Simon Lee, must be nominated by District 4 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

Vacant seat 5, succeeding Natalie Brutto, must be nominated by District 5 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

Vacant seat 12, succeeding Michele Rutherford, must be nominated by the President of the Board of Supervisors, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

05/09/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Walter Paulson; spoke in support of the applicants. Charles Pitts; spoke in opposition of the applicants.

Appointment of Candace Wong, seat 3, recommended.

Appointment of Simon Lee, seat 4, recommended.

Appointment of Natalie Kriger, seat 5, recommended.

Appointment of Michele Rutherford, seat 12, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Candace Wong, Simon Lee, Natalie Kriger, and Michele Rutherford, terms ending March 19, 2015, to the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council. (Clerk of the Board)

Candace Wong, seat 3, succeeding herself, must be nominated by District 3 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

Simon Lee, seat 4, succeeding himself, must be nominated by District 4 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

Natalie Kriger, seat 5, herself, succeeding , must be nominated by District 5 Supervisor, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

Michele Rutherford, seat 12, succeeding herself, must be nominated by the President of the Board of Supervisors, for the unexpired portion of a three-year term ending March 19, 2015.

RECOMMENDED.. by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120491 [Appointment, Local Homeless Coordinating Board - Laura Guzman]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending October 21, 2015, to the Local Homeless Coordinating Board. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 1, succeeding Laura Guzman, term expired, must be a member of the disabled community, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending October 21, 2015.

05/09/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

File Nos. 120491 and 120273 were heard together.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Laura Guzman; Terezia Bohrer; Christine Ma, M.D.; spoke on their qualifications. Charles Pitts; spoke neither in support nor opposition to the appointments.

Megan Owen (Local Homeless Coordinating Board); spoke in support of applicant Laura Guzman.

Appointment of Laura Guzman, seat 1, recommended, residency requirement waived.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Laura Guzman, term ending October 21, 2015, to the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, and waiving residency requirement. (Clerk of the Board)

Laura Guzman, seat 1 (residency requirement waived), succeeding herself, term expired, must be a member of the disabled community, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending October 21, 2015.

RECOMMENDED.. by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120273 [Confirming Reappointment, Local Homeless Coordinating Board - Christine Ma, M.D.]

Resolution confirming the Controller's reappointment of Christine Ma, M.D., term ending October 21, 2015, to the Local Homeless Coordinating Board, and waiving residency requirement. (Controller)

03/27/12; RECEIVED FROM DEPARTMENT.

04/03/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

File Nos. 120491 and 120273 were heard together.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Laura Guzman; Terezie Bohrer; Christine Ma, M.D.; spoke on their qualifications. Charles Pitts; spoke neither in support nor opposition to the appointments. Megan Owen (Local Homeless Coordinating Board); spoke in support of applicant Laura Guzman.

RECOMMENDED.. by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120492 [Appointments, Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee - John Lowell, Paul Supawanich, Howard Strassner, Robin Brasso, and Zachary Marks]

Hearing to consider appointing five members, terms ending March 28, 2013 and March 28, 2014, to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 4, succeeding John Lowell, term expired, must be a representative from a senior or disability organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2014.

Vacant seat 5, succeeding Mari Hunter, resigned, must be a representative from a bicycle or other non-motorized wheeled personal transport organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2013.

Vacant seat 6, succeeding Howard Strassner, term expired, must be a representative from a transit or environmental organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2014.

Vacant seat 7, succeeding John Lowell, term expired, must be a representative from a children's advocate or school support organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2013.

Vacant seat 10, succeeding Paul Supawanich, term expired, must represent the public at-large, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2014.

05/09/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Howard Strassner; Robin Brasso; Zachary Marks; spoke on their qualifications. Ben Rosenfeld; spoke neither in support nor opposition to the applicants. Berk Hill; David Pilpel; Howard Strassner; Walter Paulson; Bruce Wolfe; spoke in support of various applicants.

Appointment of John Lowell, seat 4, recommended.

Appointment of Paul Supawanich, seat 5, recommended.

Appointment of Howard Strassner, seat 6, recommended.

Appointment of Robin Brasso, seat 7, recommended.

Appointment of Zachary Marks, seat 10, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Paul Supawanich and Robin Brasso, terms ending March 28, 2013, and John Lowell, Howard Strassner, and Zachary Marks, terms ending March 28, 2014, to the Pedestrian Safety Advisory Committee (Clerk of the Board)

John Lowell, seat 4, succeeding himself, term expired, must be a representative from a senior or disability organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2014.

Paul Supawanich, seat 5, succeeding himself, resigned, must be a representative from a bicycle or other non-motorized wheeled personal transport organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2013.

Howard Strassner, seat 6, succeeding himself, term expired, must be a representative from a transit or environmental organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2014.

Robin Brasso, seat 7, term expired, must be a representative from a children's advocate or school support organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2013.

Zachary Marks, seat 10, succeeding Paul Supawanich, term expired, must represent the public at-large, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending March 28, 2014.

RECOMMENDED.. by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120486 [Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Kitt Grant, David Pilpel, David Sims, Chris Hyland, and Louise Fischer]

Hearing to consider appointing ten members, terms ending April 27, 2013, and April 27, 2014, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 1, succeeding David Snyder, term expired, must be appointed from names submitted by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be an attorney, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 2, succeeding Richard Knee, term expired, must be appointed from names submitted by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be a journalist, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 3, succeeding Sue Cauthen, term expired, must be a member of the press or electronic media with an interest in citizen access, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 4, succeeding Suzanne Manneh, term expired, must be appointed from names submitted by the New California Media and be a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2013.

