

**ELECTIONS COMMISSION**  
*City and County of San Francisco*

Michelle Parker, President  
Rebecca Bers  
Renita LiVolsi, Vice President  
Trevor McNeil  
Kelly Wong



John Arntz, Director of Elections  
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES – DRAFT**

San Francisco Elections Commission  
Wednesday, April 16, 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 6:06 PM.

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

Excused Absence: Commissioner Rebecca Bers

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.

President Parker also took a moment to thank resigned Commission Bernholz for her Commission service.

**2. General Public Comment (In Person)**

Anonymous member of the public shared comments regarding a lack of diversity regarding political affiliation among members of the Commission.

### 3. **Approval of previous meeting minutes**

February 19, 2025 meeting minutes were approved by general consensus.

Note: There are no March minutes as the meeting was cancelled.

There were no public commenters.

### 4. **Director's Report**

Director Arntz presented his March and April 2025 monthly report. Regarding the budget, the Mayor has not yet finalized the budget and there have been no changes to the department budget so far.

The Director's report covered administrative functions and upcoming voter outreach activities, ongoing communication and efforts including language materials, newsletter, web page, Go Green, etc.

Commissioners had questions and concerns about the Trump Administration's Executive Order issuing mandates regarding documentary proof of U.S. citizenship for voter registration in federal elections. Director Arntz told the Commission that This Order is currently facing legal challenge in 19 states. San Francisco is waiting for any relevant direction from the Secretary of State's office. The U.S. House of Representatives passed the **Safeguard American Voter Eligibility (SAVE) Act**. The bill will next be considered by the U.S. Senate and would need 60 votes to pass.

#### **Public Comment (In Person)**

Anonymous member of the public shared his appreciation for the report and shared comments regarding the SAVE ACT, encouraging the Commissioners to contact the Secretary of State. Commenter suggested the department spend more time cleaning up voter rolls and less time translating materials.

George G commented on Section 2B, suggesting the department find ways to reduce campaign mail sent to voters, creating a website for candidates to post their information in addition to the VIP.

### 5. **Commissioners' Reports**

President Parker informed the commissioners of potential SFEC meeting date changes due to commissioner being unavailable for the regularly scheduled

May and June meetings. Since the Commission has two open positions, we are especially mindful of having a full quorum.

**Public Comment (In Person)**

George G shared comment about vote cast records and a desire to be able to see what he voted for on the elections website, in order to be sure it was cast correctly.

**6. 2023 and 2024 San Francisco Elections Commission Annual Report**

A motion to approve the Election Commission 2023 and 2024 Annual Report was presented by Vice President LiVolsi and seconded by Commissioner McNeil.

The Commissioners voted as follows:

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

There were no public commenters.

**7. Future Agenda Items**

President Parker noted that she is working with the Director on future items.

**Public Comment (In Person)**

George G requested the Commission consider creating a website for candidates to share their positions.

**8. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.**