

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, September 22, 2025 4:30 P.M.

City Hall, Room 400, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, CA 94102

1. Call to order and roll call

Present: Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis (late)

Absent: Herbert, Benitez

Meeting called to order at 4:31pm

2. Approval of Legacy Business Registry Applications and Resolutions (Discussion and Action Item)

Richard Kurylo, Legacy Business Program Manager, Office of Small Business presented the following Legacy Business Registry applications:

- a. Frank's Fisherman (Application No.: [LBR-2022-23-034](#))
- b. Fred's Liquors (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-040](#))
- c. Gemini Unisex Hairstyling (Application No.: [LBR-2025-26-003](#))
- d. Graffeo Coffee Roasting Company Inc (Application No.: [LBR-2016-17-038](#))
- e. Graphic Arts Workshop (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-046](#))
- f. Magic Theatre (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-030](#))
- g. Maykadeh Restaurant (Application No.: [LBR-2021-22-031](#))
- h. Mission Groceteria (Application No.: [LBR-2024-25-051](#))
- i. Mr. S Leather (Application No.: [LBR-2025-26-002](#))
- j. Presidio Hill School (Application No.: [LBR-2025-26-004](#))

Public comment:

David, Frank's Fishermans

Walter Haas, Graffeo Coffee

Sean Jose, Magic Center

Lisa Jeli, Presidio Hill School

Jebra Muhawieh, Mission Groceteria

John Shroeder, Mr. S Leather

Narcella Banks, Gemini Unisex Hairstyling

Commissioners commended applicants on their commitment to SF.

Motion to approve Legacy Business Registry Applications: Dickerson

2nd: Cornet

Ayes: Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Motion passes 5-0-2

3. SB 276 SAFE Streets Act Overview (Discussion Item)

Diana Ponce De Leon, Director, and Rafa Moreno, Senior Program Manager, Community Economic Development Division, Office of Economic and Workforce Development presented the SAFE Streets Act (San Francisco Allows Fencing Enforcement on our Streets), which would allow San Francisco to combat illegal fencing — the sale of stolen goods — through targeted interventions from law enforcement. The bill targets commonly sold items on our sidewalks. We needed a response to fencing which has caused significant issues for street vendors. Senator

Weiner authored this legislation, and it is supported by the Street Vendor Association. If signed by the Governor, the City is aiming to implement in Jan 2026, and it will expire Jan 2031.

Commissioner comments:

Ortiz-Cartagena: It has taken years of feedback to get us here and find a solution, and it was done very collaboratively with community.

Zouzounis: Will this be enforced on retailers? Rafa clarified enforcement will be on street vendors only, not brick and mortars.

Huie: How will the list of items be updated? How can we measure success? Are there mechanisms to support people to move away from reselling stolen goods? Rafa explained the city is required to renew the list every year. If successful, the corridors will feel healthier. They intend to do annual reporting. The Mission street vendor pilot program includes a two hour orientation and connection to workforce opportunities, etc.

Ortiz-Cartagena: fencing is sometimes poverty mitigation, so connections to workforce have been key.

Cornet: If someone gets permitted, will there be rules and regs on where and what you can sell? Yes, rules exist already about proximity to bus zones, etc.

Cornet: After three citations, what's enforcement? After three citations within 18 months, an officer and elevate to misdemeanor.

Meeting temporarily paused for five minutes while Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena and Commissioner Zouzounis stepped out. Meeting resumed when Commissioner Ortiz-Cartagena returned to the Chamber.

4. BOS File 250782 Small Business Rezoning Construction Relief Fund (Discussion and Action Item)

Jen Low, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Melgar presented an ordinance amending the Administrative Code to create the Small Business Rezoning Construction Relief Program ("Program") to provide financial support, including grants and loans, to businesses impacted by construction relating to the City residential rezoning program adopted in 2025-2026; establishing the Small Business Rezoning Construction Relief Fund ("Fund") to receive monies for the Program; designating the Office of Small Business and Office of Economic and Workforce Development to administer the Fund and the Program and promulgate rules and regulations in furtherance of the Program; and amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code to allow taxpayers to designate a portion of their gross receipts taxes for deposit in the Fund. They are considering amendments to add a CPI adjustment and allow businesses that have potentially more than \$5 million in gross receipts to be eligible since some restaurants and food service businesses may fall into that category.

Commissioner comments:

Huie: For the definition of small business, is there room to prioritize ones that are solely in SF? Jen noted there is some flexibility in the rules so it's something to consider.

Public comment:

Laurie Thomas, Golden Gate Restaurant Association, in support
Simon Bertrand, SF New Deal, in support

Motion of support for BOS File 250782: Dickerson

2nd: Cornet

Ayes: Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Motion passes 5-0-2

5. Approval of Draft Meeting Minutes (Discussion and Action Item)

Motion to approve minutes: Dickerson

2nd: Zouzounis

Ayes: Cornet, Dickerson, Huie, Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Motion passes 5-0-2

General Public Comment (Discussion Item)

No members of the public requested to speak

6. bDirector's Report (Discussion Item)

Director Tang provided two legislative updates:

Sup. Melgar is extending the Graffiti Abatement Pilot Program so it's now permanent

Sup. Mandelman is proposing to repeal the Cannabis Tax

Tables and Chairs registration process has seen 53 new registrants on top of 300 existing permittees.

Zouzounis: Is the Cannabis tax different than the state excise tax? Yes, this is a local tax that was set to go into effect.

7. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)

Ortiz-Cartagena: two events last week – Latino Heritage Event at City Hall and King of the Streets – a lowrider parade in the Mission.

Dickerson: Bayview had a meeting with our merchants and the Police captain. It was great to connect.

8. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 6:13pm.