

SAN FRANCISCO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH COMMISSION



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Meeting minutes of the

Behavioral Health Council Meeting

San Francisco City Hall

1 Dr. Carlton B Goodlett Place, Hearing Room 416

San Francisco, California 94102

Thursday, June 18, 2026

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Item 1.0 Call to Order by Chair Mason, Roll Called by the BHC Clerk.

Commissioners present: Chair, Kescha S. Mason, Raymond Deng, Tara Gamboa Eastman, Michael Fittro, Brandon Fountain, Stephanie Gonzales, Amelia Harmon, Peter Murphy, and Sam Ustrznski.

Commissioners absent: Jasper Verduin [prior notice provided]. Athena Bing-Ying Ng

Item 2.0 Raymond Deng was welcomed as a new Commissioner and Athena Bing-Ying Ng [not present]

Item 3.0 Director's Report, Behavioral Health Services. Presentation by Hillary Kunins, MD, MPH (she/her) Director of Behavioral Health Services and Mental Health SF, SFDPH. [See Attached Slide Presentation] Opened for questions and comments from the council members.

[Public Comment shall occur before or during agenda items.] None

Item 4.0 Motion to adopt the meeting minutes of the BHC Meeting Thursday, June 18, 2026. By Commissioner Murphy and seconded by Commissioner Fountain.

[Public Comment shall occur before or during agenda items.] None

Commissioner Mason-aye, Commissioner Deng -aye, Commissioner Gamboa-Eastman-aye, Commissioner Fittro-aye, Commissioner Fountain-aye, Commissioner Gonzales-aye, Commissioner Harmon-aye, Commissioner Murphy-aye, Commissioner Ustrznski

Motion Carried.

Item 5.0 Governance Overview: Update on Commission Streamlining; review of associated bodies; Proposition E led to review and reorganization of city commissions. The Behavioral Health Commission will become the Behavioral Health Council as of July 1, 2026. Overview covered Related Bodies; Overview of relationships with the Board of Supervisors, Health Commission, and the Homelessness Oversight Commission.

[Public Comment shall occur before or during agenda items.] None

Item 6.0 Agenda Planning and New Business. Suggestions for agenda Items

- Bylaw revision process (markup, discussion, approval)
- Metrics/data dashboards for program performance
- Crisis continuum of care and first response systems
- Bed expansion processes and challenges (site selection, licensing, funding)
- Budget mechanisms and funding sources
- Role and evolution of the commission in the current political context
- Inclusion and access for marginalized communities (e.g., LGBTQ+, seniors, DV survivors)
- Outpatient system capacity and wait times
- CBO presentations and site visits
- Updates on RESET Center and housing priorities

Item 7.0 Public Comment on all items not on the agenda. None

(Members of the public may provide public comments for items on the agenda before or during each agenda item, at the option of the commissioner who is chairing the meeting.)

Adjournment: (Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm and reminder of the next meeting Thursday July 16, 2026.

Meeting Minutes Prepared by BHC Clerk.