



**City and County of San Francisco**  
**Meeting Minutes**  
**Government Audit and Oversight Committee**

City Hall  
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

*Members: Gordon Mar, Vallie Brown, Aaron Peskin*

*Clerk: John Carroll (415) 554-4445*

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Wednesday, October 23, 2019

10:00 AM

City Hall, Committee Room 263

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**Special Meeting**

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**Present:** 3 - Gordon Mar, Aaron Peskin, and Norman Yee

**Absent:** 1 - Vallie Brown

*The Government Audit and Oversight Committee met in special session on October 23, 2019, with Chair Gordon Mar presiding. Chair Mar called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Mar and Member Peskin were noted present. Vice Chair Brown was noted not present. A quorum was present.*

## AGENDA CHANGES

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

**190861 [Hearing - City's External Audit for FY2017-2018 and City's External Audit Plans for FY2018-2019]**

**Sponsor: Mar**

Hearing to review external auditors' Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, Single Audit, and Management Letters, related to the City audit for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018, and external audit plans for FY2018-2019, as required under Charter, Section 9.117; and requesting the City's external auditors (Macias Gini & O'Connell and KPMG LLP) and the Controller's Office to report.

07/30/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

08/06/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Office of the Controller for informational purposes.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Ben Rosenfield, City Controller (Office of the Controller); Annie Louie (Macias Gini & O'Connell); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

**Member Peskin moved that this Hearing be HEARD AND FILED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Peskin

Absent: 1 - Brown

Chair Mar recessed the meeting at 10:15 a.m. and reconvened the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

President Norman Yee appointed himself, in place of Supervisor Vallie Brown, for the special Government Audit and Oversight Committee meeting of October 23, 2019, beginning at 10:30 a.m.

Member Peskin was noted absent beginning at 11:10 a.m., and for the remainder of the meeting.

**190820 [Hearing - Laguna Honda Hospital Corrective Action Plan Following Discovery of Patient Abuse]**

**Sponsor: Yee**

Hearing regarding the status of the Laguna Honda Hospital patient abuse investigation, corrective action plan, and measures taken to ensure that patient safety and well-being are safeguarded from any potential future abuse; and requesting the Department of Public Health to report.

07/23/19; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Government Audit and Oversight Committee.

07/26/19; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Department of Public Health for informational purposes.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Margaret Rykowski and Troy Williams (Department of Public Health); presented information and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Dr. Derek Kerr; Cadell Child; spoke on various concerns relating to the hearing matter.*

**HEARD AND FILED by the following vote:**

Ayes: 2 - Mar, Yee

Absent: 2 - Brown, Peskin

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Government Audit and Oversight Committee adjourned at the hour of 11:19 a.m.*

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

**ADDENDUM**

*The following information is provided by speaker(s), pursuant to Administrative Code, Section 67.16. The content is neither generated by, nor subject to approval or verification of accuracy by, the Clerk of the Government Audit and Oversight Committee or the Board of Supervisors.*

*Derek Kerr submitted the following additional information during Public Comment on File No. 190820, as follows: "Why were the patient abuses at Laguna Honda Hospital (LHH) only detected by chance while investigating an unrelated employee dispute? Per State inspection reports, 5 patients were drugged with pilfered medications resulting in life-threatening complications and emergency hospitalizations. LHH doctors were aware that these serious overdoses weren't caused by illegal drugs smuggled into LHH --but by non-prescribed medications. Doctors at outside hospitals were alarmed. One notified LHH's Medical Director who responded that an internal investigation was underway. That was in February, 2018. Yet, the abuses were discovered 18 months later - by happenstance. Why didn't LHH's physician-led Medical Improvement Committee or its Performance Improvement & Patient Safety Committee make the diagnosis? Health Commissioners meet with LHH doctors to review their Medical Quality Improvement reports. Didn't they notice something was wrong?"*