

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

Michelle Parker, President  
Renita LiVolsi, Vice President  
Rebecca Bers  
Neil Hallinan  
Trevor McNeil  
Dena Aslanian-Williams



John Arntz, Director of Elections  
Marisa Davis, Commission Secretary

**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**April 15, 2026**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**City Hall, Room 408**  
**1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place**  
**San Francisco, California 94102**  
**& Remote via WebEx**

**1. Call to Order & Roll Call**

Vice President LiVolsi called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM.

Present: Vice President LiVolsi, Commissioner Bers, Commissioner McNeil and Commissioner Aslanian-Williams

Excused Absence: President Parker

Unexcused Absence: Commissioner Hallinan

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

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

**2. General Public Comment**

No public comments

**3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

The March 15, 2026 SFEC Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by the Commission by general consensus.

**4. Director's Reports and Communications**

Director Arntz provided updates on preparation for both the June and November elections, expecting an estimated 525,000 ballots to drop on April 30, with early voting beginning on May 4 at City Hall. He answered Commissioners' questions regarding potential budget impact if a large number of measures qualify for the November ballot, and whether there has been an

increase in misinformation in recent months, as well as described a tool called Sprout Social that the department uses to monitor discussion trends around local elections and voting on social media platforms.

There was no public comment.

#### **5. June 2026 Election Plan and Employee Waiver Approval**

Director Arntz provided an overview of what information is included in the election plan. He also explained that the waiver allows City employees to assist the department in the election should the department need additional support. They are not foreseeing any need for the June election, but it's a standard matter of process and planning.

He provided additional information about the department's use of Sprout Social as both a monitoring tool and an efficiency tool to ensure consistent messaging across the department's social media posts. He also provided additional information about how the department communicates and coordinates with other City departments to ensure election security.

Director Arntz also shared that there have not been challenges implementing Vietnamese services this year because of their advance planning, as well as providing more information about how they support other language access needs.

The Director share background on waivers and why this is a request that must be made according to the City charter.

There was no public comment.

A motion to approve the June 2026 Consolidate Statewide Primary Election was made by Commissioner Bers and seconded by Commissioner Aslanian-Williams.

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| President Parker               | N/A Excused Absence |
| Vice President LiVolsi         | Yes                 |
| Commissioner Bers              | Yes                 |
| Commissioner Hallinan          | N/A Absent          |
| Commissioner McNeil            | Yes                 |
| Commissioner Aslanian-Williams | Yes                 |

Motion passed.

A motion to approve the June 2026 Employee Waiver Approval was made Commissioner Aslanian-Williams and seconded by Commissioner Bers.

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| President Parker               | N/A Excused Absence |
| Vice President LiVolsi         | Yes                 |
| Commissioner Bers              | Yes                 |
| Commissioner Hallinan          | N/A Absent          |
| Commissioner McNeil            | Yes                 |
| Commissioner Aslanian-Williams | Yes                 |

Motion passed.

**6. 2025 San Francisco Elections Commission Annual Report**

Commissioners had no requests for clarification or comments. Vice President LiVolsi suggested waiting until the May meeting to formally approve the 2025 Annual Report;

There was no public comment.

**7. Commissioners' Reports**

Commissioner Aslanian-Williams asked about typical activities Commissioners have done related to the elections. Vice-President LiVolsi shared about past tours of the warehouse and suggested that another offsite might be planned to assist the many new Commissioners' understanding of the processes used by the department during elections.

There were no updates.

There was no public comment.

**8. General Public Comment**

George Gavoury (in person) extended an invitation to an election integrity activity (both in Stockton and via LiveStream) on April 25 and 26 for voter registrars and election officials, including a Saturday session by the Shasta County Registrar sharing about their system incorporating machines and hand counting. Go to Rumble and search for [takeourcaliforniaback.com](https://takeourcaliforniaback.com) to find more information.

**9. Agenda Items for Future Meetings and Commissioner Announcements**

The 2025 Annual Report will be on the May meeting agenda for edits and/or approval.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:46pm.