Vacant seat 5, succeeding Allyson Washburn, term expired, must be appointed from names submitted by the League of Women Voters, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 6, succeeding James Knoebber, resigned, must be experienced in consumer advocacy, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 7, succeeding Jay Costa, term expired, must be experienced in consumer advocacy, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 8, succeeding Bruce Wolfe, 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 a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 9, succeeding Hanley Chan, term expired, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest or has experience in the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

Vacant seat 10, succeeding Hope Johnson, term expired, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest or has experience in the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for a term ending April 27, 2014.

05/09/12; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ben Rosenfeld; Doug Comstock; Michael Kwan; Kitt Grant; Pixie Chopra; Marc Bruno; Allyson Washburn; Chris Hyland; David Pilpel; David Sims; Hal Michael Smith; Bruce Wolfe; Karen Sue Rolph, Ph.D.; Louise Fischer; Owen Patrick Stephens; Trevor McNeil; Hanley Chan; Todd David; spoke on their qualifications. Chantel Canyon; Richard Knee; Walter Paulson; Pedro Fernandez; Luke Gordon; Todd; Kathleen Dooley; Michael Nulty; Paul Henderson; Charles Pitts; spoke in support of various applicants.

Seats 1, 2, 4, and 5 were continued to the Call of the Chair.

Appointment of Kitt Grant, seat 3, recommended.

Appointment of David Pilpel, seat 6, recommended.

Appointment of David Sims, seat 7, recommended.

Appointment of Bruce Wolfe, seat 8, recommended.

Appointment of Chris Hyland, seat 9, recommended.

Appointment of Louise Fischer, seat 10, recommended.

DIVIDED; Supervisor Farrell divided consideration of Bruce Wolfe, seat 8, from File No. 120486.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Kitt Grant, David Pilpel, David Sims, Chris Hyland, and Louise Fischer, terms ending April 27, 2014, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Clerk of the Board)
Kitt Grant, seat 3, succeeding Sue Cauthen, term expired, must be a member of the press or electronic media with an interest in citizen access, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2014.

David Pilpel, seat 6, succeeding James Knoebber, resigned, must be experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2014.

David Sims, seat 7, succeeding Jay Costa, term expired, must be experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2014.

Chris Hyland, seat 9, succeeding Hanley Chan, term expired, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest 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, 2014.

Louise Fischer, seat 10, succeeding Hope Johnson, term expired, must be a member of the public who has demonstrated interest 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, 2014.

RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120553 [Appointment, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Bruce Wolfe]

Motion appointing Bruce Wolfe, term ending April 27, 2014, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Clerk of the Board)

Bruce Wolfe, seat 8, succeeding himself, 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, 2014.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ben Rosenfeld; Doug Comstock; Michael Kwan; Kitt Grant; Pixie Chopra; Marc Bruno; Allyson Washburn; Chris Hyland; David Pilpel; David Sims; Hal Michael Smith; Bruce Wolfe; Karen Sue Rolph, Ph.D.; Louise Fischer; Owen Patrick Stephens; Trevor McNeil; Hanley Chan; Todd David; spoke on their qualifications. Chantel Canyon; Richard Knee; Walter Paulson; Pedro Fernandez; Luke Gordon; Todd; Kathleen Dooley; Michael Nulty; Paul Henderson; Charles Pitts; spoke in support of various applicants.

RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT

Ayes: 2 - Kim, Campos

Noes: 1 - Farrell

LITIGATION

Conference with City Attorney

[Convene in Closed Session - Existing Litigation - City as Plaintiff and/or Defendant]

Motion that the Rules Committee of the Board of Supervisors convene in closed session with the City Attorney for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding the following existing lawsuits and claims in which proposed settlements are being considered by the Committee. Administrative Code Section 67.10(d) permit this closed session. Discussion in open session concerning these matters would likely and unavoidably prejudice the position of the City in the pending lawsuits and claims listed below.

Speaker: Kevin Woodson; spoke in support of File No. 120068.

Unanimous vote to convene in closed session by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

120068 [Settlement of Lawsuit - Kevin Woodson v. CCSF - \$45,000]

Ordinance authorizing settlement of the lawsuit filed by Kevin Woodson against the City and County of San Francisco for \$45,000; the lawsuit was filed on December 10, 2010, in the United States District Court, Northern District of California, Case No. C11-00057 JCS; entitled Kevin Woodson, et al. v. City and County of San Francisco, et al., and the waiver of the San Francisco General Hospital lien. (City Attorney)

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

RECOMMENDED.. by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

Deputy City Attorney Cheryl Adams reported that the Rules Committee has met in closed session with the City Attorney, under the provisions of Government Code Section 54956.9 (a) and Administrative Code Section 67.8 (3), for the purpose of conferring with, or receiving advice from, the City Attorney regarding settlements in the lawsuits or claims listed above.

[Elect Not to Disclose]

Motion that the Committee finds that it is in the best interest of the public that the Committee elect at this time not to disclose its closed session deliberations listed above.

Unanimous vote not to disclose by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Kim, Farrell, Campos

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:19 p.m.