



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, August 5, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Maria Davis, Leonard Poggio, Anthony Schlander, and Laura Thomas

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Cyn Wang & Al Perez

STAFF IN ATTENDANCE: Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina

SPEAKER KEY:

- + indicates a speaker in support of an item;
- indicates a speaker in opposition of an item; and
- = indicates a neutral speaker or a speaker who did not indicate support or opposition

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL AT 5:36 PM

2. General Public Comment

Members of the public may address the Commission on items of interest to the public that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. With respect to agenda items, members of the public may address the Commission for up to three minutes at the time such item is called.

Public Comments: None

3. Approval of Meeting Minutes: Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document: [EC Meeting Minutes July 15 Draft.pdf](#)

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes with a friendly amendment to mention the attendance and comments made by Mr. Tene and Mr. Grele during the discussion and possible action section with permit applicants for Agenda Item 7 j.) RE: EC-1862 **dba Castle SF**; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the July 15, 2025 Commission meeting with this friendly amendment.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Upcoming Calendar Reminders; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

5. Report from Senior Inspector: Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

6. Hearing and Possible Action regarding applications for permits under the jurisdiction of the Entertainment Commission. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Consent Agenda:

- a. ECOTE25-230 Downtown SF Partnership **dba Landing at Leidesdorff** - One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 8/06/2025 through 8/05/2026, daily from 10:00am to 10:00pm not to exceed a total of 6 hours of outdoor entertainment and amplified sound per day, located at Commercial Street between Sansome Street and Montgomery Street and Leidesdorff Street between Sacramento Street and Clay Street.
- b. EC-1866 Lily Nguyen and Kingston Wu of 3200 FILLMORE STREET LLC, **dba Rockwell**, 3200 Fillmore St, Limited Live Performance

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- c. EC-1871 Wai Leung (Paul) Chu of 999 INVESTMENT INC, **dba S&E Café**, 2406 19th Ave, Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the three permit applications on the Consent Agenda with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit applications with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- d. ECOTE25-270 Union Square Alliance **dba Lunch on the Lane** - One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration every Thursday through Sunday from 2:00pm - 5:00pm, from 8/7/2025 to 3/02/2026, located at Maiden Lane between Grant Avenue and Kearny Street.

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. ECOTE25-295 George P. Johnson **dba Workday Rising 2025** - One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on 9/12/25 – 9/13/25 from 9:00am-7:00pm (sound checks), 9/14/25 from 9:00am-9:00pm (sound checks), and 9/15/25 – 9/18/25 from 6:00am-9:00pm, located on Howard Street between 3rd Street and 4th Street.

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC-1862 - Chris Yazlik of CREATIVE ART GROUP INC, **dba Castle SF**, 550 15th St, Place of Entertainment & Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit applications with the following conditions, and Commissioner Davis seconded the motion:

1. Good Neighbor Policy; and
2. Indoor entertainment allowed daily 6am - 2am; and
3. Extended Hours Premises allowed until 6am on Friday and Saturday nights (into Saturday and Sunday mornings); and
4. Sound abatement internal limit approved at 95dBA/110dBC maximum, measured just outside the dance floor entrance directly across from main entrance

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Mr. Laurentiu Tene, Mr. Yazlik's former business partner for this location, opposed the permit application due to his ownership dispute with Mr. Yazlik and concerns regarding ownership records and business filings.

- g. EC-1404 – George Karas and Richard Howard of 2020 FILLMORE LLC, **dba Harry's Bar**, Place of Entertainment permit amendment to include outdoor amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- h. EC-1867 - Marco Senghor of SIPOUNETTEJOLIE LLC, **dba Muddy Waters Coffee & Lounge**, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- i. EC-1868 - Rakesh Devineni of KORTEX LLC, **dba Indigo**, 3321 Steiner St, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound

Motion: Commissioner Poggio made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- j. EC-1869 - Stanley Chan, Mengshu Han, Rodney Cheng and Pearl Zhu of XEX-CESS PARIS & CO. INC, **dba XeX**, Place of Entertainment change in ownership

President Bleiman recused himself for this item due to a conflict of interest, and Commissioner Thomas chaired the meeting during his recusal.

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the permit application with staff recommendations.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

7. Commissioner Comments & Questions; New Business Request for Future Agenda Items: This item is to allow Commissioners to introduce agenda items for future consideration, and to make announcements. [Action item and Announcements]

President Bleiman returned to chair the meeting.

Public Comments: None

8. ADJOURNMENT at 7:04 PM