



CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO  
DANIEL L. LURIE, MAYOR

OFFICE OF SMALL BUSINESS  
KATY TANG, DIRECTOR

## SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, March 23, 2026 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

Meeting called to order at 4:31pm

Present: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Herbert, Huie

Absent: Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

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

Richard Kurylo, Legacy Business Program Manager, Office of Small Business presented Legacy Business Registry applications.

- a. American Cyclery (Application: [LBR-2025-26-033](#))
- b. Financial District Foot & Ankle Center (Application: [LBR-2023-24-010](#))
- c. Miseki Jewelry (Application: [LBR-2025-26-001](#))
- d. Renaissance Entrepreneurship Center (Application: [LBR-2025-26-032](#))

Public comment:

Chris Bailey, Renaissance Center

Tomoya Yanashita, Miseki Jewelry

Stella on behalf of Bradley Woehl, American Cyclery

Jenny Sanders, Financial District Foot and Ankle Center

Speaker in support of Miseki Jewelry

Commissioners congratulated applicants.

Motion to approve Legacy Business Registry applications: Dickerson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Herbert

Aye: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Herbert, Huie

Absent: Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Motion passes – 5-0-0

### 3. Beyond the Front Door Update (Discussion Item)

Eli Gelardin, Director, Office on Disability and Accessibility, Debby Kaplan, Office on Disability and Accessibility, Stephen Kwok, Department of Building Inspection, and Michelle Reynolds, Office of Small Business presented on resources developed through the Beyond the Front Door initiative to help small businesses learn best practices for accessibility. They discussed the recent Accessible Business Entrance program which sunset and then was the impetus for the working group. Resources like this will help build relationships between the disability community and small businesses.

Public comment: Jorge Aguello, small business owner

Commissioner comment:

Dickerson: Appreciates the approach this group has taken. Had questions regarding accessibility requirements for her new space; Stephen explained that depending on how much construction is done, she may need to bring it up to code.

Herbert: Met Alicia Contreras recently and talked about hearing impaired community.

Huie: How does SF measure up to other cities in terms of accessibility? Director Gelardin explained it's ahead of the curve in part because of thoughtful partnerships like this. Debby emphasized it's important to rebuild trust between small businesses and disability community because litigation regarding accessibility hurt the relationship.

Huie: What's the outreach plan? Newsletters, social media posts, direct outreach to businesses surrounding upcoming conference for people who are deaf and hard of hearing. They'd also like to highlight businesses that are doing a good job.

Cornet: This is a great step and stories will be helpful.

Benitez: Really helpful tool. What about internet accessibility? Director Tang explained the challenges and that OSB has moved Shop Dine SF to sf.gov to accommodate.

#### **4. Letter Opposing Commission Streamlining Task Force Recommendations for Small Business Commission (Discussion and Action Item)**

President Huie presented a letter to the Board of Supervisors opposing the Commission Streamlining Task Force recommendations for the Small Business Commission. She explained that the Commission offers small businesses a role and allows them to give input in a way that previously wasn't possible.

No members of the public requested to speak.

Commissioner comment:

Dickerson: Vice President Ortiz-Cartagena has been mentioning this and I don't think we should change a well functioning commission.

Herbert: We play an important advocacy role.

Benitez: Agrees with the letter.

Cornet: SBC shouldn't be changed.

Motion to approve the letter in opposition to the Task Force recommendations on SBC: Dickerson

2<sup>nd</sup>: Cornet

Aye: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Herbert, Huie

Absent: Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Motion passes – 5-0-0

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

Motion to approve 2.23.26 draft meeting minutes: Cornet

2<sup>nd</sup>: Benitez

Aye: Benitez, Cornet, Dickerson, Herbert, Huie

Absent: Ortiz-Cartagena, Zouzounis

Motion passes – 5-0-0

#### **6. General Public Comment (Discussion Item)**

No members of the public requested to speak

#### **7. Director's Report (Discussion Item)**

Budget update: Mayor's requested departments to identify cost savings including positions. Negotiations are still underway.

Legislative updates:

Pres. Mandelman introduced an ordinance to permit cannabis cafes.

Legislation to create a permit program for flower stands will be at the Board for a final vote tomorrow.

Permit SF announcements will also be coming tomorrow.

Commissioner comments:

Huie: Does this mean hookah lounges will be allowed? No because that's flavored tobacco.

Cornet: Wanted clarity on who can enforce on unpermitted sales: DPW can enforce street vending but SFPD can get involved if it's the sale of certain commonly stolen goods.

**8. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)**

Huie: Went to the Babylon Burning anniversary. Also participated in Ladysmith SF wrap up of female entrepreneurs.

Cornet: Roosters Peru in the Mission is always busy. Wanted to know if Rosamunde's can become a legacy business.

Cornet: would be great to highlight businesses that offer childrens classes for summer.

Dickerson: this will be her last meeting; going to pursue a bigger space and build her business.

**9. Adjournment**

Meeting adjourned at 6:41pm