



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Rules Committee**

City Hall  
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place  
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

*Members: John Avalos, Katy Tang, Malia Cohen*

*Clerk: Alisa Somera (415) 554-4447*

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Thursday, April 23, 2015

11:00 AM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

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**Regular Meeting**

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**Present:** 3 - John Avalos, Katy Tang, and Malia Cohen

**MEETING CONVENED**

*The meeting convened at 11:20 a.m.*

**REGULAR AGENDA**

*Supervisor Avalos was noted present at 11:26 a.m.*

**150388 [Approving Appointment, Commission on the Status of Women - Debbie Mesloh]**

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's appointment of Debbie Mesloh, term ending November 18, 2018, to the Commission on the Status of Women. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 3.100(18), provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within 30 days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote within the 30-day period shall result in the appointee continuing to serve as appointed. Transmittal date: April 3, 2015.)

04/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Debbie Mesloh; spoke on her qualifications. Sunny Schwartz; Suzy Loftus; Dr. Emily Murase; spoke in support of Debbie Mesloh. Andrew Yip; spoke neither in support nor against the applicant.*

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be AMENDED on Page 1, Line 3, by striking 'rejecting', and Line 15, by striking 'rejects'. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

Motion approving the Mayor's appointment of Debbie Mesloh, term ending November 18, 2018, to the Commission on the Status of Women. (Clerk of the Board) (Charter, Section 3.100(18), provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within 30 days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote within the 30-day period shall result in the appointee continuing to serve as appointed. Transmittal date: April 3, 2015.)

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

**150389 [Appointment, Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee - Antonio Diaz]**

Hearing to consider appointing one member, for a one-year term yet to be determined, to the Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 2, new appointment, must be recommended by a community-based organization that deals primarily with environmental justice, for a one-year term to be determined based on the date of the first inaugural meeting.

04/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Antonio Diaz; spoke on his qualifications. Andrew Yip; spoke neither in support nor against the hearing matter.*

*Appointment of Antonio Diaz, seat 2, recommended (residency requirement waived).*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Antonio Diaz (residency requirement waived), for a one-year term yet to be determined, to the Energy Efficiency Coordinating Committee. (Rules Committee)

Antonio Diaz (residency requirement waived), seat 2, new appointment, must be recommended by a community-based organization that deals primarily with environmental justice, for a one-year term to be determined based on the date of the first inaugural meeting.

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

**150390 [Appointment, Mental Health Board]**

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending January 31, 2018, to the Mental Health Board. (Clerk of the Board)

Vacant seat 12, succeeding Errol Wishom, term expired, must be a consumer, for a three-year term ending January 31, 2018.

04/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Speaker: Andrew Yip; spoke neither in support nor against the hearing matter.*

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Hearing be CONTINUED TO CALL OF THE CHAIR. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

**150391 [Appointment, Veterans Affairs Commission - Sam Pandey]**

Hearing to consider appointing one member, term ending January 31, 2016, to the Veterans Affairs Commission. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 3, succeeding M. Lee Burnette, resigned, must be an at-large appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2016.

04/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: John Caldera; Joseph Koppel; spoke on their qualifications. Stephen Noetzel (Veterans Affairs Commission); spoke in support of Sam Pandey. Andrew Yip; spoke neither in support nor against the applicants.*

*Appointment of Sam Pandey, seat 3, recommended.*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Sam Pandey, term ending January 31, 2016, to the Veterans Affairs Commission. (Rules Committee)

Sam Pandey, seat 3, succeeding M. Lee Burnette, resigned, must be an at-large appointment, for the unexpired portion of a four-year term ending January 31, 2016.

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

**150180 [Appointment, Citizen's Committee on Community Development - Patrina Hall]**

Hearing to consider appointing two members, terms ending February 23, 2017, to the Citizen's Committee on Community Development. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 1, succeeding Utuma Belfrey, term expired, should reflect and advance the concerns and needs of low-income neighborhoods and/or communities in the City and not be employed or serve on the governing body of any entity that has a Community Development Block Grant or Emergency Shelter Grant, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending February 23, 2017.

Vacant seat 2, succeeding Peter Cohen, term expired, should reflect and advance the concerns and needs of low-income neighborhoods and/or communities in the City and not be employed or serve on the governing body of any entity that has a Community Development Block Grant or Emergency Shelter Grant, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending February 23, 2017.

