

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 24, 2026 4:30 P.M.

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

SMALL BUSINESS COMMISSIONERS

Cynthia Huie, President; William Ortiz-Cartagena, Vice-President;
Ron Benitez; Dimitri Cornet; Robyn Fisher; Miriam Zouzounis;

1. Call to order and roll call

Meeting called to order at 4:30pm

Present: Benitez, Huie, Fisher, Ortiz-Cartagena

Absent: Cornet, Zouzounis

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

Michelle Reynolds, Programs and Communications Manager, Office of Small Business presented Legacy Business Registry applications:

2a. Ambrosia Bakery ([LBR 2025-26-039](#))

2b. Standard 5&10 Ace Hardware ([LBR 2023-24-042](#))

2c. Globus Books ([LBR 2025-26-052](#))

2d. Casa Guadalupe Market ([LBR 2025-26-053](#))

2e. San Francisco Judo Institute ([LBR 2025-26-055](#))

Public comment:

Anastasiya Mutungi, General Manager, Globus Books

Keith Truong, Ambrosia Bakery

Alix Desmole, SF Judo Institute

Angelina Yu, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Connie Chan, in support of Globus Books

Jeff Leopold, Standard 5 & 10

Commissioners congratulated applicants.

Motion to approve Legacy Business Registry applications: Ortiz-Cartagena

2nd: Fisher

Aye: Benitez, Huie, Fisher, Ortiz-Cartagena

Absent: Cornet, Zouzounis

Motion passed 4-0-2

3. BOS File 260792 - Gross Receipts Tax for Small Hardware Retailers (Discussion and Action Item)

Grace Huang, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Mandelman presented on an Ordinance amending the Business and Tax Regulations Code, retroactively to January 1, 2026, to provide small hardware retailers with a credit against their Gross Receipts Tax for tax years 2026 through 2035.

Public comment:

Terry Asten Bennett, Cliff's Variety

Rick Karp, Cole Hardware

Commissioner comments:

Huie: Hardware stores are really important to neighborhoods so good to support them

Ortiz-Cartagena: Hardware stores were crucial during COVID as they helped distribute carts for food distribution

Motion in support of BOS File 260792: Fisher

2nd: Benitez

Aye: Benitez, Huie, Fisher, Ortiz-Cartagena

Absent: Cornet, Zouzounis

Motion passed 4-0-2

4. Business Stabilization Grant Rules and Regulations - Proposed Changes(Discussion and Action Item)

Director Tang reviewed proposed changes to the Legacy Business Assistance Program Business Stabilization Grant rules and regulations. The rules and regulations apply to Business Stabilization Grants to Landlords and their Legacy Business tenants, as set forth at Administrative Code Section 2A.246.

Public Comment:

Richard Kurylo

Commissioner comment:

Huie: Do other municipalities offer this type of financial support for Legacy Businesses? No, SF has a very robust program.

Ortiz-Cartagena: Since this was started via ballot measure, how does that impact the program? We can make changes in Administrative Code because that is where the Business Stabilization Grant was created. Funding constraints do exist.

Ortiz-Cartagena: How does this impact current Legacy Businesses? Could a formula retail business apply? Current grantees wouldn't be subject to these rules. Yes, formula retail uses, as long as they were Legacy Businesses, are eligible for the grant. That could be amended in Administrative Code.

Ortiz-Cartagena: I would like to include language excluding formula retail uses from this grant.

Motion to approve changes to the Legacy Business Assistance Program Business Stabilization Grant rules and regulations with one additional amendment: "2(G) the Legacy Business tenant, at the time of initial application, is not formula retail as defined in Planning Code:" Fisher

2nd: Benitez

Aye: Benitez, Huie, Fisher,

Nay: Ortiz-Cartagena

Absent: Cornet, Zouzounis

Motion passed 3-1-2

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

The Commission will discuss and possibly take action to approve the 6.22.26 draft meeting minutes.

Motion to approve meeting minutes: Fisher

2nd: Benitez

Aye: Benitez, Huie, Fisher, Ortiz-Cartagena

Absent: Cornet, Zouzounis

Motion passed 4-0-2

6. General Public Comment (Discussion Item)

No members of the public requested to speak

7. Director's Report (Discussion Item)

- There will be new liquor licenses coming to SF. Applicants must be in the following neighborhoods: Bayview, Excelsior, Noriega/Judah, Visitacion Valley
- Supervisor Sauter proposed banning the retail sales of nitrous oxide, with exemptions for wholesale cooking supplies, restaurants, dentist/medical uses
- Barrier removal grant will relaunch soon

8. Commissioner Discussion and New Business (Discussion Item)

Benitez: 2 big fires impacted businesses along Divisadero in June

Ortiz-Cartagena: City Quilts opened last weekend, huge turnout. This coming Friday is the Visitacion Valley Night Market

Huie: Chinatown continues to have night markets every second Friday. Last one we had 35 mahjong tables.

Public comment: Richard Kurylo

9. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned.