



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

### Rules Committee

City Hall  
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*Members: Matt Dorsey, Shamann Walton, Ahsha Safai*

*Clerk: Victor Young  
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**Monday, May 8, 2023**

**10:00 AM**

**City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250**

### **Regular Meeting**

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**Present:** 3 - Matt Dorsey, Shamann Walton, and Ahsha Safai

*The Rules Committee met in regular session, in-person with remote access and public comment via telephone, on Monday, May 8, 2023, with Chair Matt Dorsey presiding. Chair Dorsey called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

### **Remote Access to Information and Participation**

*The Board of Supervisors and its committees convene hybrid meetings that allow in-person attendance, in-person public comment (prioritized before remote public comment), remote access (watch: [www.sfgovtv.org](http://www.sfgovtv.org)), and remote public comment via teleconference (<https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>). Members of the public may also submit their comments by email to the Clerk listed above; all comments received will be made a part of the official record.*

### **ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*On the call of the roll, Chair Dorsey and Vice-Chair Walton were noted present. Member Safai was noted not present. A quorum of the committee was present.*

*Member Safai was noted present at 10:05 a.m.*

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

*Victor Young, Rules Committee Clerk, instructed members of the public, that when general public comment is called, to contribute live comments in-person or by dialing the telephone number published on the agenda and scrolling across the screen. Clerk Young further announced that in-person public comment will be taken before remote public comment is called.*

*(Those who are providing public comment remotely must dial \*3 to be added to the remote queue to speak. Written comments may be submitted through email ([victor.young@sfgov.org](mailto: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

### 230053 [Appointment, Ethics Commission - Yaman Salahi]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending February 1, 2029, to the Ethics Commission. (Rules Committee)

Seat 1, succeeding Larry Bush, term expired, shall be broadly representative of the general public, for a six-year term ending February 1, 2029.

01/24/23; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

03/20/23; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: Francisco Da Costa; Patrick Monette-Shaw; share various concerns about the hearing matter.

04/03/23; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speakers: David Pilpel; Patrick Monette-Shaw; provided information on the hearing matter.

04/17/23; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speaker: David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.

05/01/23; CONTINUED. Heard in Committee. Speakers: None.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Larry Bush; Yaman Salahi; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Mariam Zouzounis; Abdul Hagan; Paul Millsap; Charles Head, President (Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods); David Pilpel; spoke in support of the appointment of various applicants.*

*Yaman Salahi, seat 1, recommended.*

#### **PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Yaman Salahi, term ending February 1, 2029, to the Ethics Commission. (Rules Committee)

Yaman Salahi, seat 1, succeeding Larry Bush, term expired, shall be broadly representative of the general public, for the unexpired portion of a six-year term ending February 1, 2029.

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

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

**230375 [Administrative Code - Including Military Service in Definition of “Public Service” for Retirement Service Credit Purchases]****Sponsors: Stefani; Safai**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to expand the definition of “public service” to allow members of the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System to purchase service credit for time served in the military before City employment.

04/04/23; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 5/4/2023.

04/13/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to SFPERS for informational purposes.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dominica Donovan (Office of Supervisor Stefani); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Hanley Chan and Deborah Dacumos (Veteran’s Affairs Commission); spoke in support of the matter.*

**Chair Dorsey moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, to replace 'he or she' and 'his or her' with 'they' or 'their' throughout the legislation and to make clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

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

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

**230482 [Park Code - PROSAC Membership]****Sponsors: Peskin; Walton, Safai and Chan**

Ordinance amending the Park Code to reduce the number of seats on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC), to provide for alternate members, and to allow members to serve for more than four consecutive terms.

04/25/23; ASSIGNED to Rules Committee. 4/27/23 - President Peskin waived the 30-day rule pursuant to Board Rule No. 3.22.

05/04/23; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Recreation and Parks Dept. for informational purposes.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Supervisor Aaron Peskin (Board of Supervisors); Kelly Groth (Office of Supervisor Chan); Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Steven Depont-Kalani, Wendy Aragon; (PROSAC); David Pilpel; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**Supervisor Safai moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING NEW TITLE, to provide that meetings shall occur in City Hall, add an additional seat to be appointed by the President and approved by the Board of Supervisors, set September 1, 2023 as the beginning date of the Presidential appointee’s term, and making other clarifying and conforming changes. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

Ordinance amending the Park Code to 1) reduce the number of seats on the Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Advisory Committee (PROSAC), 2) provide for alternate members, 3) allow members to serve for more than four consecutive terms, 4) provide for the appointment of members having experience with environmental justice and disability issues; and 5) provide that meetings shall occur at City Hall.

**Chair Dorsey moved that this Ordinance be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the June 12, 2023, Rules Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Dorsey, Walton, Safai

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:58 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.*