

ELECTIONS COMMISSION
City and County of San Francisco

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John Arntz, Director of Elections
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REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DRAFT
June 17, 2026
6:00 - 9:00 PM
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 6:09 PM.

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

Excused Absence: Commissioner Bers

Also Present: Director of Elections John Arntz, 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

No public comments

3. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes

The May 20, 2026 SFEC Regular Meeting Minutes were approved by consensus.

No public comments

4. Director's Reports and Communications

Shared regular administrative and operations updates as per the July and August 2026 Director's Report.

- a. Updates on operations and administrative functions
- b. Updates on how the final City budget will impact the department
- c. Department's outreach to voters - ongoing
- d. Final report on the June 2, 2026 Consolidated Statewide Direct Primary Election

Public Comment: George G from San Francisco Election Integrity Team commented that San Francisco is more transparent than Los Angeles regarding the way elections records are processed at the Elections Department and generally commended the department for its handling of the ballots this past election.

5. Discussion of Potential Impacts of AI on Elections

The Commission had a follow-up discussion regarding the March panel about the potential impact of AI on elections. Commissioners inquired about city policies and systems, and where AI tools might be used within the department. Director Arntz clarified the process for approval to use AI tools in the City and the transparency inherent in the systems they've built. He also shared that AI tools aren't used in election databases and systems at all. Other conversation included AI literacy efforts, potential concerns around election misinformation and bias, and security precautions already in place. President Parker encouraged Commissioners to forward AI comments and concerns to her.

Public Comment: George G expressed hope that native speakers are monitoring AI translations on the website to ensure accuracy, and concern that portions of the population are relying on AI instead of their own critical thinking skills. He also expressed support for open source voting.

6. Annual Performance Review – Director of Elections

A motion to approve the San Francisco Election Department Director's annual performance evaluation template was made by Commissioner McNeil and seconded by VP LiVolsi.

President Parker	Yes
Vice President LiVolsi	Yes
Commissioner Hallinan	Yes
Commissioner McNeil	Yes
Commissioner Aslanian-Williams	Yes

Motion passed.

President Parker will send Commissioners the Director's self-evaluation after July 17, and Commissioner should return their own evaluations by August 10, which she will send as a group for review prior to the August 19 closed session. She reminded Commissioners not to discuss the review with anyone outside of that closed session, including each other.

There were no public comments.

7. Commissioners' Reports

President Parker reminded Commissioner that there will not be a July meeting and that she intends to bring a presentation about open source voting in August.

There were no public comments.

8. Agenda Items for Future Meetings and Commissioner Announcements

Upcoming agendas will include the Director evaluation and Open Source as the next panel discussion.

There were no public comments.

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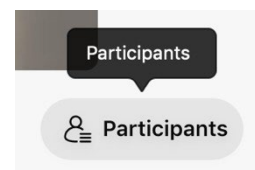
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