



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, July 15, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, and Laura Thomas

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Al Perez, Lt. Leonard Poggio, Anthony Schlander

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 5:35 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 June 3, 2025 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document:

https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC_Meeting_Minutes_June_3_2025_Draft.pdf

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the June 3, 2025 Commission meeting.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Absent: Commissioner Perez

Public Comments: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: PermitSF Legislation Update; Staff and Office Update: Staff Update and 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. Updates on Nightlife Business Assistance: Ben Van Houten, Director of Nightlife Initiatives, Nightlife and Entertainment Sector with the Office of Economic and Workforce Development, provides an update on nightlife business assistance. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Public Comments: None

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

Consent Agenda:

- a. EC-1863 - Salih Bazidi of KOCER INC, *dba Ti Piacera*, 1507 Polk St, Limited Live Performance

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- b. ECOTE25-193 Agricultural Institute of Marin ***dba Clement Street Farmers Market*** – Amendment to a One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 7/20/25 – 6/28/26, every Sunday from 10:00am – 2:00pm, located at the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Clement St.
- c. ECOTE25-206 Agricultural Institute of Marin ***dba Stonestown Farmers Market*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 7/20/25 – 5/31/26, every Sunday from 9:00am-1:00pm, with no outdoor entertainment or amplified sound occurring from 10:30am-11:30am at the performance area nearest to the church; located at 501 Buckingham Way

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

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

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to move Regular Agenda Item j.) EC-1862 - Chris Yazlik of CREATIVE ART GROUP INC, ***dba Castle SF***, 550 15th St, Place of Entertainment & Extended Hours Premises to the beginning of the Regular Agenda and Commissioner Thomas seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved moving the permit item to the beginning of the Regular Agenda.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

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

Motion: After hearing from Mr. Yazlik, the Commission allowed Mr. Yazlik's previous business partner, Mr. Tene, and his representative Mr. Grele, to speak during the discussion and possible

action section of the item regarding their concerns with ownership status. Commissioner Thomas made a motion to continue the permit application to the August 5, 2025 Commission hearing; Commissioner Wang seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved continuance of the permit application to the August 5, 2025 Commission hearing.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- d. ECOTE25-241 Hawthorn Lounge ***dba Hawthorn Events on Maiden Lane*** - One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration from 07/18/25 - 06/03/26, daily from 3:00pm-9:00pm, located at Maiden Lane between Kearny St and Grant Ave.

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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Stefano Cassolato, San Francisco resident, spoke in support of the permit.

- e. ECOTE25-231 San Francisco Giants ***dba Pregame at the Park*** – Amendment to a One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration on 7/25/25, 7/26/25, 7/29/25, 8/8/25, 8/9/25, 8/12/25, 8/15/25, 8/16/25, 8/26/25, 8/29/25, 8/30/25, 9/9/25, 9/12/25, 9/13/25, 9/23/25, 9/26/25, 9/27/25, and 9/28/25 from 4:00pm-7:00pm, located at China Basin Park in the Central Plaza

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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

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Public Comments: None

- f. EC-1859 - Jovany Torres and Sergio Silva Lainez of JS ENTERTAINMENT GROUP, INC, ***dba 201 Bodega Night Club***, 201 9th St, Place of Entertainment & Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Wang 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Stefano Cassolato, San Francisco resident, spoke in support of the permit and encouraged the applicant to work with the neighborhood on social issues.

(=) Zae Illo, tenant in the building that is concerned about the application due to low-end bass mitigation. They are excited for the business but shared that the sound mitigation plan and sound proofing need to be communicated to the tenants. They also expressed that more sound proofing might be needed.

(=) Erik Elder, Vandermark Commercial representative, spoke in favor of the application.

- g. EC-1858 - Parker Brown and William Kerr of REVELRY SOUND SF LLC, ***dba Side A***, 2814 19th St, Limited Live Performance with outdoor amplified sound at front of business

Motion: Commissioner Wang 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Harvey Varga, neighbor from across the hall, spoke in opposition of the permit stating that he wants quiet and was concerned that this location would be too loud and operate like a nightclub.

(-) Amy Stencel, neighbor, spoke in opposition to the permit stating that the music is loud enough to be heard in her home even when she has her window closed.

- h. EC-1865 - Brian Reccow of FIFTY VARA LLC, ***dba Fifty Vara***, 1735 Noriega St, Limited Live Performance with outdoor amplified sound at front of business

Motion: Commissioner Davis 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- i. EC-1864 - Jessy Kate Schingler and Robert Henry Schingler, Jr. of THE FOLD LLC, ***dba The Fold***, 3359 26th St, Place of Entertainment that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Commissioner Davis 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Brian Collins, San Francisco resident, spoke in favor of the permit.

(+) Eileen Jubilee, San Francisco resident and parent, spoke in favor of the permit.

8. Election of Vice President: This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of Vice President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Nomination: President Bleiman nominated Commissioner Wang as Vice President of the SF Entertainment Commission; Commissioner Davis seconded the nomination.

Action: The Commission voted Commissioner Wang as the Vice President of the SF Entertainment Commission.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

9. Election of President: This item allows the Commissioners to nominate and elect the seat of President of the Entertainment Commission for one-year term. [Action Item]

Nomination: Commissioner Thomas nominated Commissioner Bleiman as President of the SF Entertainment Commission; Commissioner Davis seconded the nomination.

Action: The Commission voted Commissioner Bleiman as the President of the SF Entertainment Commission.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

10. 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]

Public Comments: None

11. ADJOURNMENT at 7:42 PM