



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

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Members: Hillary Ronen, Shamann Walton, Ahsha Safai

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Thursday, July 11, 2024

10:00 AM

City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250

Special Meeting

President Peskin appointed Supervisor Melgar in place of Supervisor Walton for the July 11, 2024, Rules Committee Meeting.

Present: 3 - Hillary Ronen, Ahsha Safai, and Myrna Melgar

Excused: 1 - Shamann Walton

The Rules Committee met in special session, on Monday, July 11, 2024, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen and Member Melgar were noted present. Vice Chair Walton and Supervisor Safai was noted not present. A quorum of the Committee was present.

Supervisor Safai was noted present at 10:17 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.

Supervisor Walton Excused from Attendance

Chair Ronen moved that Supervisor Walton be excused from the July 11, 2024, Rules Committee meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 2 - Ronen, Melgar

Excused: 1 - Walton

Absent: 1 - Safai

REGULAR AGENDA

Chair Ronen requested that File Nos. 240545 and 240676 be call together.

240545 [Charter Amendment - Accountability for Funding Children and Youth Services for City Departments and the School District; Clarifying Uses of the Student Success Fund]

Sponsors: Melgar; Ronen, Walton, Stefani, Safai, Dorsey and Engardio

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) require the Our Children, Our Families Council (“Council”) to use an outcomes framework to evaluate the budget and spending of each City department with expenditures that are eligible to be included in the Children and Youth Fund baseline or the Public Education Enrichment Fund (“PEEF”); 2) require the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to consider the Council’s findings during their consideration of the City budget each year, including by the Board of Supervisors holding a public hearing and adopting findings about the expenditures by resolution; 3) require the San Francisco Unified School District (“School District”) to submit proposals once every five years and annual reports describing how it will spend the City’s general fund contribution to the PEEF consistent with the outcomes framework; 4) prohibit the City from providing PEEF funding to the School District until the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor have approved the School District’s proposal; 5) prohibit the City from providing discretionary funds to the School District unless it has entered into a data-sharing agreement with the City; 6) create an Our Children, Our Families Initiative to coordinate City departments and the School District; and 7) establish the size and membership of the Council; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

05/21/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 6/20/2024.

05/28/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental determination; referred to Controller for fiscal analysis; and referred to Department of Human Resources for determination of meet and confer requirements. Referred to the Mayor’s Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, Children and Families Commission, Human Services Agency, Department of Early Childhood and Dept of Children, Youth and Their Families and pursuant to BOS Rules of Order 2.22.4. Referred to the Youth Commission for review and report.

07/01/24; CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Supervisor Myrma Melgar (Board of Supervisors); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Speaker; spoke in opposition of the matter.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Greg Wagner, Controller (Office of the Controller); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Leslie Blue; Algaine; Ms. Esperata; John Trasvina; spoke in support of the matter.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING A NEW TITLE, to incorporate the entirety of the proposed Charter Amendment text from Board File No. 240676, the Student Success Fund, to provide that money set aside for the San Francisco Unified School District in the Student Success Fund cannot replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for other City funding for the School District or children and youth required under the Children and Youth Fund, the Public Education Enrichment Fund, or other provisions in the Charter. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Melgar
Excused: 1 - Walton

Charter Amendment (Second Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to 1) create an Our Children, Our Families Initiative (“Initiative”) to coordinate efforts by City departments and the San Francisco Unified School District (“School District”) to deliver outcomes-based services for children, youth, and families; 2) require the Initiative to use an objective and measurable outcomes framework (“Outcomes Framework”) to evaluate the budget and spending of each City department with expenditures that are eligible to be included in the Children and Youth Fund baseline, the Public Education Enrichment Fund (“PEEF”), the PEEF baseline, or any discretionary funding allocated from the General Fund for children, youth, and families; 3) require the Mayor and Board of Supervisors to consider the Initiative’s findings during their consideration of the City budget each year, including by the Board of Supervisors holding a public hearing and adopting findings about the expenditures; 4) require the School District to submit a proposal once every five years describing how it will spend the City’s general fund contribution to the PEEF consistent with the San Francisco Children and Families Plan and the Outcomes Framework, and prohibit the City from providing PEEF funding to the School District until the Board of Supervisors and Mayor have approved the School District’s proposal; 5) require the School District to submit annual reports describing how it has spent the City’s general fund contribution and the PEEF funding for arts, music, sports, and library programs; 6) authorize the Board of Supervisors and Mayor to place PEEF funding to the School District on reserve if the School District’s expenditures are inconsistent with the Charter, the Outcomes Framework, or the School District’s spending plan or its internal guidelines regarding student educational outcomes; 7) provide that money set aside for the School District in the Student Success Fund cannot replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for other City funding for the School District or children and youth required under the Children and Youth Fund, the PEEF, or other provisions in the Charter; and 8) prohibit the City from providing discretionary funds to the School District unless it has entered into a data-sharing agreement with the City; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 23, Line 19, to strike 'Community'; on Page 24, Line 12, to insert 'either before the award of the grant or within the first year of the grant;' on Page 25, Line 7, to strike 'the community school; and make clarifying, conforming, and clerical changes throughout the Charter Amendment text. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Melgar
Excused: 1 - Walton

