



# City and County of San Francisco

## Meeting Minutes

### Rules Committee

City Hall  
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*Members: Hillary Ronen, Catherine Stefani, Gordon Mar*

*Clerk: Victor Young (415) 554-7723*

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Monday, September 14, 2020

10:00 AM

### Regular Meeting

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**Present:** 3 - Hillary Ronen, Catherine Stefani, and Gordon Mar

*The Rules Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing on Monday, September 14, 2020, with Chair Hillary Ronen presiding. Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.*

### Remote Access to Information and Participation

*In accordance with Governor Newsom's Executive Order No. N-33-20 declaring a State of Emergency regarding the COVID-19 outbreak and Mayor London N. Breed's Proclamation declaring a Local Emergency issued on February 25, 2020, including the guidance for gatherings issued by the San Francisco Department of Public Health Officer, aggressive directives were issued to reduce the spread of COVID-19. On March 17, 2020, the Board of Supervisors authorized their Board and Committee meetings to convene remotely (via Microsoft Teams) and will allow remote public comment via teleconference. Visit the SFGovTV website at ([www.sfgovtv.org](http://www.sfgovtv.org)) to stream the live meetings, or to watch meetings on demand. Members of the public are encouraged to participate remotely via detailed instructions on participating via teleconference available at: <https://sfbos.org/remote-meeting-call>.*

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## ROLL CALL AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*On the call of the roll, Chair Ronen, Vice Chair Stefani, and Member Mar were noted present. A quorum was present.*

## AGENDA CHANGES

*There were no agenda changes.*

## REGULAR AGENDA

### 200913 [Administrative Code - Street-Level Drug Distribution Task Force]

**Sponsor: Haney**

Ordinance amending the Administrative Code to extend by five months (to August 31, 2020) the deadline for the Street-Level Drug Distribution Task Force to submit its initial report to the Board of Supervisors and Mayor, and to revise the contents of that report and subsequent reports issued every three months, to require a summary of the progress of the Task Force and its plans for the next three-month period.

08/11/20; ASSIGNED UNDER 30 DAY RULE to Rules Committee, expires on 9/10/2020.

08/14/20; REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. Referred to the Street-Level Drug Distribution Task Force for informational purposes.

*Heard in Committee. Speaker: Abigail Rivamonte Mesa (Office of Supervisor Matt Haney); provided an overview and responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.*

**Chair Ronen moved that this Ordinance be AMENDED, AN AMENDMENT OF THE WHOLE BEARING SAME TITLE, on Page 1, Line, 16, to insert 'Sections 5.22-1' and on Page 1, Line 20, to replaced 'Dealing' with 'Distribution'. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

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

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

### 200706 [Nomination of County Veterans Service Officer - Alfred Sims]

**Sponsors: Mayor; Stefani**

Resolution confirming the nomination of Alfred Sims as County Veterans Service Officer.

06/30/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Alfred Sims; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Tyra Mallard; spoke in support of the appointment of Alfred Sims. Victor Oliveras (Veterans Affairs Commission); spoke neither in support nor against the appointment of Alfred Sims.*

**Vice Chair Stefani moved that this Resolution be RECOMMENDED. The motion carried by the following vote:**

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

**200972 [Appointments, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Dean Schmidt, Lila LaHood, and Jennifer Wong]**

Hearing to consider appointing three members, terms ending April 27, 2022, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 1, succeeding Matthew Cate, resigned, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be an attorney, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 2, Lila LaHood, term expiring April 27, 2020, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be a journalist, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 5, Luewam Tesfai, term expiring April 27, 2020, must be nominated by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

08/25/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Dean Schmidt; Lila LaHood; Jennifer Wong; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Jenny Say (League of Women Voters); spoke in support of the appointment of Jennifer Wong. Bruce Wolfe, Chair (Sunshine Ordinance Task Force); Christian Peak, Lawrence Riley, and Joe Rodriguez (Society of Professional Journalists); spoke in support of the appointment of various applicants.*

*Appointment of Dean Schmidt, seat 1, recommended.*

*Appointment of Lila LaHood, seat 2, recommended.*

*Appointment of Jennifer Wong, seat 5, recommended.*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Dean Schmidt, Lila LaHood, and Jennifer Wong, terms ending April 27, 2022, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Dean Schmidt, Seat 1, succeeding Matthew Cate, resigned, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be an attorney, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Lila LaHood, Seat 2, succeeding herself, term expired April 27, 2020, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be a journalist, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Jennifer Wong, Seat 5, succeeding Luewam Tesfai, term expired April 27, 2020, must be nominated by the local chapter of the League of Women Voters, for a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

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

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

**201029 [Appointments, Food Security Task Force - Cissie Bonini and Emma Steinberg]**

Hearing to consider appointing two members, for indefinite terms, to the Food Security Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 18, new appointment, must be a representative of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and increase the food security of San Francisco residents, including but not limited to a representative from an organization serving food in the following program types: home-delivered meals, congregate meals for seniors, food bank, free dining room, multi-service agency serving families and youth, shelter meals, faith-based organizations, food retail (farmers markets, grocery stores), and hospital and health clinics - no organization shall have more than one representative; nominated by the Food Security Task Force and appointed by the Board of Supervisors, for an indefinite term.

Vacant Seat 19, new appointment, must be a representative of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and increase the food security of San Francisco residents, including but not limited to a representative from an organization serving food in the following program types: home-delivered meals, congregate meals for seniors, food bank, free dining room, multi-service agency serving families and youth, shelter meals, faith-based organizations, food retail (farmers markets, grocery stores), and hospital and health clinics - no organization shall have more than one representative; nominated by the Food Security Task Force and appointed by the Board of Supervisors, for an indefinite term.

09/08/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

*Heard in Committee. Speakers: Cissie Bonini; Emma Steinberg; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion.*

*Appointment of Cissie Bonini, seat 18, recommended.*

*Appointment of Emma Steinberg, seat 19, recommended.*

**PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION**

Motion appointing Cissie Bonini and Emma Steinberg, for an indefinite term, to the Food Security Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Cissie Bonini, Seat 18, succeeding Rita Mouton-Patterson, must be a representative of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and increase the food security of San Francisco residents, including but not limited to a representative from an organization serving food in the following program types: home-delivered meals, congregate meals for seniors, food bank, free dining room, multi-service agency serving families and youth, shelter meals, faith-based organizations, food retail (farmers markets, grocery stores), and hospital and health clinics - no organization shall have more than one representative; nominated by the Food Security Task Force and appointed by the Board of Supervisors, for an indefinite term.

Emma Steinberg, Seat 19, new appointment, must be a representative of community-based organizations that provide nutritional support and increase the food security of San Francisco residents, including but not limited to a representative from an organization serving food in the following program types: home-delivered meals, congregate meals for seniors, food bank, free dining room, multi-service agency serving families and youth, shelter meals, faith-based organizations, food retail (farmers markets, grocery stores), and hospital and health clinics - no organization shall have more than one representative; nominated by the Food Security Task Force and appointed by the Board of Supervisors, for an indefinite term.

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

Ayes: 3 - Ronen, Stefani, Mar

## ADJOURNMENT

*There being no further business, the Rules Committee adjourned at the hour of 11:15 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.*