02/20/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: William Stafford; Patrina Hall; Peter Cohen; spoke on their qualifications.*

*Appointment of Patrina Hall, seat 1, recommended.*

*Seat 2 was not recommended and was continued to the call of the Chair.*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Patrina Hall, term ending February 23, 2017, to the Citizen's Committee on Community Development. (Rules Committee)

Patrina Hall, seat 1, succeeding Utuma Belfrey, term expired, should reflect and advance the concerns and needs of low-income neighborhoods and/or communities in the City and not be employed or serve on the governing body of any entity that has a Community Development Block Grant or Emergency Shelter Grant, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending February 23, 2017.

**Supervisor Cohen, seconded by Vice Chair Tang, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

**150392 [Appointments, Children and Families First Commission - Linda Asato, Suzanne Giraudo, and Lynn Merz]**

Hearing to consider appointing three members, terms ending April 29, 2019, to the Children and Families First Commission. (Rules Committee)

Vacant seat 6, succeeding Linda Asato, term expired, shall represent one or more of the following: children services, public health services; behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, or another local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention, or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations, or societies, for a four-year term ending April 29, 2019.

Vacant seat 7, succeeding Suzanne Giraudo, term expired, shall represent one or more of the following: children services, public health services; behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, or another local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention, or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations, or societies, for a four-year term ending April 29, 2019.

Vacant seat 9, succeeding Lynn Merz, term expired, shall represent one or more of the following: children services, public health services; behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, or another local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention, or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations, or societies, for a four-year term ending April 29, 2019.

04/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Suzanne Giraudo; Lynn Merz; spoke on their qualifications. Laurel Klooomok, Executive Director (First 5 San Francisco); spoke in support of all the applicants.*

*Appointment of Linda Asato, seat 6, recommended.*

*Appointment of Suzanne Giraudo, seat 7, recommended.*

*Appointment of Lynn Merz, seat 9, recommended (residency requirement waived).*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Linda Asato, Suzanne Giraudo, and Lynn Merz (residency requirement waived), terms ending April 29, 2019, to the Children and Families First Commission. (Rules Committee)  
Linda Asato, seat 6, succeeding herself, term expired, shall represent one or more of the following: children services, public health services; behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, or another local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention, or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations, or societies, for a four-year term ending April 29, 2019.

Suzanne Giraudo, seat 7, succeeding herself, term expired, shall represent one or more of the following: children services, public health services; behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, or another local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention, or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations, or societies, for a four-year term ending April 29, 2019.

Lynn Merz (residency requirement waived), seat 9, succeeding herself, term expired, shall represent one or more of the following: children services, public health services; behavioral health services, social services, and tobacco and other substance abuse prevention and treatment services; recipients of project services included in the county strategic plan; educators specializing in early childhood development; representatives of a local child care resource or referral agency, the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, or another local child care coordinating group; representatives of a local organization for prevention, or early intervention for families at risk; representatives of community-based organizations that have the goal of promoting and nurturing early childhood development; representatives of local school districts; and representatives of local medical, pediatric, or obstetric associations, or societies, for a four-year term ending April 29, 2019.

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Supervisor Cohen, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Avalos, Tang, Cohen

*Supervisor Cohen was noted absent at 1:23 p.m. and for the remainder of the meeting.*

File Nos. 150393 and 150394 were called and heard together.

**150393 [Appointments, Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee - Kim Garcia-Meza, Candace Wong, Kathie Herrera-Autumn, and Sandee Blechman]**

Motion appointing two members, terms ending May 1, 2017, and two members, terms ending May 1, 2018, to the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. (Rules Committee) Vacant seat 6, new appointment, must be a family child care provider, for a two-year term ending May 1, 2017.

Vacant seat 7, new appointment, must be a provider of early care and education at a community-based childcare center in San Francisco, but this member cannot be a San Francisco Unified School District provider, for a three-year term ending May 1, 2018.

Vacant seat 8, new appointment, must be a family support provider, a provider or educator who works with children with special needs, a community member with expertise in early education, a member of the mental health community specializing in early care, a member of a philanthropic organization, or a member of the business community with an interest in early care and education issues, for a two-year term ending May 1, 2017.

Vacant seat 9, new appointment, must be a representative of the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, and nominated to the Board of Supervisors, for a three-year term ending May 1, 2018.

