



City and County of San Francisco

Meeting Minutes

Rules Committee

City Hall
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San Francisco, CA 94102-4689

Members: Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, Connie Chan

Clerk: Victor Young (415) 554-7723

Monday, January 11, 2021

10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: 3 - Aaron Peskin, Rafael Mandelman, and Connie Chan

The Rules Committee met in regular session through videoconferencing on Monday, January 11, 2021, with Chair Aaron Peskin presiding. Chair Peskin 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) 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 Peskin, Vice Chair Mandelman, and Member Chan were noted present. A quorum was present.

AGENDA CHANGES

There were no agenda changes.

REGULAR AGENDA

Privilege of the floor was granted unanimously to Anne Pearson (Office of the City Attorney) who responded to questions raised throughout the discussion.

210023 [Reappointment, Bicycle Advisory Committee - Melyssa Mendoza]

Hearing to consider appointing one member, terms ending November 19, 2022, to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. (Rules Committee)

Seat 5, succeeding Melyssa Mendoza, term expired, must be a nominee of District 5 Supervisor, to serve a two-year term expiring on November 19, 2022, or for the tenure of the nominating Supervisor, whichever is shorter in duration.

01/06/21; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Preston Kilgore (Office of Supervisor Dean Preston); spoke in support of the reappointment of Melyssa Mendoza.

Appointment of Melyssa Mendoza, seat 5, recommended.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion reappointing Melyssa Mendoza, terms ending November 19, 2022, to the Bicycle Advisory Committee. (Rules Committee)

Melyssa Mendoza, Seat 5, succeeding themselves, term expired, must be a nominee of the District 5 Supervisor, to serve for a two-year term ending November 19, 2022, or for the tenure of the nominating Supervisor, whichever is shorter in duration.

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

201342 [Appointment, Sunshine Ordinance Task Force - Jaya Padmanabhan]

Hearing to consider appointing two members, term ending April 27, 2021, and six members, terms ending April 27, 2022, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Vacant Seat 3, succeeding Josh Wolf, resigned, must be a member from the press or electronic media, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Vacant Seat 4, succeeding Pixie (Rishi) Chopra, resigned, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be either a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization, a journalist whose work focuses on issues impacting minority racial or ethnic communities, or a journalist who works with a media organization or publication whose target audience is a minority racial or ethnic community. For purposes of this subsection (a), the term "journalist" shall be interpreted broadly, including but not limited to freelance journalists, photographers, and videographers, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2021.

Seat 6, succeeding Bruce Wolfe, term expired, must be a member of the public experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 7, succeeding Rodman Martin, term expired, must be a member of the public experienced in consumer advocacy, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Vacant Seat 8, succeeding Frank Cannata, resigned, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 9, succeeding Chris Hyland, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 10, succeeding Matthew Yankee, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion a two-year term ending April 27, 2022.

Seat 11, succeeding Fiona Hinze, term expired, must have demonstrated interest in, or have experience in, the issues of citizen access and participation in local government, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2021.

12/07/20; RECEIVED AND ASSIGNED to Rules Committee.

Heard in Committee. Speakers: Chris Hyland; Matt Yankee; Laura Stein; Kai Forsley; Bruce Wolfe; Jaya Padmanabhan; Laurie Jones Neighbors; David Pilpel; spoke on their qualifications and answered questions raised throughout the discussion. Christine Tumnic; Letty Garcia; Anna Kline; spoke in support of the appointment of Laurie Jones Neighbors. Tess Wellborn; spoke in support of the appointment of Bruce Wolfe. Dr. Derrick Kerr spoke in support of the appointment of various applicants. Christine Peake, Lauren Smiley, and Laura Letil (Society of Professional Journalists); spoke in support of the appointment of Jaya Padmanabhan. Patrick Monette-Shaw; spoke in support and opposition of various applicants. Anonymous (see Addendum); spoke neither in support nor against the appointments of various applicant.

Appointment of Jaya Padmanabhan, seat 4, recommended (residency requirement waived).

Appointment to seat 3 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

Appointment to seat 6 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

Appointment to seat 7 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

Appointment to seat 8 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

Appointment to seat 9 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

Appointment to seat 10 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

Appointment to seat 11 continued to the January 25, 2021, Rules Committee meeting.

PREPARED IN COMMITTEE AS A MOTION

Motion appointing Jaya Padmanabhan (residency requirement waived), term ending April 27, 2021, to the Sunshine Ordinance Task Force. (Rules Committee)

Jaya Padmanabhan (residency requirement waived), seat 4, succeeding Pixie (Rishi) Chopra, resigned, must be nominated by the local chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and be either a journalist from a racial/ethnic-minority-owned news organization, a journalist whose work focuses on issues impacting minority racial or ethnic communities, or a journalist who works with a media organization or publication whose target audience is a minority racial or ethnic community. For purposes of this subsection (a), the term "journalist" shall be interpreted broadly, including but not limited to freelance journalists, photographers, and videographers, for the unexpired portion of a two-year term ending April 27, 2021

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

Ayes: 3 - Peskin, Mandelman, Chan

ADJOURNMENT

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

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 Board or the Board of Supervisors.

Anonymous submitted the following additional informatio during Public Committe on File No. 201342 as follows: "As a party before the SOTF, I will not speak in favor or against any specific person, but on the issues instead. I urge the Committee to appoint a full complement of SOTF members, and to immediately move forward on Seat 4, which has no competition, as with Member Hinze's departure the SOTF requires a 100% supermajority (6 of 6) vote for the public to enforce its rights of access, due to a lack of members. I also urge you to consider more journalists and more young people. Technology expertise has also proved critical, and the current members have that."