Member Melgar moved that this Charter Amendment be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, to remove proposed amendments to the composition of the Our Children, Our Families Council; define the role and responsibilities of the Our Children, Our Families Initiative; insert the Student Success Fund; and make clarifying, conforming, and clerical changes throughout the Charter Amendment text. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Melgar
Excused: 1 - Walton

Chair Ronen moved that this Charter Amendment be CONTINUED AS AMENDED to the July 15, 2024, Rules Committee Meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Melgar
Excused: 1 - Walton

240676 [Charter Amendment - Student Success Fund]**Sponsors: Ronen; Engardio, Dorsey, Melgar and Safai**

Charter Amendment (First Draft) to amend the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco to provide that money set aside for the San Francisco Unified School District in the Student Success Fund cannot replace, supplant, count as, or substitute for other City funding for the School District or children and youth required under the Children and Youth Fund, the Public Education Enrichment Fund, or other provisions in the Charter; at an election to be held on November 5, 2024.

06/11/24; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 7/11/2024.

06/14/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental determination; referred to Controller for fiscal analysis; and referred to Department of Human Resources for determination of meet and confer requirements. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Ethics Commission, and SFUSD pursuant to BOS Rules of Order 2.22.4.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Greg Wagner, Controller (Office of the Controller); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Leslie Blue; Algaline; Ms. Esperata; John Trasvina; spoke in support of the matter.

TABLED

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Melgar

Excused: 1 - Walton

240705 [Hearing - Initiative Ordinance - Administrative, Planning Codes - Reproductive Rights]**Sponsor: Mayor**

Hearing to consider the proposed Initiative Ordinance submitted by the Mayor to the voters for the November 5, 2024, Election, entitled "Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to 1) declare it official City policy to safeguard comprehensive reproductive freedoms; 2) establish a fund to receive monies to support reproductive rights and health services; 3) require the City to provide public information through website and signage about where abortions and emergency contraception may be available, including signage in front of limited services pregnancy centers that do not provide those services; 4) direct the City to identify and allocate funding that supports access to abortions and emergency contraception services in San Francisco; 5) prohibit City-funded providers from requiring providers to obtain additional medical qualifications not required by state or federal law; 6) restrict City officers and employees from cooperating with state or federal prosecutions as to reproductive health care that is provided or obtained lawfully in California; and 7) direct City departments to monitor changes in state and federal law that prevent discrimination on the basis of a person's reproductive health decision making; and amending the Planning Code to establish that reproductive health care centers that provide services for abortions and emergency contraception are principally permitted in non-residential zoning districts."

06/18/24; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

06/18/24; RECEIVED.

06/24/24; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to Planning Department for environmental determination; referred to Controller for fiscal analysis; and referred to Department of Human Resources for determination of meet and confer requirements. Referred to the Mayor's Office, Office of the City Attorney, Department of Elections, Public Health, and Ethics Commission pursuant to Rules of Order 2.22.4.

Heard in Committee. Speaker(s): Eileen Mariano (Mayor's Office); Dr. Naveena Bobba (Department of Public Health); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion. Ruth Munez; spoke in support of the matter.

HEARD AND FILED by the following vote:

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Safai, Melgar

Excused: 1 - Walton

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 10:55 a.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Rules Committee Committee on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.