

BOARD OF APPEALS

CITY & COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO

MEETING MINUTES – WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2026

REGULAR MEETING (IN-PERSON AND REMOTE ACCESS VIA ZOOM)

5:00 P.M., CITY HALL, ROOM 416, ONE DR. CARLTON B. GOODLETT PLACE

PRESENT: President John Trasviña, Vice President Rebecca Saroyan, Commissioner Jose Lopez, Commissioner Robin Abad Ocubillo, and Commissioner Lily Wong.

Jesse Mainardi, Deputy City Attorney, Office of the City Attorney (CAT); Taylor Jaszewski, Deputy City Attorney, CAT; Javier Rivera (via Zoom), Manager Private Sector Permits, San Francisco Public Works, Bureau of Street Use and Mapping (SFPW-BSM); Maysoun Wazwaz, Program Officer, San Francisco Arts Commission (AC); Denise Pate, Director of Community Investments, AC; Kingsley Sun, Program Associate, AC; Julie Lamarre, Executive Director; Alec Longaway, Legal Assistant.

Two Mandarin interpreters were present for Items 5, 6 and 7.

(1) PUBLIC COMMENT

At this time, members of the public may address the Board on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board except agenda items. With respect to agenda items, your opportunity to address the Board will be afforded when the item is reached in the meeting with one exception. When the agenda item has already been reviewed in a public hearing at which members of the public were allowed to testify and the Board has closed the public hearing, your opportunity to address the Board must be exercised during the Public Comment portion of the calendar. Each member of the public may address the Board for up to three minutes. At the discretion of the Board President, public comment and remote public participation may be limited to two minutes per person. If it is demonstrated that public comment and remote public participation will cumulatively exceed 15 minutes, the President may continue Public Comment and/or remote public participation to another time during the meeting.

SPEAKERS: None.

(2) COMMISSIONER COMMENTS & QUESTIONS

SPEAKERS: President Trasviña welcomed everyone to the hearing. He noted that many of the people involved in three of the cases were not fully proficient in English. He stated that the Board would have interpreters for these people. He stated that the role of the interpreters was critically important for the hearing process and acknowledged that the Board would not be able to do its job effectively without them.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

(3) ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Discussion and possible adoption of the September 2, 2026 minutes.

ACTION: Upon motion by President Trasviña, the Board voted 5-0 to adopt the September 2, 2026 meeting minutes.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

(4) APPEAL NO. 26-020

ERNIE BEFFEL, Appellant(s) vs. SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC WORKS, BUREAU OF STREET USE & MAPPING, Respondent	25th Street (from Douglas Street to Homestead Street) and Homestead Street (Between 24th & 25th Street) 87, 55 & 31 Homestead Street and 4505 25th St. Appealing the ISSUANCE on March 20, 2026, to PG&E, of an Excavation Permit (excavation on the sidewalk/curb to replace utility poles). PERMIT NO. 26EXC-00282. FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION. Note: On May 20, 2026, upon motion by President Trasviña, the Board voted 5-0 to continue this matter to August 12, 2026, so that the parties can submit briefs and the Board can see if there is action taken by the Board of Supervisors with respect to the undergrounding of lines at this location. On August 12, 2026, upon motion by President Trasviña, the Board voted 3-0-2 (Vice President Saroyan and Commissioner Lopez absent) to continue this matter to September 16, 2026, so that the absent commissioners can deliberate and vote on the matter. The commissioners expressed their intention to support a motion to grant the appeal and revoke the permit on the basis that it was improperly issued because the permit holder did not submit a Tree Protection Plan as required by Public Works Code Section 808(c)(3).
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ACTION: Upon motion by President Trasviña, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the appeal and revoke the permit on the basis that it was improperly issued because the permit holder did not submit a Tree Protection Plan as required by Public Works Code Section 808(c)(3).

