



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, July 18, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Dori Caminong (Vice President), Laura Thomas, Stephen Torres, and Cyn Wang

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Lt. Dave Falzon, Al Perez

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Acting Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Senior Analyst Dylan Rice, Commission Secretary May Liang; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina

#### SPEAKER KEY:

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition of an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 5:34 PM

#### 2. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. With respect to agenda items, members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes at the time such item is called.

Public Comment: None

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]



Support Document: [https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20June%202020%202023\\_Draft.pdf](https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-06/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20June%202020%202023_Draft.pdf)

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to adopt the minutes; Commission Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the June 20, 2023 Commission meeting.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comment: None

**4. Report from Acting Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: none; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: Complaint for Suspension of Stratos Night Club Place of Entertainment Permit EC-1452. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

**5. Report from Senior Inspector:** Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comment: None

**6. Report from Senior Analyst:** Senior Analyst Dylan Rice shares an update on the Entertainment Commission's Overdose Prevention Campaign for the nightlife and entertainment community. [Discussion item]

Public Comment:

= Shahzad Khan asked questions regarding business' responsibilities regarding overdose prevention

= Barry Taranto commented that the training video is great for taxi drivers in the city

**7. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

**Consent Calendar:**

All matters listed hereunder constitute a Consent Calendar, are considered to be routine by the Entertainment Commission, and will be acted upon by a single roll call vote of the Commission. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a member of the

Commission, the public, or staff so requests, in which event the matter shall be removed from the Consent Calendar and considered as a separate item at this or a future hearing.

**Consent Agenda:**

- a. ECOTE23-188 Community Youth Center of SF, ***dba Rose Pak Station Upper Plaza*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on Fridays, Saturdays, and Sundays, July 21, 2023 to June 30, 2024 from 11am-5pm within their SFMTA stewardship location at Rose Pak Station Upper Plaza
- b. EC-1704 – Marwan Zeidan of KICKBACK SF LLC, ***dba The Kickback***, 680 Valencia St – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to continue the permit to the August 1 Commission meeting; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit to be continued to the August 1 Commission meeting.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. EC-1705 - Cem Bulutoglu of GREEK CUISINES INC, ***dba Gyros and Tzatziki***, 3111 24th St. – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permits on the consent agenda with staff recommendations; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permits on the consent agenda with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

= Vincent Chen, neighbor at 960 Washington St., ask that the entertainment at the Upper Plaza not be too loud, especially on Fridays.

**Regular Agenda:**

- d. EC-1700 - Alan Aronoff of SyNERGIZE LIVE LLC, ***dba Folsom Street Foundry***, 1425 Folsom St. – Place of Entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Vice President Caminong seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. EC-1709 – East Cut Landing Partners, ***dba The Crossing at East Cut***, 250 Main St. – Outdoor Limited Live Performance for outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on their private property

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Falzon, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Torres

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- + Patrick Kelly, East Cut resident, commented in support of the application.
- + Shahzad Khan, neighbor, commented in support of the application.
- + Veronica Cai (Zoom comment), neighbor, commented in support of the application.
- + Katina Johnson/caller ending in – 6749 (Zoom comment), neighbor, commented in support of the application.

- f. EC-1712 – Bodhi Freedom of BACCHUS LLC, ***dba Bacchus Wine and Sake Bar***, 1954 Hyde St – Fixed Place Amplified Sound for amplified sound at the front of their premises

Motion: Commissioner Wang made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- g. EC-1713 - Teddy Kramer of Neon Spaces LLC, **dba Neon**, 1974 Union St - Limited Live Performance including outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on their private patio

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. EC-1683 – Julia Strouzer and Dan Sneddon of Art Fashion Culture LLC, **dba Mikroblack**, 2323 Market St. - Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound at the front of their business

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to continue the permit to the August 1 Commission meeting; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit to be continued to the August 1 Commission meeting.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- + Jeffrey Mark Jenkins, patron of Mikroblack, commented in support of the application.
- + Sister Carrie Me Away, from Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence, commented in support of the

application.

- + Coy Michael, from Mikroblack, commented in support of the application.
- + Gareth Gooch commented in support of the application.
- + Aaron Van Arsdale, from Chadwick's, commented in support of the application.
- + Jarrad Webster commented in support of the application.

**8. Discussion and possible action to amend the permit conditions of Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1616, dba The Brixton, located at 2140 Union St, regarding ongoing enforcement actions at the business.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

**9. Discussion and possible action to amend the days and hours of entertainment permit condition for Limited Live Performance permit #EC-1172, dba Jones, located at 620 Jones St, at the request of permittee.** [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the amendments to the permit with staff recommendations; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the amendments to the permit with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Public Comments:

- + Kevin DeSpain, neighbor, commented in support of the application.
- + Margo!, drag entertainer, commented in support of the application.
- Mary World, neighbor, commented in opposition of the application.

**10. Election of Vice President:** This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of Vice President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Caminong nominated Commissioner Bleiman as Vice President; Commissioner Thomas seconded the nomination.

Action: The Commission elected Commissioner Bleiman as Vice President of the Commission.

Ayes: Commissioner Caminong, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Abstains: Commissioner Bleiman

Public Comments: None

**11. Election of President:** This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Thomas nominated Commissioner Caminong as President; Commissioner Bleiman seconded the nomination.

Action: The Commission elected Commissioner Caminong as President of the Commission.

Ayes: Commissioner Bleiman, Commissioner Thomas, Commissioner Torres, and Commissioner Wang

Nays: None

Abstains: Commissioner Caminong

Public Comments: None

**12. Commissioner Comments & Questions; New Business Request for Future Agenda Items:** This item is to allow Commissioners to introduce agenda items for future consideration, and to make announcements. [Action item and Announcements]

Public Comment: None

**13. ADJOURNMENT** at 7:58 PM