

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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Lucy Bernholz
Cynthia Dai
Renita LiVolsi
Kelly Wong



John Arntz, Director of Elections
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES - DRAFT

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, February 14, 2024
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Stone called the meeting to order at 6:06PM.

Present: President Robin Stone, Commissioner Cynthia Dai, Commissioner Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Kelly Wong, Commissioner Lucy Bernholz (via remote).

Absent: Vice President Michelle Parker

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, Deputy City Attorney Ana Flores, and Commission Secretary Marisa Davis.

President Stone stated the Commission's acknowledgement of the Ramaytush Ohlone people.

President Stone also introduced and welcomed new Commissioner Kelly Wong. Commissioner Wong was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to replace Commissioner Jerdonek who termed out.

2. General Public Comment

There were no public commenters.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

The Commission approved the meeting minutes of January 17, 2024 by general consensus.

There were no public commenters.

4. Director's Report

Director Arntz reviewed the March 5, 2024 primary election plan, including the various voting methods available to across the City, staffing levels, and public outreach.

Director Arntz also provided information about Board of Supervisors memo regarding the Implementation of Assembly Bill No. 57, Resolution No. 526-23.

Commissioner Bernholz presented questions and information regarding security and AI concerns. Director Arntz stated there is a meeting scheduled for February 29 chaired by Supervisor Preston for the Department of Elections and the Ethics Commission to specifically address AI. He outlined the resources the Department utilizes from the Secretary of State's office, the FBI, sheriff's office, and Department of Homeland Security to support election security preparedness.

There were no public commenters.

5. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Dai confirmed the final redistricting report is complete. President Stone confirmed the report and letter to the Mayor and Board of Supervisors will be posted to Commission website.

Commissioner Bernholz referenced the Washington Post article pertaining to threats to election workers and elections in general. President Stone also discussed her concerns regarding safety to Department and warehouse personnel and confirmed she has discussed a preparedness plan with Director Arntz ahead of November's general election.

There were no public commenters.

6. Department of Elections FY 2024-2025 & FY 2025-2026 Budget Review

Director Arntz presented the 2024-2025 budget. The Commission discussed Assembly Bill 1416 and the implications for including paid proponents and opponents for local ballot measures in November, in addition to multi-lingual ballots and the voting system contract.

A motion to approve the Director's budget memo and forms was made by President Stone and seconded by Commissioner Dai.

MOTION TO APPROVE THE DEPARTMENT OF ELECTIONS FY 2024-2025 & FY 2025-2026 BUDGET

President Stone	YES
Vice President Parker	ABSENT
Commissioner Bernholz	YES
Commissioner Dai	YES
Commissioner LiVolsi	YES
Commissioner Wong	YES

5 YES 0 NO 1 Absent
Motion passes.

There were no public commenters.

7. Agenda Items for Future Meetings

President Stone mentioned that there may be a schedule change in June to accommodate the national holiday, which overlaps with the Commission's regular meeting that month.

There were no public commenters.

8. Adjournment

The Commission meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.