

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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Trevor McNeil
Kelly Wong



John Arntz, Director of Elections
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DRAFT

San Francisco Elections Commission
Wednesday, September 17, 2025
6:00 p.m.
City Hall, Room 408
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, California 94102
& Remote via WebEx

Order of Business

1. Call to Order & Roll Call

President Parker called the meeting to order at 6:13 PM.

Present: President Michelle Parker, Vice President Renita LiVolsi, Commissioner Rebecca Bers Commissioner Trevor McNeil, Commissioner Kelly Wong.

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

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

2. General Public Comment

There were no public commenters.

3. Approval of previous meeting minutes

May meeting minutes were approved by general consensus.
There were no public commenters.

4. Director's Report

Director Arntz presented his monthly September 2025 report. Topics and discussion with Commissioners included updates regarding the September 16 Special Recall Election and the November 2025 Statewide Special Election. Director Arntz shared details about post-election processes, including filling a vacancy. The Board of Supervisor will have an agenda item to declare results after the election is certified, then the mayor has 10 days to either

sign, veto or take no action on their resolution. This is when the vacancy for D4 Supervisor would occur. The election to fill the D4 vacancy would take place June 2026 and the nomination period would begin in December 2025. The election for the regular full term D4 seat will take place in November 2026.

The department plans to consolidate polling places for the November 2025 election. Notification regarding polling places is on the website and the voter's pamphlet. Overseas ballots (approximately 12,000) to be sent on September 20, 2026.

Outreach efforts will continue at previous levels despite reduced polling places for the upcoming election. Accessibility information is shared through partnerships with organizations serving individuals with disabilities

Public Comment:

David Pipel (online) expressed his appreciation to Director Arntz and staff for their work on the special recall election, which I think went very smoothly. He also expressed appreciation for the November election plan.

A motion to approve the November 2025 election plan was made by Vice President LiVolsi and seconded by Commissioner Bers to meet in Closed Session.

President Parker	Yes
Vice President LiVolsi	Yes
Commissioner Bers	Yes
Commissioner McNeil	Yes
Commissioner Wong	Yes

5. Public comment on all matters pertaining to Item 7 below, Closed Session, including public comment on Item 6, vote whether to hold Item 7 in closed session

Public Comment on Item 7b (via WebEx)

David Pipel (online) expressed concern with Item B, viewing that under state law, the Brown Act and the Sunshine Ordinance – and the Commission's limited jurisdiction – review of listed litigation in Closed Session by the Commission would be inappropriate, and that those matters should be handled by the City Attorney's office and Director of Elections.

6. Vote on Whether to Hold Item 7 in Closed Session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.10(d)) (ACTION)

President Parker	Yes
Vice President LiVolsi	Yes
Commissioner Bers	Yes
Commissioner McNeil	Yes
Commissioner Wong	Yes

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7. Closed Session

8. Vote on whether to disclose any or all discussion on Item 7 held in closed session (San Francisco Administrative Code Section 67.12(a)) (ACTION)

There were no public commenters.

A motion was made by Commissioner McNeil and seconded by Vice President LiVolsi to not disclose the details of the Closed Session.

President Parker	Yes
Vice President LiVolsi	Yes
Commissioner Bers	Yes
Commissioner McNeil	Yes
Commissioner Wong	Yes

9. Racial Equity Progress Report

Vice President LiVolsi thanked the City Attorney for guidance as well clarity on what is in the Commission's purview. Based upon this guidance, Vice President LiVolsi recommended the Commission should not contribute to the Racial Equity Progress Report and suggested the Commission talk about its core values and being committed to fair and free elections for everyone in San Francisco – emphasizing the importance of staying within the scope of the Commission's authority – when determining upcoming Commission goals and priorities related to representation and inclusion with specific outcomes and timelines.

It was determined this is how the Commission will move forward

Public Comment:

- Tom (online) suggested the Commission consider political diversity when making goals and plans related to diversity.

10. Commissioners' Reports

President Parker wants commissioners to come up with suggestions for Commission priorities and goals for the October meeting. They should be items within the Commission's jurisdiction, and people should bring ideas for how to advance their suggestions, including measurable goals. We want to arrive at 2-3 total priorities.

There were no public comments.

11. Future Agenda Items

President Parker noted the commission would start to determine commission priorities in October. No other items were suggested.

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There were no public comments.

Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 pm.