04/17/15; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Barbara Carlson, Director (Office of Early Care and Education); presented information and thanked the applicants for their interest. Patricia Sullivan; Kim Garcia-Meza; Kathie Herrera-Autumn; Meredith Osborn; Carla Bryant; Fonda Davidson; Candace Wong; Sandee Blechman; Yohana Quiroz; September Jarrett; Lygia Stebbing; spoke on their qualifications. Melissa Larrea (Homeless Children's Network); Isabel Renggenathen (Wu Yee Children's Services); Felicia Foster (Treasure Island Child Development Center); Nella Goncalves (Catholic Charities San Francisco); Female Speaker; spoke in support of Kathie Herrera-Autumn. Lynn Merz; spoke in support of Fonda Davidson. Erica Maybaum (Child Care Planning and Advisory Council); spoke in support of Sandee Blechman.*

*Appointment of Kim Garcia-Meza, seat 6, recommended.*

*Appointment of Kathie Herrera-Autumn, seat 7, recommended.*

*Appointment of Candace Wong, seat 8, recommended.*

*Appointment of Sandee Blechman, seat 9, recommended.*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Kim Garcia-Meza and Candace Wong, terms ending May 1, 2017, and Kathie Herrera-Autumn and Sandee Blechman, terms ending May 1, 2018, to the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. (Rules Committee)

Kim Garcia-Meza, seat 6, new appointment, must be a family child care provider, for a two-year term ending May 1, 2017.

Kathie Herrera-Autumn, seat 7, new appointment, must be a provider of early care and education at a community-based childcare center in San Francisco, but this member cannot be a San Francisco Unified School District provider, for a three-year term ending May 1, 2018.

Candace Wong, seat 8, new appointment, must be a family support provider, a provider or educator who works with children with special needs, a community member with expertise in early education, a member of the mental health community specializing in early care, a member of a philanthropic organization, or a member of the business community with an interest in early care and education issues, for a two-year term ending May 1, 2017.

Sandee Blechman, seat 9, new appointment, must be a representative of the Child Care Planning and Advisory Council, and nominated to the Board of Supervisors, for a three-year term ending May 1, 2018.

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Chair Avalos, moved that this Motion be RECOMMENDED AS COMMITTEE REPORT. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Avalos, Tang

Absent: 1 - Cohen

**150394 [Approving Appointments, Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee - Carla Bryant, September Jarrett, Meredith Osborn, Yohana Quiroz, and Lygia Stebbing]**

Motion approving/rejecting the Mayor's appointments of Carla Bryant and September Jarrett, terms ending May 1, 2017, and Meredith Osborn, Yohana Quiroz, and Lygia Stebbing, terms ending May 1, 2018, to the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. (Clerk of the Board) (Administrative Code, Section 5.122(a), provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within 30 days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote within the 30-day period shall result in the appointee continuing to serve as appointed. Transmittal date: April 8, 2015.)

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*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Barbara Carlson, Director (Office of Early Care and Education); presented information and thanked the applicants for their interest. Patricia Sullivan; Kim Garcia-Meza; Kathie Herrera-Autumn; Meredith Osborn; Carla Bryant; Fonda Davidson; Candace Wong; Sandee Blechman; Yohana Quiroz; September Jarrett; Lygia Stebbing; spoke on their qualifications. Melissa Larrea (Homeless Children's Network); Isabel Renggenathen (Wu Yee Children's Services); Felicia Foster (Treasure Island Child Development Center); Nella Goncalves (Catholic Charities San Francisco); Female Speaker; spoke in support of Kathie Herrera-Autumn. Lynn Merz; spoke in support of Fonda Davidson. Erica Maybaum (Child Care Planning and Advisory Council); spoke in support of Sandee Blechman.*

**Vice Chair Tang, seconded by Chair Avalos, moved that this Motion be AMENDED on Page 1, Line 3, by striking '/rejecting', and Line 22, by striking '/rejects'. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Avalos, Tang

Absent: 1 - Cohen

Motion approving the Mayor's appointments of Carla Bryant and September Jarrett, terms ending May 1, 2017, and Meredith Osborn, Yohana Quiroz, and Lygia Stebbing, terms ending May 1, 2018, to the Office of Early Care and Education Citizens' Advisory Committee. (Clerk of the Board) (Administrative Code, Section 5.122(a), provides that the Board of Supervisors has the authority to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote of the Board (eight votes) within 30 days following transmittal of the Mayor's Notice of Appointment, and that failure of the Board to reject the appointment by a two-thirds vote within the 30-day period shall result in the appointee continuing to serve as appointed. Transmittal date: April 8, 2015.)

**RECOMMENDED AS AMENDED AS A COMMITTEE REPORT by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Avalos, Tang

Absent: 1 - Cohen

## ADJOURNMENT

*The meeting adjourned at 2:30 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.*