



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, June 3, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Al Perez, Lt. Leonard Poggio, Anthony Schlender, and Laura Thomas

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis

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 5:38 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 May 20, 2025 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document:

https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC_Meeting_Minutes_May_20_2025_Draft.pdf

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the May 20, 2025 Commission meeting.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, 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. Presentation on California Drink Spiking Laws – Strategies for Compliance and Considerations for Commission Involvement: Elizabeth Dreeson and Jocelyn Kane of The Night's Watch present on California's drink spiking laws and provide strategies for compliance and integration, drawing from successful global models to combat drink spiking in nightlife. [Discussion Item]

Commissioner Perez arrived at 6:04 PM.

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:

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- a. EC-1849 - LaTonia Grice of JAZZ'Z SALON LLC, **dba 1945 Restaurant Bar & Lounge**, 5 Leland Ave – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to move Consent Agenda Item a.) EC-1849 - LaTonia Grice of JAZZ'Z SALON LLC, dba 1945 Restaurant Bar & Lounge to the Regular Agenda.

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- b. EC-1855 - David Yoshimura of RESTAURANT NISEI, **dba Restaurant Nisei**, 2316 Polk St – Fixed Place Amplified Sound

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to approve the remaining permit application on the Consent Agenda with staff recommendations; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

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

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- a. EC-1849 - LaTonia Grice of JAZZ'Z SALON LLC, **dba 1945 Restaurant Bar & Lounge**, 5 Leland Ave – Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas 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 Perez, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(+) Raychelle Howard, a neighbor and patron of the business was in favor of the application

(+) Shawn Richards, a neighbor and patron of the business was in favor of the application

- c. EC-1856 - FLOWER SHOP, LLC, ***dba True Laurel***, 753 Alabama St, Limited Live Performance permit that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Commissioner Perez 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 Perez, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- d. EC-1857 - BHSD PYRAMID HOLDCO LLC, ***dba Transamerica Redwood Park***, 600 Montgomery St Ste 200– Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor entertainment & amplified sound in redwood park

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 Perez, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- e. EC-1860 – Bryan Datu of PRIVE GROUP LLC, ***dba The Media Room***, 582 Market St Ste 101- Place of Entertainment & Extended Hours Premises

Motion: Commissioner Perez 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 Perez, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, and Commissioner Thomas

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

8. 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

9. ADJOURNMENT at 7:04 PM