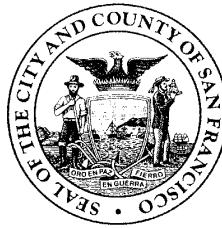


**BUDGET AND OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE (BOPEC)**

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Christopher Jerdonek



John Arntz, Director of Elections
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

SPECIAL BOPEC MEETING MINUTES **DRAFT**

**San Francisco Elections Commission
Monday, January 29, 2024
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 416
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote meeting via WebEx**

Order of Business

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 PM

Present: President Robin Stone, Vice President Michelle Parker, Commissioner Christopher Jerdonek

Also Present: Department Director John Arntz and Commission Secretary Marisa Davis

Commissioner Jerdonek stated the Land Acknowledgement.

2. General Public Comment

No Public Comment

3. Previous Meeting Minutes

The previous meeting minutes from the December 7, 2023 BOPEC meeting are still under review and will be presented for approval at the next BOPEC meeting.

4. Department of Elections Proposed Budget Review

This meeting was the first review of the Department of Elections Budget Review. The next regular SF Elections Commission meeting will require the full commission to review and approve the budget for submission.

The Director provided two reports (Budget Memo and Budget Forms) and reviewed BY 2024-2025 and BY1 2025-2026. All City Departments have been directed by Mayor Breed to reduce their budgets to mitigate the City budget shortfall, and the department was asked to reduce by \$680K. The Department of Elections has reduced their budget for both years by \$588K and \$530K – not able to meet the target because of the legal and election requirements that must be met. The challenges are numerous – this an election year, requires a voter's pamphlet, temporary staffing, and the fluctuating costs impacted by the number of cards required by the ballot.

The Commission also discussed AB 1416, and opt in/opt out.

Public Comment:

- Brent Turner stated Open Source Voting would be a less costly alternative to the current Dominion platform.
- David Schmidt from the California Clean Money Campaign stated San Francisco should always opt in to complying with AB 1416 for every election, as the voters need information to inform their votes.

6. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.