



Entertainment Commission

City and County of San Francisco



MINUTES

Meeting was held virtually and in-person

Tuesday, October 7, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Regular Meeting

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Ben Bleiman (President), Cyn Wang (Vice President), Maria Davis, Leonard Poggio, Anthony Schlander (tardy), Laura Thomas, and Jordan Wilson

COMMISSIONERS EXCUSED: None

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 5:37 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 September 16, 2025 Commission meeting. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

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Support Document:

https://media.api.sf.gov/documents/EC_Meeting_Minutes_September_16_Draft.pdf

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

Action: The Commission approved the minutes of the September 16, 2025 Commission meeting.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

4. Report from Executive Director: Legislative/Policy Update: Prop E Task Force Update; Staff and Office Update: Brief Staff Update & Overview of Portola Music Festival 2025; Update on Board of Appeals Actions: none; Corrective Actions: none. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Commissioner Schlander arrived at the meeting.

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. EC-1889 - JOSE H BELTRAN of LA CANCHA MEDIA 1, ***dba La Media Cancha 1***, 4995 Mission St, Limited Live Performance

Motion: Commissioner Thomas made a motion to move the Consent Agenda permit application item to the Regular Agenda as the first item; Commissioner Poggio seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved for the Consent Agenda permit application item to be moved to the Regular Agenda as the first item on the Regular Agenda.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

Regular Agenda:

- a. EC-1889 - JOSE H BELTRAN of LA CANCHA MEDIA 1, ***dba La Media Cancha 1***, 4995 Mission St, Limited Live Performance

Motion: President Bleiman made a motion to continue this permit application to a future hearing date pending submission of a security plan that states the business will have at least one guard-carded door person present during live entertainment and a demonstration of community engagement; Commissioner Schlander seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission approved to continue this permit application to a future hearing date pending a security plan that states at least one guard-carded door person present during live entertainment and a demonstration of community engagement.

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

Nays: None

Public Comments:

(-) Fay speaking for Zhen Li, resident living next to the business, commented in opposition of the permit application due to noise pollution, there were no soundproofing measures for neighbors that live adjacent to them, and their disregard for regulations and neighbors' concerns.

(-) Ana Diaz, owner of the business next door to restaurant, commented in opposition of the permit application due to feeling that the business owner is not responsible for their customers or respectful of their neighbors.

(-) Caller 310-52... (Teams), neighbor to the business, commented in opposition of the permit application. They state that the music has gone past 11pm, sometimes past 2am and their customers are disrespectful of the neighborhood.

- b. EC-1892 - Hector Ordaz of BAR-BEES LLC, ***dba Bar-Bees***, 4541 Mission St, Place of Entertainment

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Motion: Vice President Wang 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, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wilson

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

- c. EC-1894 - Marcelle Gonzales of MEI HUA COLLECTIVE INC., ***dba Piglet & Co***, 2170 Mission St, Limited Live Performance that includes outdoor amplified sound

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, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlander, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wilson

Nays: None

Public Comments: None

7. Appeal of Limited Suspension by the Director of Place of Entertainment and Extended Hours Premises permits for EC-1862, dba Castle SF, 550 15th Street: Mr. Yazlik of Castle SF is appealing the Limited Suspension issued by the Director on September 5th, 2025 for Place of Entertainment and Extended Hours Premises permits for EC-1862, dba Castle SF, 550 15th Street. The Limited Suspension was scheduled to be in effect from September 13, 2025, at 1:00 a.m. through September 28, 2025, at 1:00 a.m. The Commission may affirm, overturn, or modify the Director's order as part of this item. When the Commission affirms or modifies the Director's order, the order takes effect the day following the day of the hearing at which the Commission made its determination. [Discussion and Possible Action Item]

Motion: Commissioner Bleiman made a motion to affirm the Director's Limited Suspension of Castle SF; Commissioner Davis seconded the motion.

Action: The Commission denied Castle SF's appeal and affirmed the Director's Limited Suspension to begin the day following the day of the hearing on October 8, 2025 until 15 days later.

Ayes: President Bleiman, Vice President Wang, Commissioner Davis, Commissioner Poggio, Commissioner Schlender, Commissioner Thomas, and Commissioner Wilson

Nays: None

Public Comments:

Laurentiu Tene, owner of Creative Art Group LLC dba Castle SF, stated that he did not request Ms. Kamath to represent Castle SF. He shared a handout with exhibits and expressed that he was in support of the Commission affirming the Director's Limited Suspension. He also stated that the permit holder and tenant holder of the space is mismatched, creating a question about who is operating lawfully under city permits.

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 7:28 PM