



# Entertainment Commission

## *City and County of San Francisco*



### MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

**Tuesday, May 20, 2025**

**5:30 P.M.**

### Regular Meeting

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:** Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, Lt. Leonard Poggio, and Anthony Schlander

**COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:** Al Perez and Laura Thomas

**STAFF IN ATTENDANCE:** Executive Director Maggie Weiland; Deputy Director Kaitlyn Azevedo; Project and Communications Manager Dylan Rice; Commission Secretary May Liang; 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:

= Barry Taranto commented that Commission Secretary Liang is a great representative at the ISCOTT hearings. He stated that some of the venues had very bad taxi zones/stands which need to be remedied. Lastly, he watched the Summit online which was great and is worried about

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SFGovTV not being part of the Entertainment Commission meetings anymore.

+ Stefano Cassolato commented that the management of Union Square is great as there was some great music and ambiance happening when he passed by it earlier. It has a positive energy and is a great San Francisco experience.

**3. Approval of Meeting Minutes.** Discussion and possible action to approve the minutes of the May 6, 2025 Commission meeting and the May 12, 2025 Summit Commission meeting.

[Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Support Document:

[https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC\\_Meeting\\_Minutes\\_May\\_6\\_2025\\_Draft.pdf](https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC_Meeting_Minutes_May_6_2025_Draft.pdf)

[https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC\\_Summit\\_Minutes\\_May\\_12\\_2025\\_DRAFT.pdf](https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC_Summit_Minutes_May_12_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 May 6 and May 12, 2025 Commission meetings.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**4. Report from Executive Director:** Legislative/Policy Update: none; Staff and Office Update: Review of the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Nightlife and Entertainment Summit hosted by the Entertainment Commission, Sociable City Summit hosted by the Responsible Hospitality Institute and announcement regarding the end of SFGovTV's involvement with Commission meetings starting in the new fiscal year; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none.

[Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Commissioner Poggio arrived at the meeting.

Public Comments:

= Barry Taranto commented that not having SFGovTV will limit the public's access to the meetings which is very worrying and that he wants to make sure that staff is making it clear on how to participate in the meetings virtually. He thinks the Mayor's Office needs to provide a budget to continue having the Entertainment Commission supported by SFGovTV.

**5. Report from Deputy Director:** Discussion and possible action to adopt criteria for Entertainment Commission Enforcement Escalation and Deprioritization Protocols [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Davis made a motion to adopt the criteria for Entertainment Commission Enforcement Escalation and Deprioritization Protocols; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission adopted the criteria for Entertainment Commission Enforcement Escalation and Deprioritization Protocols.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

**6. Report from Senior Inspector:** Senior Inspector Andrew Zverina reports on recent enforcement activities. [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:** None

**Regular Agenda:**

- a. ECOTE25-101 – The East Cut Community Benefit District ***dba The East Cut POPOS Programming Series*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound with extended duration every Tuesdays and Thursdays in June-October, 2025 from 12:00pm - 1:30pm, located on privately owned public plazas at 350 Mission St, 415 Mission St, 535 Mission St, 555 Mission St, 560 Mission St, 100 First St, 400 Howard St, and 505 Howard St.

Motion: Vice President Wang made a motion to approve the amended permit application with staff recommendations; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- b. ECOTE25-134 – Into the Streets ***dba The Hoedown on Front Street*** – One Time Outdoor Event Permit to host outdoor entertainment and amplified sound every first Thursday of the month in June 2025-April 2026 (11 dates) with sound check from 3:00-4:00pm and the event from 4:00-9:00pm, located Front Street between California and Sacramento Streets.

President Bleiman recused himself from this item. Vice President Wang took over chairing this item.

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

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

Ayes: Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. ECOTE25-113 Page Street Fit, LLC ***dba Page Street Fit Fitness Classes*** - One Time Outdoor Amplified Sound Permit to host outdoor amplified sound from June 6, 2025 - June 4, 2026, Mondays through Fridays from 4:00 PM-7:00 PM and Saturdays from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, located at 1235 Fell Street, in the parking lot behind New Antioch Baptist Church.

President Bleiman returned to chair the Commission meeting.

Motion: Vice President Wang 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander (Commissioner Davis was out of the room when the vote took place so did not vote.)

Nays: None

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Public Comments: None

- d. EC-1854 - Lilian Pimentel of NUEVO METAPAN ENTERPRISE INC, ***dba Pupuseria Metapan 2***, 2778 24th St, Limited Live Performance permit that includes outdoor entertainment and amplified sound on rear patio

Motion: Commissioner Davis 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments:

= Bill Sorenson, neighbor behind the business, commented that the noise disturbance made by the previous owner of the space was very loud and is afraid it will be more of the same. He hopes that the new owners of the restaurant will be more sensitive and responsive to the residents within the vicinity.

- e. EC-1853 - Julie Fulton and Jeremy Blaringhem of 123SOLEIL, INC, ***dba Galinette***, 3560 Taraval St – Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business

Motion: Vice President Wang 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, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- f. EC-1852 – Julie Fulton and Jeremy Blaringhem 603 BUSH CORPORATION, ***dba Bouche***, 603 Bush St - Fixed Place Amplified Sound

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

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

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- g. EC-1851 - Louis Caputo and Jeffrey Grannis of L & J PARTNERS INC, ***dba The Cafe***, 2369 Market St – Place of Entertainment change in ownership that includes outdoor amplified sound at the front of the business and Extended Hours Premises

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to approve the permit application with staff recommendations; Vice President Wang seconded the motion.

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

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio and Commissioner Schlander

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 7:00 PM