SPEAKERS: Commissioner Wong disclosed that PG&E made a donation in early 2026 to her nonprofit employer for the purposes of funding the Sunset Night Market. She stated that she did not receive a financial benefit from that donation. She further stated that she did not believe the donation would impact her ability to be fair and impartial in the matter.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

(5) APPEAL NO. 26-037

JIE YIN, Appellant(s) vs. ARTS COMMISSION, Respondent	Appealing the six-month SUSPENSION of Jie Yin's Street Artist License (On June 29, 2026, the Arts Commission suspended Jie Yin's Street Artist License until December 31, 2026, for attempting violence against art vendor Zhong Yu Wang (License # 9021) on November 28, 2025. This conduct is a violation of the Street Artist Ordinance and Item Nos. 2, 3, and 20 of the Code of Conduct). LICENSE NO. 10086. FOR HEARING TODAY.
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ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Lopez, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the appeal and overturn the suspension on the basis that the evidence in the record did not support a suspension of the permit as there was no evidence of violence or attempted violence.

SPEAKERS: Maysoun Wazwaz, AC; Kingsley Sun, AC; Zhong Yu Wang, witness for the AC; Jie Yin, appellant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Xing Zhi Yuan and Xiu Hua Shi spoke in support of the department.

Walter Xu stated he was out of the country at the time of the incident and that he joined the hearing to see what happened.

Jian Fu Wei spoke in support of the appellant.

(6) APPEAL NO. 26-038

YINGZHI GE, Appellant(s) vs. ARTS COMMISSION, Respondent	Appealing the two-year SUSPENSION of Yingzhi Ge's Street Artist License (On June 29, 2026, the Arts Commission suspended Yingzhi Ge's Street Artist License until July 1, 2028, for violence against art vendor Zhong Yu Wang (License # 9021) on November 28, 2025. This conduct is in violation of the Street Artist Ordinance and Items 2, 3, and 20 of the Code of Conduct). LICENSE NO. 10088. FOR HEARING TODAY.
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ACTION: Upon motion by Vice President Saroyan, the Board voted 5-0 to grant the appeal and overturn the suspension of the permit on the basis that there was insufficient evidence to establish the violations.

SPEAKERS: Maysoun Wazwaz, AC; Denise Pate, AC; Yingzhi Ge, appellant.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Zhong Yu Wang and Yao Yuan spoke in support of the department.

(7) APPEAL NO. 26-041

ZHONG YU WANG, Appellant(s) vs. ARTS COMMISSION, Respondent	Appealing the three-month SUSPENSION of Zhong Yu Wang's Street Artist License (On July 31, 2026, the Arts Commission suspended Zhong Yu Wang's Street Artist license until October 31, 2026, for making verbal threats against an art vendor and for disrupting the business of the market on November 28, 2025. This conduct is a violation of the Street Artist Ordinance and Item Nos. 2, 3, and 20 of the Code of Conduct). LICENSE NO. 9021. FOR HEARING TODAY.
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ACTION: Upon motion by Commissioner Abad, the Board voted 3-2 (President Trasviña and Commissioner Wong dissented) to deny the appeal and uphold the 3-month suspension on the basis that the appellant violated Item Nos. 2, 3, and 20 of the Code of Conduct.

SPEAKERS: Maysoun Wazwaz, AC; Denise Pate, AC; Zhong Yu Wang, appellant

PUBLIC COMMENT: Tad Sky spoke in support of the appellant.

Jian Fu Wei stated that his role in this incident was to deescalate the matter. He stated that he did not know why Ms. Wang kept on attacking him.

Zi Jie Mei stated that Jian Fu Wei was his friend. He stated that he saw Mr. Wei rush to where the incident was taking place. He stated that he tried to stop a man and woman from fighting.

Zi Jie Mei's wife stated that the claims against Mr. Wei were false and that it was hard to deescalate the situation.

Walter Xu stated that he did not know which drama was true as he was not a witness. He stated that Ms. Wang was a good vendor and always sweet and warm to everyone.

ADJOURNMENT.

There being no further business, President Trasviña adjourned the meeting at 10:40 p.m.

The supporting documents for this meeting can be found at the following link:
<https://www.sf.gov/meeting-20260916-board-of-appeals-september-16-2026>

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