



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### DRAFT MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, August 15, 2023**

**5:30 P.M.**

**Regular Meeting**

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

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Lt. Dave Falzon, Cyn Wang

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland, Deputy 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 5:32 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:

Michael Petrelis commented that there has been no programming at the Castro Theater since Another Planet has taken over the venue. He asked that the Commission, once again, add the topic of the Castro Theater on the agenda. He was also critical of Commissioner Torres' leadership on the Commission.



**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document: <https://sf.gov/sites/default/files/2023-08/EC%20Meeting%20Minutes%20Aug%201%202023.pdf>

Commissioner Torres asked to make an amendment to the minutes to adjust the title of Tina Aguirre and their comments regarding item 6c - Mikroblack.

Motion: Vice President Bleiman made a motion to amend the minutes to adjust the title of Tina Aguirre and their comments regarding item 6c; Commission Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the August 1, 2023 Commission meeting with amendments.

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

Nays: None

Public Comment:

Michael Petrelis commented that he would have liked to know within the minutes more specifics like why a Commissioner voted in-favor or against an item or why a public commenter opposed or supported an item. This is in response to item 6c - Mikroblack in the August 1, 2023 meeting.

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: none; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [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. 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. EC-1715 – 5051 Mission, LLC, ***dba Leon Event Hall***, 5051 Mission St – Limited Live Performance
- b. EC-1711 - Tala Drzewiecki of TALA WINE CO LLC, ***dba Tala Wine***, 4625 Mission St - Limited Live Performance

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

Action: The Commission approved the permits with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**Regular Agenda:**

- c. EC-1718 – Matthew Lopez of WHITE CAP LLC, ***dba White Cap***, 3608 Taraval St. - Limited Live Performance including outdoor amplified sound at the front of their business

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

+ Stefano Cassolato commented in support of the permit application.

- d. EC-1716 - Nicholas Bonney, Ryan Duffy, and Johnny Metheny of 1853 UNION ENTERTAINMENT LLC, **dba Trinity**, 1851 Union St. – Limited Live Performance

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

Action: The Commission approved the permit with staff recommendations.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. EC-1702 - Phil Spiegel of PLEASE FIDI LLC, **dba The Conservatory at One Sansome & Holbrook House**, 1 Sansome St. – Place of Entertainment

Motion: Commissioner Perez 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 Caminong, Vice President Bleiman, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Torres

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. ECOTE23-201 Valencia Corridor Merchants Association, **dba Dancing in the Streets** – Amendment to One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration, Saturdays, 8/19/2023 - 11/18/2023 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM, at multiple locations on Valencia Street between 18th Street and 21st Street.

Motion: Vice President Bleiman 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 Caminong, Vice President Bleiman, Commissioner Perez, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Torres

Nays: None

Public Comments:

+ Skot Kuiper commented in support of the permit application.

= Russell Orloff (Zoom) requested that one of the stages be moved from Valencia St and 21<sup>st</sup> St as a compromise to the noise.

**7. Hearing and possible action to revoke Permit No. EC-1452, Place of Entertainment, issued to Jose Montecinos (served to Cesar Montecinos), dba Stratos Night Club located at 358 Ocean Avenue, San Francisco, CA. [Hearing and Possible Action Item]**

President Caminong summarized the case regarding the revocation of Stratos Night Club and continuing the item to the September 19, 2023 Commission hearing.

Motion: Vice President Bleiman made a motion to continue the hearing on the Charging Party's complaint to revoke Stratos' place of entertainment permit be set for September 19, 2023. He also made a motion that the parties submit a written stipulation by no later than Tuesday, August 29, 2023 that would include a statement regarding their agreement to postpone the hearing date and suspension of Stratos' entertainment operations until September 19, 2023, and a new briefing schedule for the September 19, 2023 hearing be created and shared; Commissioner Torres seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue the hearing to September 19, 2023, for the parties to submit a written stipulation of their mutual agreement to suspend Stratos' entertainment operations until the hearing by August 29, 2023, and that they will share their new briefing schedule for September 19, 2023.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

+ Skot Kuiper commented in support of Stratos Night Club and keeping it open.

**8. 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

**9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:03 PM**